



**“A good constitution promotes,  
but not always produces a good  
administration.”**

Letters of Fabius by John Dickinson,  
Letter IV 1788

**“And that much must depend on  
the morals and manners of the  
People at large.”**

Pierce Butler to Weedon Butler, 1788

Why Is the Constitution  
Important?

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“A constitution is the organization of the contributed rights in society. Government is the exercise of them.” **Letters of Fabius by John Dickinson, 1788 Letter IV**

“What is a constitution? It is the form of government, delineated by the mighty hand of the people, in which certain first principles or fundamental laws are established. The constitution is certain and fixed; it contains the permanent will of the people, and is the supreme law of the land; it is paramount to the power of the legislature, and can be revoked or altered only by the authority that made it.”

### **Judge Patterson, 1795**

The framers of the Constitution of the United States were students of history. They used the lessons of past societies and their constitutions in creating our own constitution. As Noah Webster writes “In the formation of our constitution, the wisdom of all ages is collected - the legislators of antiquity are consulted - as well as the opinions and interests of the millions who are concerned. In short, it is *an empire of reason.*”

A constitution creates a government and creates a framework for that government to operate within. It provides a standard that the citizens, *the rightful masters of that government*, can hold their public servants accountable to. A written constitution creates a permanent record of that standard that can be read by anyone.

The Constitutional Convention of 1787 formed a new central government that was given authority over matters of general interest. This new government had a very limited jurisdiction with the States and the People retaining all the authority not delegated. This created a federal system of government where the central government, the State governments, and the People share power in different spheres.

The sphere of power possessed by the U.S. government is limited to a few powers enumerated in the U.S. Constitution. The politicians and the bureaucrats of the U.S. government cannot exercise powers outside of this limited sphere unless the States and the People allow them to.

The greatest danger to our country is when the People and the States

allow their governments to usurp powers from other spheres. These thefts of power *always* lead to abuses of the Natural Rights of individuals. It is only by faithfully defending our constitutions, and the principles of Liberty that they were founded on, that we can remain free.

The Constitution Party remains committed to defending our Natural Rights and upholding our Constitution and the principles of Liberty.

### ***The Constitution Party National Platform***

***We declare the platform of the Constitution Party to be predicated on the principles of The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution of the United States and The Bill of Rights According to the original intent of the Founding Fathers. These founding documents are the foundation of our Liberty and the Supreme Law of the Land.***

***The sole purpose of government, as stated in the Declaration of Independence, is to secure our unalienable rights given us by our Creator. When Government grows beyond this scope, it is usurpation, and liberty is compromised.***

***We believe the major issues we face today are best solved by a renewed allegiance to the original intent of these founding documents.***

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