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SEMINAR 2

## THE FOUNDERS' CHARTER OF FREEDOM

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# The Founder's Charter of Freedom

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Seminar 2.1: Article I.  
The Legislative Branch

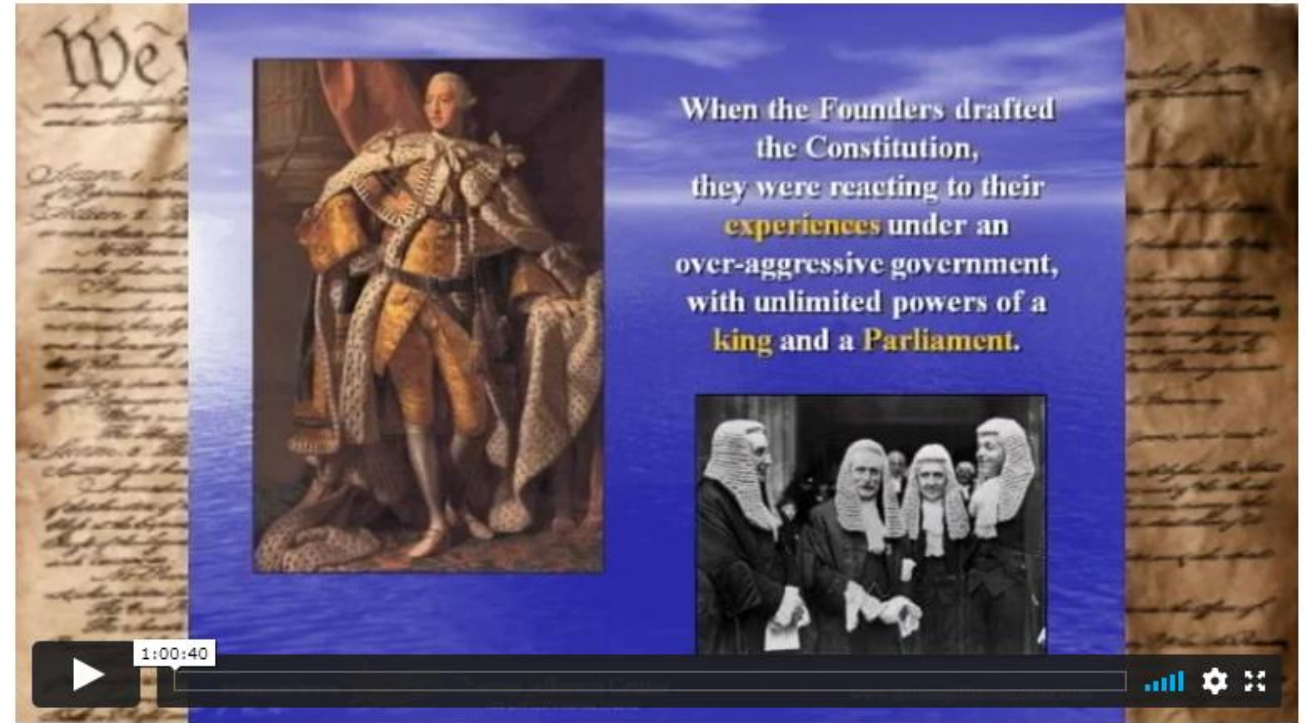
*WE THE PEOPLE*  
insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence  
and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution

*Section. 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.*

*Section. 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of that State. No Person shall be a Representative who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen. No Person shall be a Representative who shall not, when elected, be seven Years old and 14 Years a Citizen of the United States, and seven Years a Citizen of that State in which he shall be chosen. The Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of that State. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of that State. No Person shall be a Representative who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen. No Person shall be a Representative who shall not, when elected, be seven Years old and 14 Years a Citizen of the United States, and seven Years a Citizen of that State in which he shall be chosen. The Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of that State.*

# The Tale of Two Constitutions

- Video available at [thomasjeffersoncenter.com](http://thomasjeffersoncenter.com)



The video player features a blue background with historical imagery. On the left is a portrait of King George III in royal attire. On the right is a black and white photograph of several men in 18th-century legal robes. The text on the right reads: "When the Founders drafted the Constitution, they were reacting to their **experiences** under an over-aggressive government, with unlimited powers of a **king** and a **Parliament**." The video player controls at the bottom show a play button, a progress bar at 1:00:40, and icons for signal strength, settings, and full screen.

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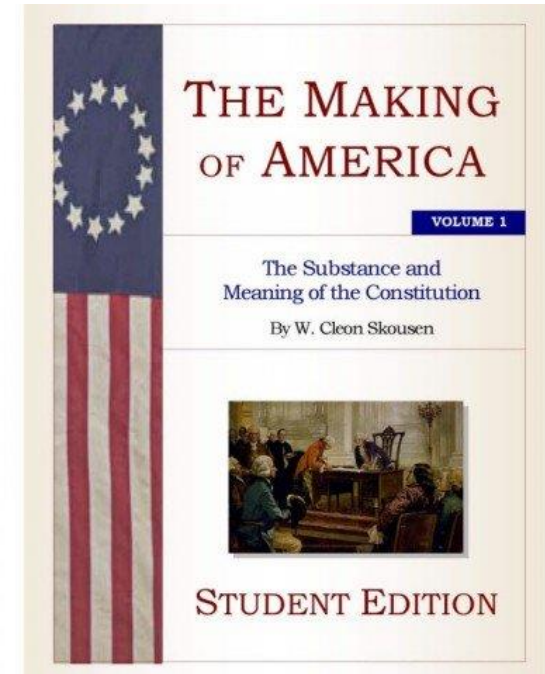
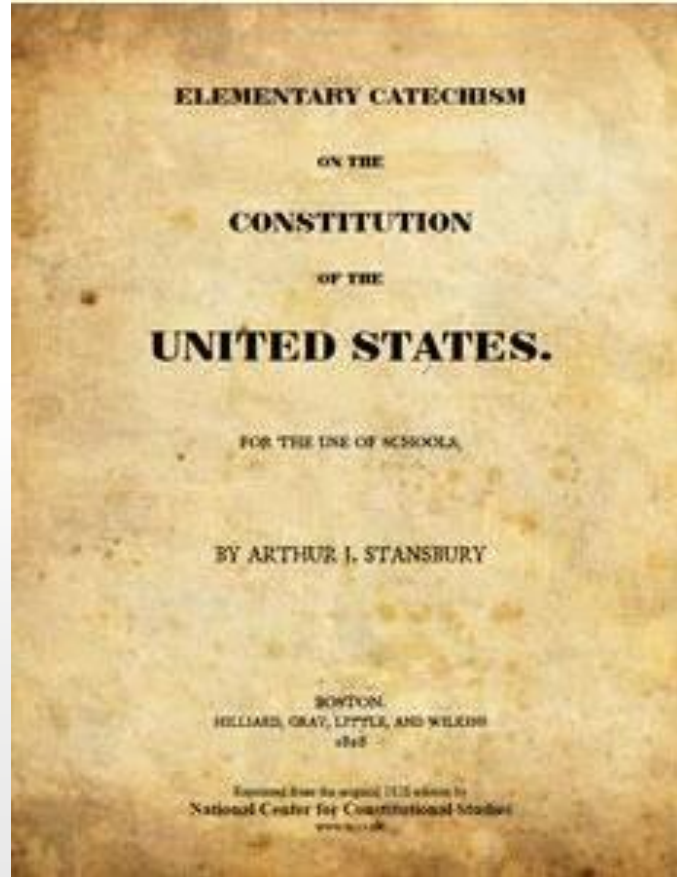
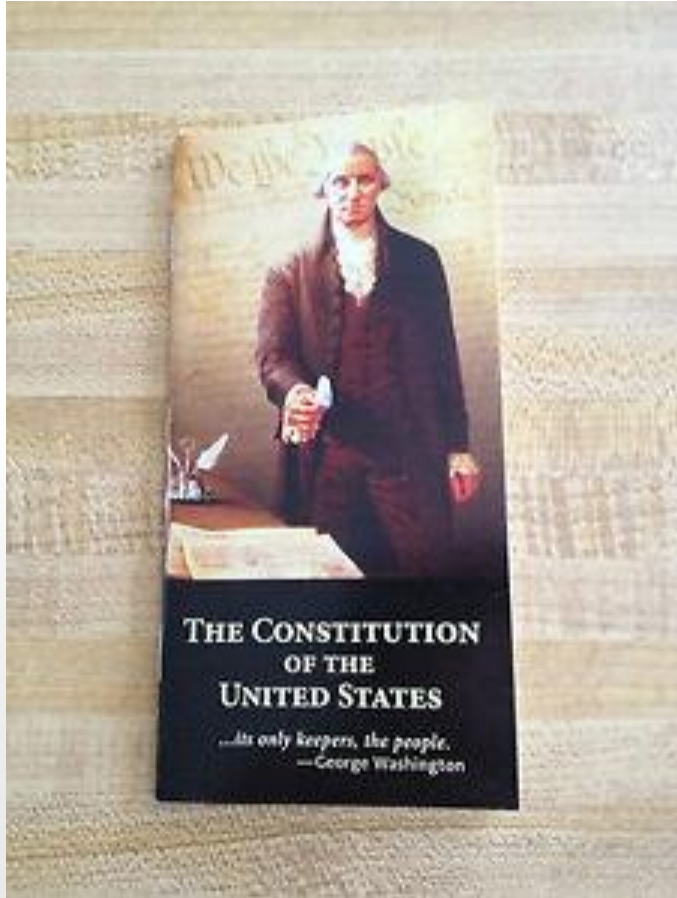
What part of the  
Constitution has been  
broken to allow this  
problem to exist?

What type of repair to the Constitution  
would solve the problem?

# 6 Main Purposes of Government

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1. Form a more perfect union
2. Establish justice
3. Insure domestic tranquility
4. Provide for the common defense
5. Promote the general welfare
6. Secure the blessings of liberty



*Article I. Section I.*

*“All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.”*

*Article I. Section II.*

*“The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second years by the people of the several states.”*



*Article I. Section III.*

*“The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, [chosen by the Legislature thereof,] for six years and each Senator will have one vote.”*

*Article I. Section IV.*

*“The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof.”*

*Article I. Section V.*

*“Each House shall be the Judge of the Elections, Returns and Qualifications of its own Members, and a Majority of each shall constitute a Quorum to do business.”*

*Article I. Section VI.*

*“The Senators and Representatives shall receive a Compensation for their Services, to be ascertained by Law, and paid out of the Treasury of the United States.”*

*Article I. Section VII.*



*“Every Bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it becomes a Law, be presented to the President of the United States.”*

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# Article 1. Section 8

The States delegate 20 powers  
to Congress

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Power #1:  
Power to Tax

- Common Defense
  - General Welfare
  - Taxes applied uniformly
- What part of the Constitution is broken?
    - 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment
    - 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment
    - United States vs Butler 1936

*See “America’s Wall of Protection” on YouTube*

Power #2: To  
Borrow  
Money

Credit is  
defined as  
**TRUST.**

Two factors  
seriously damage  
your credit:

- Excessive  
debt
- Unstable  
currency due  
to inflation



## Power #3: To Regulate Commerce

### **Foreign Commerce**

- Duties
- Tariffs
- Inspection
- Embargos

### **Interstate Commerce**

- Ensure free flow of commerce among the states
- Intended to be limited to regulating transportation across state lines

Power #4:  
Establish Rules of  
Naturalization

Power #5:  
Establish Rules of  
Bankruptcy

Power #6: To Coin  
Money and  
Regulate the Value

Power #7: To Fix  
Standards of  
Weights and  
Measures

Power #8: To  
provide  
punishment for  
counterfeiting

Power #9: To  
establish post  
offices and roads

Power #10: To  
grant copyrights  
and patents

Power #11 To  
establish federal  
courts inferior to  
the Supreme Court

Power #12: To  
punish piracies,  
felonies, and offenses  
against nations

Power #13: To  
declare war

Power #14: To  
establish rules with  
captures on land or  
sea

Power #15: To  
Raise and  
Support Armies

Power #16: To  
Raise and  
Maintain a Navy

Power #17: To  
Call up State  
Militias

**Power #18:** To have authority over the place of the seat of government

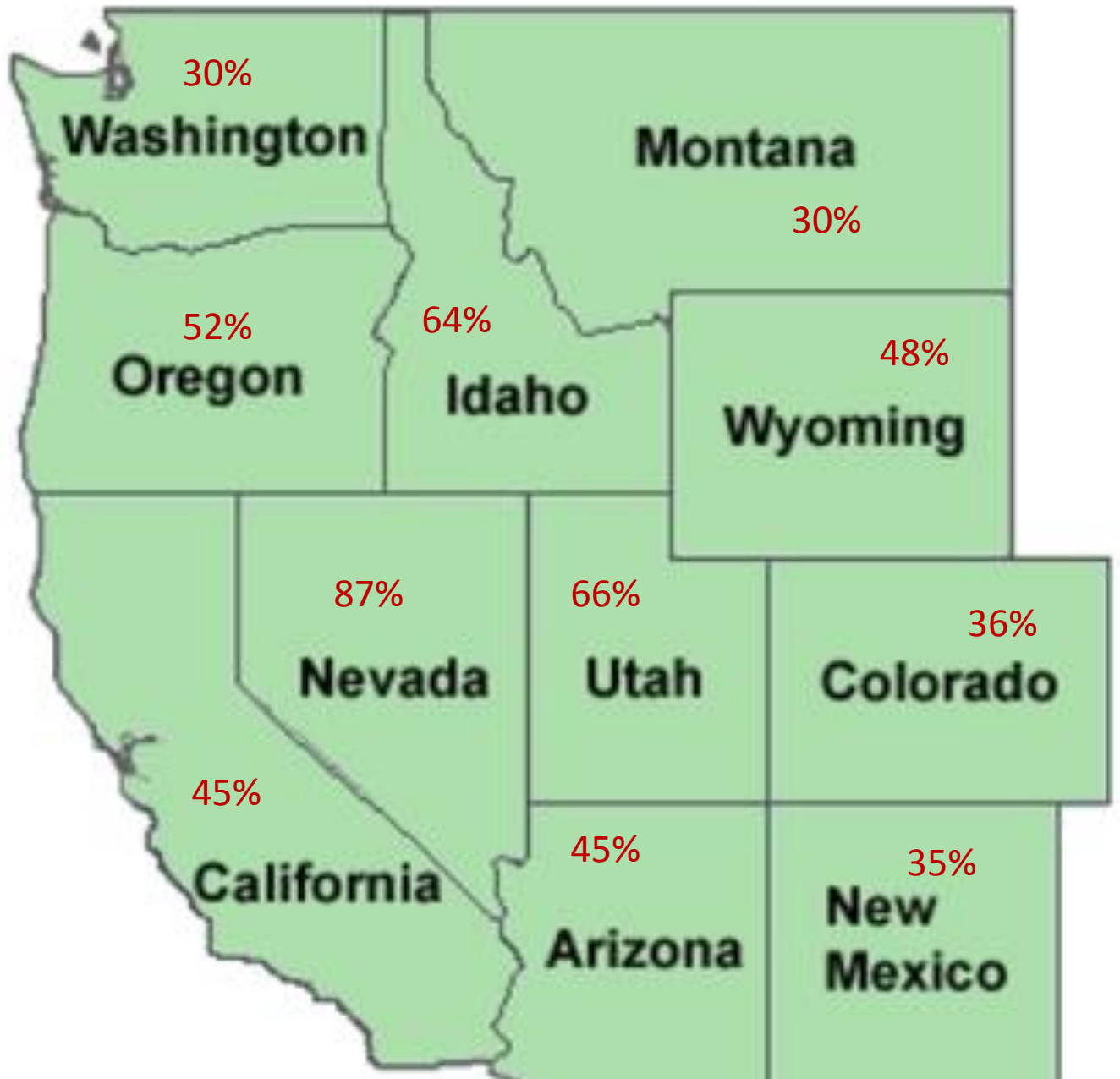
- This protective provision deteriorated with the 23<sup>rd</sup> amendment

**Power #19:** To establish federal lands within a state

- By Consent of the state legislature
- For the erection of forts
- For magazines and arsenals
- For dock-yards
- For other needful buildings such as post offices



**Hawaii**



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Power #20:  
To do  
whatever is  
necessary  
and proper

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## Constitutional Restrictions on Congress:

- Slavery
- Writ of habeas corpus
- Bills of Attainder
- Assessing a head tax or other direct tax
- Putting a tax or duty on exports from states
- Withdraw money from US Treasury without provision of law
- No title of nobility



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## Restrictions on State Governments:

- Enter into any treaty, alliance, or confederation
- Grant letter of marque and reprisal
- Coin money
- Emit bills of credit
- Use anything but gold and silver to pay debts
- Pass any bill of attainder
- Pass any ex post facto law
- Grant any title of nobility

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