

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND AMENDMENTS



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FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION:

First Amendment: Freedom of Speech, Religion, Press, Assembly, and Petition.

Formula: 1st Amendment = Freedom of (Speech + Religion + Press + Assembly + Petition)

Example: An individual has the right to express their religious beliefs freely, such as attending church services without government interference.

Second Amendment: Right to Bear Arms.

Formula: 2nd Amendment = Right to Bear Arms

Example: A citizen can legally own firearms for self-defense.

Third Amendment: Protection from Quartering of Troops.

Formula: 3rd Amendment = No Quartering of Troops

Example: The government cannot force citizens to house soldiers during peacetime without their consent.

Fourth Amendment: Protection from Unreasonable Searches and Seizures.

Formula: 4th Amendment = Protection from (Unreasonable Searches + Seizures)

Example: Law enforcement must obtain a warrant based on probable cause before searching a person's property.

Fifth Amendment: Rights of the Accused, Due Process, and Protection from Double Jeopardy.

Formula: 5th Amendment = Rights of the Accused + Due Process + Protection from Double Jeopardy

Example: An individual cannot be tried twice for the same crime (double jeopardy) and has the right to remain silent during questioning.

Sixth Amendment: Right to a Fair Trial, Speedy Trial, and Legal Representation.

Formula: 6th Amendment = Right to (Fair Trial + Speedy Trial + Legal Representation)

Example: Defendants have the right to an attorney and a swift, impartial trial.

Seventh Amendment: Right to Trial by Jury.

Formula: 7th Amendment = Right to Trial by Jury

Example: In civil cases, citizens have the right to a trial by a jury of their peers.

Eighth Amendment: Protection from Cruel and Unusual Punishment.

Formula: 8th Amendment = Protection from Cruel + Unusual Punishment

Example: Sentences that involve excessive suffering or torture are unconstitutional.

Ninth Amendment: Unenumerated Rights.

Formula: 9th Amendment = Unenumerated Rights

Example: Citizens have rights not explicitly mentioned in the Constitution, such as the right to privacy.

Tenth Amendment: Powers Reserved to the States.

Formula: 10th Amendment = Powers Reserved to the States

Example: States have the authority to govern in areas not expressly delegated to the federal government.

Amendments with Formulas:

Eleventh Amendment: Limits on Lawsuits Against States.

Formula: 11th Amendment = Limits on (Lawsuits Against States)

Example: States cannot be sued by citizens of another state or foreign country in federal court.

Twelfth Amendment: Presidential Election Procedures.

Formula: 12th Amendment = Presidential Election Procedures

Example: Defines the process for electing the President and Vice President.

Thirteenth Amendment: Abolition of Slavery.

Formula: 13th Amendment = Abolition of Slavery

Example: Slavery is prohibited in the United States.

Fourteenth Amendment: Equal Protection, Due Process, Citizenship.

**Formula: 14th Amendment = Equal Protection + Due Process +
Citizenship**

Example: All persons born or naturalized in the United States are citizens and enjoy equal protection under the law.

Fifteenth Amendment: Voting Rights Regardless of Race or Color.

**Formula: 15th Amendment = Voting Rights (Regardless of Race or
Color)**

Example: Prohibits the denial of the right to vote based on race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Sixteenth Amendment: Income Tax.

Formula: 16th Amendment = Income Tax

Example: Allows Congress to levy income taxes.

Seventeenth Amendment: Direct Election of Senators.

Formula: 17th Amendment = Direct Election of Senators

Example: Senators are elected directly by the people of each state.

Eighteenth Amendment: Prohibition of Alcohol.

Formula: 18th Amendment = Prohibition of Alcohol

Example: The sale, manufacture, and transportation of alcoholic beverages were prohibited.

Nineteenth Amendment: Women's Suffrage.

Formula: 19th Amendment = Women's Suffrage

Example: Grants women the right to vote.

Twentieth Amendment: Terms of the President and Congress.

Formula: 20th Amendment = Terms of (President and Congress)

Example: Sets the dates for the inauguration of the President and Congress.

Twenty-First Amendment: Repeal of Prohibition.

Formula: 21st Amendment = Repeal of Prohibition

Example: Repeals the Eighteenth Amendment, ending alcohol prohibition.

Twenty-Second Amendment: Presidential Term Limits.

Formula: 22nd Amendment = Presidential Term Limits

Example: Limits Presidents to two terms in office.

Twenty-Third Amendment: Voting Rights for D.C. Residents.

Formula: 23rd Amendment = Voting Rights for (D.C. Residents)

Example: Grants residents of Washington, D.C. the right to vote in presidential elections.

Twenty-Fourth Amendment: Prohibition of Poll Taxes.

Formula: 24th Amendment = Prohibition of (Poll Taxes)

Example: Bans the use of poll taxes in federal elections.

Twenty-Fifth Amendment: Presidential Succession and Disability.

Formula: 25th Amendment = Presidential (Succession + Disability)

Example: Outlines the process for presidential succession and the transfer of power in case of presidential disability.

Twenty-Sixth Amendment: Voting Age Set to 18.

Formula: 26th Amendment = Voting Age (Set to 18)

Example: Lowers the voting age from 21 to 18.

Twenty-Seventh Amendment: Congressional Pay.

Formula: 27th Amendment = Congressional Pay

Example: Congressional pay raises cannot take effect until the next election cycle.

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