



Your Coffee Break for the Brain!

Dr. Jane's Monday Morning Musings

The Constitution of the United States

Ratified Amendments (seventh in my series)

I began this series, as some of you may remember, because so many across our great nation are spouting their constitutional rights and how we must follow the Constitution exactly.

Whether you agree or disagree is not the point. The point is which ever way you feel, you ought to know what the Constitution actually says! So I am offering a snippet each week on the Amendments of our Constitution. These snippets are directly quoted from the Constitution.

AMENDMENT VII

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

AMENDMENT VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

AMENDMENT IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

AMENDMENT X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

*"The **Bill of Rights** is the collective name for the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution, which limit the power of the U.S. federal government. These limitations serve to protect the natural rights of liberty and property including freedoms of religion, speech, a free press, free assembly, and free association, as well as the right to keep and bear arms. Originally, the Bill of Rights included legal protection for land-owning white men only, excluding African Americans and women. It took additional Constitutional Amendments and numerous Supreme Court cases to extend the same rights to all U.S. citizens."*
(Borrowed from the internet along with the pictures of the Bill of Rights.)

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This Week's Quote

"They tell us, Sir, that we are weak---unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week, or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed, and when a British guard shall be stationed in every house? Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by lying supinely on our backs, and hugging the delusive phantom of hope, until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot? Sir, we are not weak, if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature hath placed in our power ... I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!!"- *Patrick Henry , March 1775 (from political quotes)*

The Bill of Rights from the US Constitution



"Remember to Be Kind to Yourself!"