

SEPTEMBER

THE CONSTITUTION

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The **Declaration of Independence** (1776) leads to the **U.S. Constitution** (signed 1787, Ratified 1790) ([Hillsdale explains](#) (video 11:52))

WHAT IS THE U.S. CONSTITUTION?

A Compact/Contract written "for" and "by" the States

The basis of all law is that a contract involves a "meeting of the minds"

This Contract is Between: THE STATES (the Parents)

For what purpose: To create a new national government (limited, enumerated powers) (a new Child)

Who is to be in charge: THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IS TO ANSWER TO THE STATES (the Child answers to the Parents) *ie. The contract cannot be amended without the States approval*

Ultimately: The States answer to **We the People**, and **We the People** answer to **Providence (Natures God)**

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

Why did the Congress choose these 12 specific amendments? Debates promoting the acceptance of the Constitution were centered around **Federalist**, those that supported a strong central government and **Anti-Federalist**, those that wanted **a limited Federal government** (having limited enumerated rights) with States and the People retaining all other rights. 19 were drafted, 12 approved, and in the end only 10 ratified by the States. However, one of the first 12 that was not passed with the initial 10, was ratified in 1992, 203 years after it was proposed. However, at this time, it needed to be passed by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the states in existence in 1992.

Who were the men behind the scenes? Both idealists and men with a deep understanding of success and failures of past government structures, and the reality that with greater freedoms, comes even greater responsibility. 38 delegates were involved over 3 hot months in Philadelphia. Listen to Paul Harvey, he tells the history well.

*The Declaration of Independence
...we pledge our lives, our fortunes, our
sacred honors...(to God and one another)
Paul Harvey (9:54)*

Thoughts: Ezra Taft Benson, Christ and the Constitution, Cardinal Doyle, thoughts on the US Constitution:

The Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution as documents provide examples for the world of how mankind can live in peace, recognizing Natural Law and personal responsibility. *This is God's test to see how mankind can enjoy the bounty of what has been promised.*

Final Perspective: 2001: A Space Odyssey-What really happened with HAL, is HAL representative of the Federal Government having outgrown itself and taking on rights not granted.