

THE CONSTITUTION

“STATES ARE RISING”

From the first Continental Congress to California becoming a State on the 9th in 1850, to the attacks on the 9/11, in 2001, “We the People” begin to recognize that perhaps we have something great in our hands, what do we do?

On the 5th, in 1774, the Revolutionary War has not begun, and yet we are beginning to feel the stirrings of a need to self-govern. Meeting from Sep 5 to Oct 26, 1774, The First Continental Congress convenes recognizing that they clearly do not like the control by those in distant lands. Resistance increased as we pushed back on the demands of the British government. Patriotic emotion increased as the British used blockades to push their agenda and the Patriots initiated an economic boycott to prove their point. The colonies were uniting in a common cause. However not all were convinced that independence was the best alternative.¹

On the 9th, in 1850, we find that the new nation was growing, with California coming into the United States in 1850 as the 31st State. Though this was at the time barely scabland, with little known resources and the gold at Sutter’s Mill was yet just months away from being discovered, California was granted the same voting rights and privileges as the prior 30 states, including the original colony/States that fought in the Revolutionary War.

As we know it today, California has become an economic power with one of the strongest economies in the world. Even now, they enjoy the same voting rights as they did when they were first granted rights to become a State. Size does not matter when it comes to voting for changes to the Constitution, what matters is having the contractual rights for an equal seat at the table.



On the 11th, in 2001, the United States would be rocked to its core, as the unthinkable occurred with the attacks on 9/11. The Country, from coast to coast, became united and galvanized to defend itself and ensure the safety to all. Perhaps the biggest surprise of all, “We The People” began to wake up to renew our understandings of what it means to be an American.

What do you know about our history?

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¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Continental_Congress#First_Continental_Congress,_1774

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