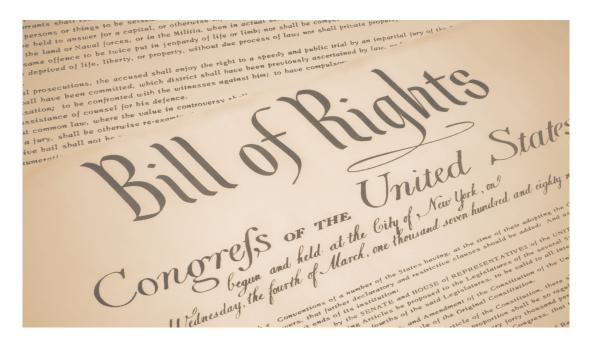


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# Stay or Go?

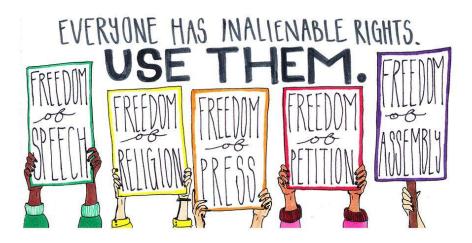
According to the Greek Philosophers of times before



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The Bill of Rights was made as a way to remedy the mistakes of the past, and these new thoughts and beliefs have been introduced to society as the foundations of every citizen of the United States. It's a way that people have comfort and know their rights are protected by the word of what the United States stands for. However, it's not that simple. The Bill of Rights was made as an apologize for the mistakes of the past, but the question is, did they simply acknowledge the past or did they study it? Here's the answer - no. American politics have been a cuminaition of other great cultures in order to create a new one, simply put, the United States is a cesspool of culture. Greeks are praised for their own culture in so many forms like song, poetry, plays, etc, but one true testament was their advancement in thought or other words – philosophy. For such a praised culture, why didn't the founding fathers look at scholars like Aristotle or Plato for advice on creating new land with new thoughts? Here's the result of their ignorance.

# THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES



### First Amendment - Stay

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Not to boast or anything, but everyone raises their glass for the government on this one! However, when it was chosen to be applicable to the people, only a specified people were thought of. White citizens of the United States have always been privileged a better life than those citizens of color. Now, even the Greeks had standards regarding this issue entirely: "Neither should men study war with a view to the enslavement of those who do not deserve to be enslaved, but first of all they should provide against their own enslavement, and in the second place obtain empire for the good of the governed, and not for the sake of exercising a general despotism, and in the third-place, they should seek to be masters only over those who deserve to be slaves." Aristotle really calls it as it is seen. This ancient philosopher, one of the greatest minds in history acknowledges the fact that It is ironic that men who owned slaves are also claiming that everyone has it right in our freedom basic human decency. The founding fathers obviously had some sort of agenda without acknowledging the existence of slavery within the first 10 Amendments of the United States Bill of Rights, however, it shows in highlight sir ignorance. Luckily for the evolution of time and acknowledgment of their mistakes, the First Amendment right has been applicable to anyone who calls himself an American.



### Second Amendment - Go

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"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Of course, here's the Second Amendment. I'd like to think that the Second Amendment is the rebellious child that just happens to be mama's favorite. the amendment in which the founding fathers had in mind, was meant for a time where Invaders could walk into your home at any minute a claim your house is their own or steal everything you have and claim it to be so. And that time it was also believed that women couldn't do anything more than have children and be a wife. The Second Amendment pounds to how Plato puts it, "The measure of a man is what he does with power." Among the millions and millions of Americans that have grown and died on this land and, there have been few and far in between who have not abused their second amendment. This amendment has caused so much destruction and death, rather than help and heals the land in which it was meant to protect. I believe this amendment should be at least modified in some sort of way that allows some sort of control of its citizens regarding their tendency to violence and action. By ratifying or fixing this amendment in some fashion, I believe that the measure of the American kind can be shown and its lack of firepower when it comes to resolving issues in quitting violence in a way to create peace.



### Third Amendment - Go

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"No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law." The third amendment was, I said prior, flexible to a time where your neighbors could not be trusted. the third amendment was used as a way to protect its citizens from Invaders. in the twenty-first century, however, there has not been an invasion on American soil end over 200 years. The only citizens that invade the United States with damaging intent are those who do not want to be here. Plato Has put it best when he said "One of the penalties of refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors." First Lance guest Plato's advice might not be the most applicable to this scenario, but if you look even deeper into its purpose and meaning comment you can see how this truly feels right. Those couple words that people still count as a right are hollow in the modern age. The United States had learned its lesson about invasion during the time of the founding Fathers, but other than a few scares during its 200-year existence, the United States has never been invaded. These words that people have to be bound to know, serve no other purpose than to fill the page. By choosing to participate in the decisions of our governments, in deciding that the Bill of Rights can no longer stand as a weapon, but as a symbol of American prowess, it shows our evolution and growth from all white men in powdered wigs.



### Fourth Amendment - Stay

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"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized." To be fair, this amendment bars a lot of protection for all parties involved. This amendment has showed a constant flow of ease regarding controversy because these rights, as they should, be known by heart and The founding fathers had it right when they decided this would be over an amendment that was made not only for the present in order to make up for the past, but an amendment for the future and all courses of action on behalf of the US government. "Strong minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, weak minds discuss people." Again, I sincerely doubt Socrates created this idea or philosophy in order to create a better state governments for future society is, but knowing that secrete is even by hinting at what the fourth amendment means, it shows that the founding fathers had truly paid attention to history and we're looking to geniuses for advice rather than looking at the present people. By studying the past the founding fathers knew how to create a future especially regarding this amendment.



# Fifth Amendment - Stay

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"No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." This is a true and fair amendment for many people of the United States. I think, truly, they had really looked back on past mistakes and realized the errors of politics and prejudice of the past and looked on to create a fair way to level the judicial system. Socrates once said, "If you don't get what you want, you suffer; if you get what you don't want, you suffer; even when you get exactly what you want, you still suffer because you can't hold on to it forever. Your mind is your predicament. It wants to be free of charge. Free of pain, free of the obligations of life and death. But change is the law and no amount of pretending will alter that reality." I doubt that Socrates would think of how his words can create a new government, I sincerely hope he intended for his words to be taken to heart for those of the future. In short, I believe Socrates meant that ones' desires and fears can't create happiness, but the ability to grow and evolve is, at each of our cores, what makes us happy. When applied to the principles of the fifth amendment, it makes it so that even if a judge has bias or prejudice going into a case, even the ruler of a court room can have boundaries, or so that a first time offender is confined to a jail sail until their trial which could take months. Due to the steady course of the fifth amendment ruling, our society has grown to adapt and prepare for such boundaries and measures in order to have a fair and decent trial for all Americans.