

Daily Survey: The U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights YouGov®

Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
 Conducted August 11 - 15, 2022
 Margin of Error ±3.3%

1. Which of the following best describes the Bill of Rights?

The first 10 amendments to the original Constitution	54%
A preamble to the original Constitution	15%
Any bill involving personal rights that passes through Congress	12%
A message of secession from the Founding Fathers to the British monarchy	5%
Not sure	14%

2. Suppose America's Founding Fathers came back to the present day. Do you think that they would generally approve of the way things are going in the country, or do you think that they'd generally be disappointed?

Would approve	6%
Would be disappointed	65%
Mixed	19%
Not sure	10%

3. The Bill of Rights is the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution. How important are the following amendments from the Bill of Rights?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Unimportant
I - Freedom of speech, peaceful assembly, religion	83%	13%	2%	2%
II - Right to bear arms	49%	26%	18%	8%
III - No quartering of soldiers during peacetime without consent	49%	30%	15%	6%
IV - Protection from unreasonable search and seizure	76%	18%	4%	2%
V - Protection from incriminating yourself, double jeopardy	69%	23%	5%	2%
VI - Right to a speedy trial	70%	25%	4%	2%
VII - Right to a jury trial in civil matters	68%	26%	5%	2%
VIII - No excessive bail nor cruel or unusual punishment	69%	22%	7%	2%
IX - Protects rights not specifically mentioned in the Constitution	65%	26%	6%	2%
X - Powers not granted by the Constitution are reserved to the states	52%	34%	9%	4%

4. Which of these is the most important amendment from the Bill of Rights?

I - Freedom of speech, peaceful assembly, religion	57%
II - Right to bear arms	17%
III - No quartering of soldiers during peacetime without consent	1%
IV - Protection from unreasonable search and seizure	5%
V - Protection from incriminating yourself, double jeopardy	4%
VI - Right to a speedy trial	3%
VII - Right to a jury trial in civil matters	2%
VIII - No excessive bail nor cruel or unusual punishment	3%
IX - Protects rights not specifically mentioned in the Constitution	6%
X - Powers not granted by the Constitution are reserved to the states	3%

5. Do you support or oppose the following amendments from the Bill of Rights?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
I - Freedom of speech, peaceful assembly, religion	77%	9%	4%	4%	6%
II - Right to bear arms	45%	22%	15%	11%	7%
III - No quartering of soldiers during peacetime without consent	48%	27%	6%	3%	16%
IV - Protection from unreasonable search and seizure	69%	16%	5%	3%	6%
V - Protection from incriminating yourself, double jeopardy	63%	20%	5%	3%	9%
VI - Right to a speedy trial	68%	17%	3%	4%	8%
VII - Right to a jury trial in civil matters	63%	21%	4%	3%	8%
VIII - No excessive bail nor cruel or unusual punishment	65%	19%	4%	4%	7%
IX - Protects rights not specifically mentioned in the Constitution	61%	21%	4%	4%	11%
X - Powers not granted by the Constitution are reserved to the states	48%	25%	7%	4%	15%

6. From what you know about our Constitution as it was drawn up by our founding fathers, and thinking about their original ideas in relation to today's political problems, how reliable are the ideas of the founding fathers for solving today's political problems?

Very reliable	37%
Somewhat reliable	34%
Not reliable	15%
Not sure	14%

7. Do you think the Constitution of the United States should ever be changed in any way?

Yes	39%
No	39%
Not sure	22%

8. Should the Supreme Court base its rulings on what the Constitution. . .

Meant as originally written	41%
Means in current times	42%
Not sure	17%

9. The First Amendment says “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...” If you had to choose, which of these would you say that the First Amendment protects?

The individual’s right to speak their mind, no matter the consequence or the views of others	30%
The individual’s right to speak their mind, as long as they don’t break the law, become obscene, or threaten violence	58%
Not sure	12%

10. The Second Amendment says, “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.” If you had to choose, which of these would you say that the Second Amendment protects?

An individual’s right to own and carry firearms	59%
The right to own and carry firearms only when serving an active role in the military	27%
Not sure	14%

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Interviewing Dates	August 11 - 15, 2022
Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.202 to 4.675, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.373.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	56 questions not reported.