



**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED STATES**

- *The Constitution was adopted on September 17, 1787, by the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and ratified by conventions in eleven states. It went into effect on March 4, 1789.*



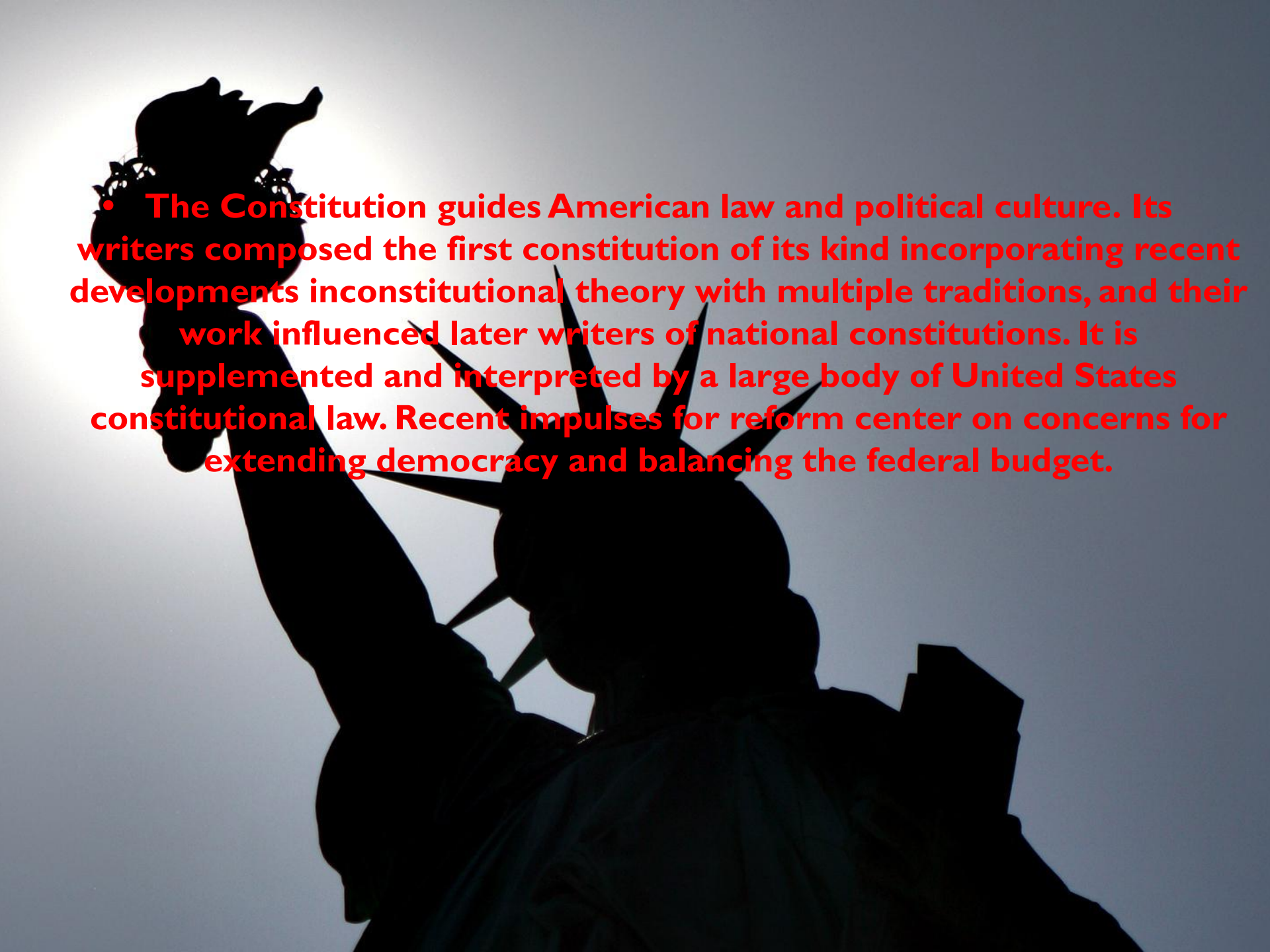
- The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the United States of America. The first three Articles of the Constitution establish the rules and separate powers of the three branches of the federal government: a legislature, the bicameral Congress; an executive branch led by the President; and a federal judiciary headed by the Supreme Court. The last four Articles frame the principle of federalism. The Tenth Amendment confirms its federal characteristics.

WE THE PEOPLE
insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common
and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Const

Article 1.
Section 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist
of Representatives and Senators.
Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the
several States, who shall have the Qualifications requisite for Senators of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature,
and who shall, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which they shall be chosen.
Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this
Union, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including three Years after the first
Census of the United States, the actual Number of free Persons, and three Parts of five of the Number of Slaves, but
no Tax or Representation shall be applied to States in which the Number of free Persons shall not amount to three Thousand,
and until such Enumeration shall be made three Times in seven Years, the Number of Representatives shall not exceed
one for every thirty Thousand Persons, but after such Enumeration, the Number shall be increased or decreased by Law.
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The United States Constitution can be changed through the amendment process. Constitutional amendments are added to it, altering its effect. The first ten amendments, ratified by three-fourths of the states in 1791, are known as the Bill of Rights.

The Constitution has been amended seventeen additional times (for a total of twenty-seven amendments). Principles of the Constitution, as amended, are applied in courts of law by judicial review.

The image features a black silhouette of the Statue of Liberty against a bright, hazy sky. The statue is shown from the waist up, with its right arm raised holding a tablet and its left arm raised holding a torch. The sun is positioned behind the statue's head, creating a strong backlight effect. Overlaid on the image is a single bullet point in red text.

• **The Constitution guides American law and political culture. Its writers composed the first constitution of its kind incorporating recent developments in constitutional theory with multiple traditions, and their work influenced later writers of national constitutions. It is supplemented and interpreted by a large body of United States constitutional law. Recent impulses for reform center on concerns for extending democracy and balancing the federal budget.**



Interesting Facts

- In the original text of the Constitution, there are a few slips of the pen. The most famous of them - is to write the name of the State of Pennsylvania (Pennsylvania) in the list of delegates who signed the Constitution on the one «n» - «Pensylvania». In addition to the Constitution, some of the words written by the rules of British English, which are different from the U.S., by the time the American spelling rule still not developed



Interesting Facts

- **The Constitution does not use the word "democracy"**