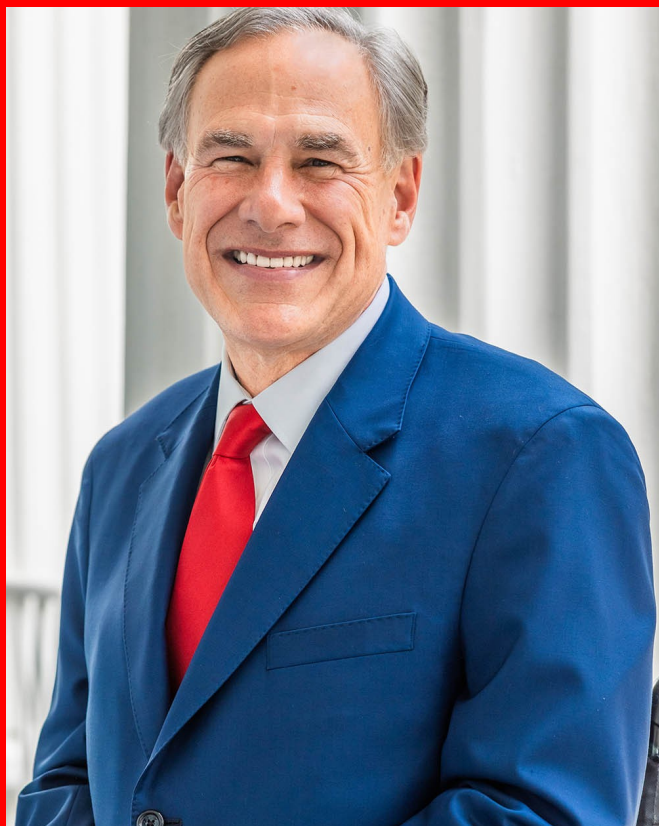


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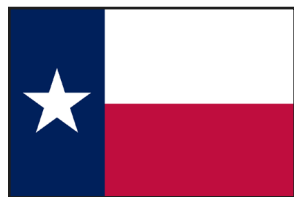


**“We must ensure every child learns the value of civics, freedom, good governance, and patriotism.”**

**GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT**



Rooted in America's God-given rights and Founding Documents, this guide equips the next generation to speak boldly, guard their freedom, build strength, stay safe, and thrive as proud citizens in school, at home, and beyond.



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***The Texas Constitution***

**Freedom and Sovereignty of State:** "Texas is a free and independent State, subject only to the Constitution of the United States; and the maintenance of our free institutions and the perpetuity of the Union depend upon the preservation of the right of local self-government, unimpaired to all the States."

**Inherent Political Power:** "All political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their benefit. The faith of the people of Texas stands pledged to the preservation of a republican form of government."

**Equality Under the Law:** "Equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of sex, race, color, creed, or national origin."

**Religious Freedom:** "All men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences. No preference shall ever be given by law to any religious society or mode of worship."

**Freedom of Speech and Press:** "Every person shall be at liberty to speak, write or publish his opinions on any subject, being responsible for the abuse of that privilege; and no law shall ever be passed curtailing the liberty of speech or of the press."

# MAGA TEXAS CIVICS PAMPHLET

**For too long, the foundational principles of our republic have been neglected and abused leaving generations of our children without a clear understanding of the nation's unmatched heritage and exceptional promise. This pamphlet represents a new beginning: a return to a shared, patriotic and common sense understanding of the civic duties and freedoms that have made this country the envy of the world.**

President Donald Trump and Governor Greg Abbott believe that true civic education is about unity. It must be a celebration of our founders, our documents, and the enduring values that forged our great nation. This is not a lesson taught by political elites, liberals and progressives, but a promise made to every citizen, and affirmed by parents who know best what their children need to learn. Inspired by a new movement to restore America's greatness, civics education is being reclaimed as a sacred duty.

**Welcome to the MAGA Red State Civics Pamphlet - Texas Edition, a resource created for citizens and students who want to better understand the duties, rights, and values that make us proud Americans and proud Texans.**

This pamphlet, guided by the principles of state-led governance, is dedicated to teaching the unvarnished truth of our past and equipping every American with the knowledge to safeguard our future. It is a roadmap back to the fundamental truths of liberty, justice, and the pursuit of happiness. We honor

our heritage not by tearing it down, but by building on its strengths, so that our children may learn to love and cherish their country once again.

Texas has always stood as a beacon of freedom, self-reliance, and patriotism. From the heroes of the Alamo to the everyday citizens who work hard, raise families, and serve their communities, Texans have carried forward the spirit of independence that defines our state and our nation. Whether a newcomer or someone whose family has roots going back generations - whatever your race, religion, or ethnic background - these values apply to you.

Inside, you will find clear and useful information about our system of government, the responsibilities of citizenship, and the religious, social, moral and economic values that bind us together. Our democracy depends on informed citizens: people who know their rights, respect the law, and hold fast to the principles of freedom and justice. As Texans and Americans, we carry a special pride in our identity: to honor faith, family, and country; to defend liberty; to cherish the Constitution; and to pass on the legacy of patriotism to the next generation.

**This guide is a step toward ensuring that every student and citizen has the knowledge to stand tall as both Texans and Americans: ready to lead, ready to serve, and ready to preserve the freedoms we hold dear.**

The Editors

## IN MEMORIAM

Charlie Kirk's life was proof that one determined voice can spark a movement. He founded Turning Point USA before most of his peers had finished high school, and by his thirties he was speaking to arenas filled with young Americans hungry for truth. He never asked permission to love God, defend freedom, or say what millions believed but were told to keep quiet.

Kirk stood as a bridge between generations. To parents and grandparents, he was reassurance that their values would not die with them. To students, he was a challenge: be bold, be disciplined, and never trade convictions for comfort. He gave them tools, training, and courage, and he demanded they use them.

### A Hero's Legacy

- **Turning Point USA Founder:** Built one of the largest conservative youth movements in America before age 20
- **National Voice:** Filled arenas, spoke on campuses, and reached millions through broadcasts and conferences
- **Faith and Family First:** Grounded every message in in his Christian conviction
- **Enduring Voice:** May he be remembered as a Patriot whose mission now belongs to the next generation

## CHARLIE KIRK IS OUR GREATEST MOTIVATOR

### Our Goal

On September 10, 2025, Charlie Kirk was assassinated. The act was meant to silence him but instead, it turned his message into a charge. We endeavor to continue his message of faith, family, freedom, and country first, and have it shine brighter because of his sacrifice.

### History Does Not Wait for the Timid

*The memory of Charlie Kirk reminds us of this, every moment. History crowns the faithful, the risk takers, and the Patriots who refuse to bow. His legacy is not a statue or a speech. It is the fire he lit in millions of hearts to love and defend America without apology.*



*I want to be remembered for courage for my faith.*

CHARLIE KIRK (1993–2025)

# THE RISE OF MAGA

## How Americans Chose America First

2016

2020

2024

### A Political Earthquake

The 2016 election was a **rejection of politics as usual**. Donald Trump emerged as a candidate who spoke directly to **forgotten Americans**. His message was simple but revolutionary: **America First**. On November 8, 2016, Trump shattered the Democratic 'blue wall' and proved that a movement built on common sense could overcome the entire political establishment.

### The Movement Grows

Despite unprecedented attacks, President Trump delivered record-low unemployment, historic Middle East peace deals, and energy independence. Biden won in 2020, but Trump received **over 74 million votes**, more than any sitting president in history. **MAGA's concerns were validated**: soaring inflation, a weak border, and emboldened enemies followed.

### The Restoration

In 2024, **Donald Trump won decisively**, claiming both the popular vote and key swing states. He brought new voters into the coalition including Hispanic Americans, Black men, and working-class voters who saw what MAGA policies delivered. The victory proved MAGA wasn't a fluke but a **durable realignment** built on American jobs and national sovereignty.

## 3 ELECTIONS, 1 MOVEMENT: BUILT TO LAST

**2016: Upset Victory** - Defied every poll and prediction

**2020: 74 Million Votes** - More than any sitting president

**2024: Popular Vote Winner** - First Republican since 2004



*The movement that changed America: Trump rallies drew Americans from every walk of life who believed their country could be great again.*

### Confronting Extremism Within

The MAGA movement stands for rejecting hatred. In October 2025, Senator Ted Cruz warned conservatives: "In the last six months, I have seen antisemitism rising on the right in a way I have never seen in my entire life. The church is asleep right now." True conservatives reject antisemitism and conspiracy theories targeting Jewish people or Israel. This self-examination shows the movement's strength. Real leadership means holding your own side accountable.

# THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## WHAT THIS SECTION COVERS

These pages show how America's government works in the MAGA Era. Power is divided among the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. The president wields expanded authority to defend borders and security. Congress makes laws while states' voices remain protected through the Electoral College. Federal courts, led by a conservative Supreme Court, decide cases that restore the Constitution's place. Alongside these branches, two parties compete with Republican leadership fighting to restore freedom and strength.

## WHAT EACH LEVEL DOES

**Federal:** Executive power has expanded. The president directs national issues, leads the restored War Department, drives foreign policy and the national economy, protects and restores our borders, perfects laws on voting rights, election integrity, and education.

**State:** In the MAGA Era, Red States have embraced change to school and university standards while Blue States resist.

**Local:** Red State communities are adapting courts, schools, and law enforcement to restore order, while Blue State local governments resist reform.



*Freedom is never more than  
one generation away from  
extinction.*

RONALD REAGAN

## Where does the money come from? Us!

*Government programs are paid for by taxes. In this MAGA era, efforts are being made to reduce the size of government programs in order to minimize the need for raising taxes and increasing the national debt.*

Taxes come directly from you and are used to fund schools, roads, healthcare, national defense, public welfare, and more. Taxes can be a burden on freedom and must be considered with the utmost responsibility. The system is inherently unfair: a billionaire may pay no taxes, while working people can pay 30-40% of their income. As a voter, you should work hard to fight against government waste and over-taxation.

## NEXT:

The Executive Branch

America First: The 47th President

The Electoral College

The Legislative Branch

The Judicial Branch

The Supreme Court (SCOTUS)

The Roberts Court



# THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

## Power to Defend the Nation

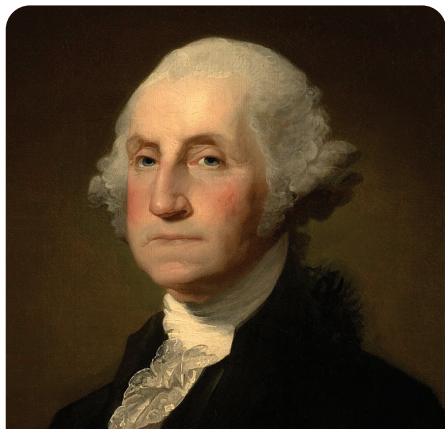
The MAGA Era, with the election of Donald Trump as the 47th President, has ushered in a new era of expanded presidential power. As the Commander-in-chief, the president has vast powers to project American armed forces and policy around the world. He also directs federal agencies, guides foreign policy and has ordered that the U.S. once again enforce its borders. Blue state Democrats insist the president is trying to be a dictator or an emperor - President Trump dismisses these foolish accusations by noting "Everything has to pass the Congress and the Senate. That's not how a dictator would do it." Recently, the Supreme Court approved measures allowing the president to act with greater authority on the economy, illegal immigration, budgetary process, and the use of military on our streets to address the crime, murders and mob violence raging in many of our largest cities.



### How It Started

**In the Constitution, the Founding Fathers created a government with three branches each independent of the other.** They designed a system to keep government limited and to keep the executive, the legislative and the judicial separate from one another.

**The Founding Fathers built a framework of checks and balances, where each branch can limit the others.** This reflected the early belief that liberty is best preserved when power is divided. This way, leaders are restrained by law and the people remain vigilant in self-government.



*A primary object should be the education of our youth in the science of government.*

GEORGE WASHINGTON

### How It Works Today

**Although the times have vastly changed the nation, we follow the tenets of the Constitution.**

After more than two centuries of American Democracy, we believe the Constitution is a living document subject to reinterpretation.

**Red States don't want to change the Constitution and MAGA people want to follow the law as outlined in the Constitution.**

There is a critical difference. Blue states seek change to alter social values; our current MAGA government wants to maintain the sanctity of the doctrines as conceived by the Founding Fathers.

# AMERICA FIRST: THE 47TH PRESIDENT

## More Than a Political Leader

### Why It Matters

The president serves as Commander in Chief, head of government, and defender of the Constitution. They preserve liberty, protect opportunity, and represent America's strength.

The powers of a president have never been so overtly geared to unite the nation in the belief that America is worth fighting for, and that it must be made great again. Preserving liberty and taking care of the home front is the essence of the America First belief.

Returning America to days of glory and victory, to economic supremacy and scientific leadership, to becoming great again and maintaining ourselves as the most powerful nation on earth – these are the MAGA imperatives.



**President Trump** serves as Commander in Chief, head of government, and defender of the Constitution. He preserves liberty, protects opportunity, and represents America's strength.

*No dream is too big.  
No challenge is too great.  
Nothing we want for our future is  
beyond our reach.*

**PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP**

**Vice President Vance** works side by side with the president. He is next in line to serve as president and has cast a number of tie-breaking votes in the split U.S. Senate.

*America is not just an idea. We're a  
particular place, with a particular  
people, and a particular set of beliefs  
and way of life.*

**VICE PRESIDENT J.D. VANCE**



# THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

## Every State Has a Voice

### Why it Matters

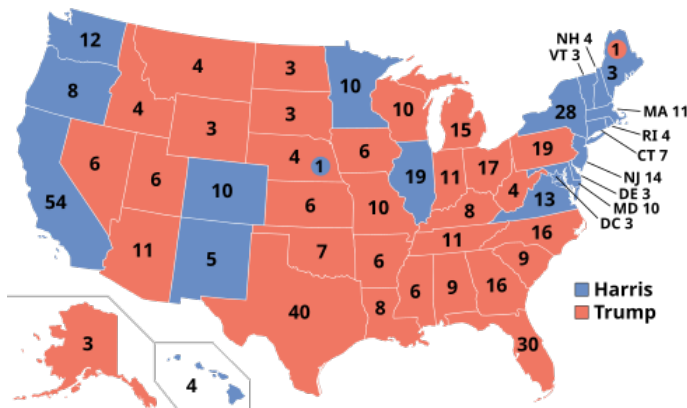
The Electoral College shapes how campaigns are run and why certain states have an outsized role in deciding the outcome. The Founders designed the Electoral College in 1787 as a compromise between Congress choosing the president and a direct popular vote. It ensures every state has a voice, but it also means a candidate can win without the most popular votes nationwide. This has happened five times in U.S. history, most recently in 2016 (Donald Trump). Your ballot carries your state's choice to the nation.

### What is the Electoral College?

When Americans vote for president, they are really choosing electors. Each state gets electors equal to its two senators plus its representatives, for a total of 538 nationwide. A majority of 270 is needed to win.

- **Census and Representation:** The Constitution counts all persons when dividing seats in Congress, even those here illegally. That means states with more undocumented residents gain extra electors and influence. Many conservatives argue this weakens the power of legal American voters and undermines secure borders.

2024 presidential electoral map by state; numbers show each state's electoral votes. A state's electors equal its members of Congress (two senators plus its representatives) for a total of 538.



*My faith informs everything I do.*

### Speaker Mike Johnson








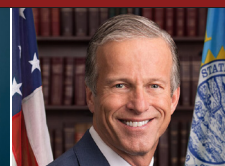
Mike Johnson has served as the 56th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives since October 2023, representing Louisiana's 4th District. A lawyer and social conservative, he has been a leading voice for pro-life policies, religious liberty, free speech, and "America First" priorities.





# THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

## The People's House and the States' Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES		Quick Facts	
Republicans	219	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The House can press formal charges (impeachments) against federal officials.</li><li>• Representatives serve 2-year terms, making the House more closely tied to voters and their local communities.</li><li>• The Speaker of the House is second in line to the presidency.</li><li>• Republicans have held the Speaker's gavel for 20+ years.</li></ul>	
Democrats	212		
Independents	0		
Total Members	435 (based on state population)		
Term Length	2 years		
Qualifications	At least 25 years old, U.S. citizen for 7 years, state resident		
Leadership	Speaker of the House		
PROMINENT REPUBLICAN VOICES IN THE HOUSE			
			
Mike Johnson (LA), Speaker	Steve Scalise (LA), Majority Leader	Tom Emmer (MN) Majority Whip	Lisa McClain (MI) Chair, House Rep. Conference
THE SENATE		Quick Facts	
Republicans	53	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Senate confirms presidential appointments; judges and cabinet officials.</li><li>• Foreign treaties must be ratified by a 2/3 majority vote.</li><li>• Impeachment trials (with formal charges) are held in the Senate, with senators as jurors.</li><li>• The Senate has no term limits.</li></ul>	
Democrats	45		
Independents	2		
Total Members	100 (2 per state)		
Term Length	6 years (elections every 2 years)		
Qualifications	At least 30 years old, U.S. citizen for 9 years, state resident		
Leadership	Vice President (tie-breaker); Senate Majority Leader (daily)		
PROMINENT REPUBLICAN VOICES IN THE SENATE			
			
Lindsey Graham (SC)	Tom Cotton (AR)	John Kennedy (LA)	John Thune (SD)

# THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

## Where Conservative Rulings Shape America's Future

Perhaps no part of the US government has changed more than the US Supreme Court during the MAGA Era.

With a 6-3 conservative majority, the court has repeatedly upheld conservative lawsuits regarding gun ownership, DEI and illegal immigration, and basic anti-transgender legislation and initiatives. The decision to do away with nationwide abortions in 2022 and to leave the matter to the individual states was and remains an earthquake in the life and times of the nation and of the court.

The judicial branch doesn't create the laws. The Supreme Court interprets the laws. Justices are appointed for life and make decisions that impact the direction the nation takes about civil liberties, rights in general, laws of all kinds and social imperatives like the abortion issue. The Supreme Court upholds the God given rights protected by the Constitution. It reinforces the rule of law as a cornerstone of American liberty.



*Lady Justice stands for fairness under the law. Her blindfold symbolizes impartial judgment, her scales symbolize truth, and her sword symbolizes accountability.*

### FEDERAL COURTS

<b>District Courts</b>	Judges and often juries hear witnesses, evidence, and make rulings. Most cases end here.
<b>Courts of Appeals</b>	Courts of Appeals review decisions from the 94 District Courts. Panels of judges decide if the law was applied correctly. No new trials; arguments focus solely on law.
<b>Supreme Court</b>	The Supreme Court selects a few cases from the 13 Courts of Appeals, often on major constitutional questions. The Supreme Court's rulings are final and set binding precedent nationwide.

### Federal vs. State Courts

- The federal system is separate from each state's court system.
- State courts handle most legal matters, including traffic violations, family law, and local crimes. Federal courts deal with cases that involve federal law, the U.S. Constitution, or disputes across states.
- Many conservative states elect their judges, giving communities a direct say in who interprets their laws.
- Federal judges are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Their lifetime term allows them to decide cases based on the law instead of political pressure.

# THE SUPREME COURT (SCOTUS)

## The Final Word on Freedom



The U.S. Supreme Court Building in Washington, D.C., opened in 1935.

### Weaponized Justice

In Boston they say a DA can indict a ham sandwich. Under Biden's Department of Justice and Comey's FBI, President Trump became that ham sandwich, proof that the system has ceased to be independent. The so-called "neutral" Justice Department was anything but; it had been turned into a political weapon aimed at conservatives, with Trump as the ultimate target and example.

That weapon is being dismantled piece by piece in the MAGA Era. The DOJ is being decentralized, stripped of its grip from Washington elites. Concurrently, the FBI under Director Kash Patel has shifted agents out of partisan investigations and back into America's streets to cut down real crime. What happened to Trump could happen to any citizen. His ordeal stands as a warning of how fragile justice becomes under progressives and a reminder of why reform was necessary.

### Why It Matters

Supreme Court decisions determine how laws work in daily life. From voting rights and freedom of speech to privacy and healthcare, the rulings of nine justices shape the rights and responsibilities of millions of Americans.

### DID YOU KNOW?

About 60–70 cases are heard each year out of thousands - just 1%!



*Judges are like umpires. Umpires don't make the rules. They apply them.*

**CHIEF JUSTICE JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR.**

# THE ROBERTS COURT

## A 6–3 Conservative Majority



Nine justices serve for life on the highest court, guarding the Constitution and guiding the law.

### Appointed by George W. Bush

Chief Justice John Roberts, Jr.,  
Samuel Alito, Jr.

### Appointed by George H.W. Bush

Clarence Thomas

### Appointed by Donald Trump

Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh,  
Amy Coney Barrett

### Appointed by Barack Obama

Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan

### Appointed by Joe Biden

Ketanji Brown Jackson

The Supreme Court is the highest court in the nation. Nine justices are nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Once confirmed, they serve for life or until retirement.

It has the final say on what the Constitution means and whether laws or government actions are allowed under it. **When the Court makes a decision, that ruling applies to the entire country.** With six Republican-appointed justices, recent decisions expand presidential authority, protect religious expression, uphold the right to bear arms, and give states more authority on issues like abortion and immigration. Together, these rulings mark a lasting conservative majority.

## LANDMARK CASES

*Roe v. Wade* (1973)

Legalized abortion nationwide, ruling that a woman's right to privacy protected her decision to end a pregnancy.

*Dobbs v. Jackson  
Women's Health*  
(2022)

Returned abortion policy to the states, showing how the Court can overturn long-standing precedent.

*This stands as the most extraordinary overturning of a court decision in the modern era. It did not end abortion but gave the decision to individual states. This reversal personifies the power of the Supreme Court's conservative majority to reshape social history.*

### NEXT:

**The Republican Party**

**The Democratic Party**

# THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

## The Party of Freedom and Strength

### Why It Matters

The Republican Party stands as the defender of America's founding principles: limited government, personal liberty, and strong families. Republicans have championed lower taxes, individual responsibility, and local control. In the MAGA Era, this means restoring faith, freedom, and security as the guiding lights of national policy.

### Voting Base and Representation

**Republicans draw their strength from Red State America:** rural towns, suburbs, and communities that value tradition, work ethic, and patriotism. Their coalition includes conservatives, independents, and faith-driven families who seek leaders committed to defending the Constitution. From Ronald Reagan to Donald Trump, the Republican Party has elevated voices that reject government overreach and stand for the enduring values of strength, law, and opportunity.



### What Republicans Support

- **Tax Cuts & Economic Growth:** Lower taxes, fewer regulations, and pro-business policies that fuel jobs and opportunity.
- **Education & Family Choice:** Expand school choice and home schooling, putting parents in charge of their children's education.
- **Military Strength:** Maintain a strong defense to keep America safe.
- **Energy Independence:** Expand domestic production of oil, natural gas, and nuclear power to secure affordable energy.
- **Law, Order & Tradition:** Back law enforcement, protect communities, and uphold American heritage.
- **Faith & Freedom:** Defend religious liberty, protect family values, and honor Judeo-Christian foundations.
- **Border Security & Sovereignty:** Secure the southern border, enforce immigration laws, and prioritize American citizens over illegal entrants.



*The story of America is a story of risking everything  
for freedom.*

**SENATOR TED CRUZ**



# THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

## A Rival in America's Political Debate

### Why It Matters

The Democratic Party is the oldest political party in the world. Over the past century it has regrettably drifted toward an agenda of programs that increase the size and cost of government, often at the expense of individual liberty and taxpayer responsibility. In the MAGA era, Democrats denounce conservative values and consider them to be divergent from what people "should" think, say, and do. In their rhetoric and in the largely liberal press and media, it is their way, or no way. Therein rests the great American divide.

### Voting Base and Representation

Democrats draw their strength from urban areas, younger voters, and a coalition built on identity politics and cultural liberalism. Their base is strongest on the West Coast, in the Northeast, and in deep-blue cities. This coalition has fueled the party's push for progressive policies that many Red State families view as out of step with American traditions and values.



### What Democrats Support

- **Economic Equity:** Push for higher minimum wages and government controls, often burdening small businesses and discouraging job growth.
- **Health Care Access:** Expand federal programs like the Affordable Care Act, increasing costs and government oversight of personal health decisions. Democratic leadership opposes restrictions on healthcare access for certain immigrants, with estimated costs in the billions of dollars annually.
- **Civil & Voting Rights:** Advocate for expanded ballot access and oppose voter ID requirements, which conservatives argue weaken election integrity and make it harder to confirm voters are citizens.
- **Climate & Environment:** Prioritize green energy mandates and climate agendas that raise energy prices and restrict American industry.
- **Education & Opportunity:** Increase federal funding and control over schools, shifting power away from parents and local communities.
- **Public Safety & Justice:** Promote reforms that often weaken law enforcement and emphasize leniency in the justice system.



*We're choosing hope  
over fear, truth over  
lies, and unity over  
division.*

**JOE BIDEN**

### NEXT:

**The State of Texas**

**Behind the Numbers**

**Texas Leadership Today**

# THE STATE OF TEXAS

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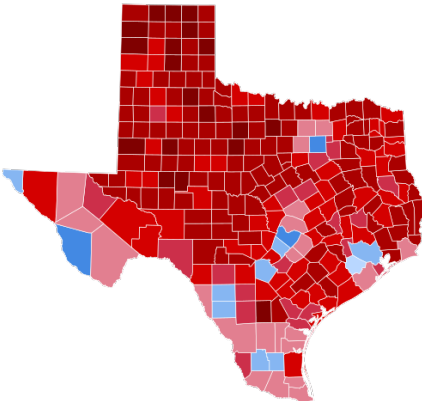
Texas stands tall as the model for conservative leadership. Here you'll see how our governor, lieutenant governor, and senators drive a red-state agenda rooted in faith, family, and freedom. You'll see how Texas secured its border when Washington failed, and how the statistics prove what strong leadership can do. You'll see how elections are protected, how local leaders shape daily life, and why the Lone Star State is where Americans still go to chase opportunity.



Henry Arthur McArdle's "Dawn at the Alamo" (1905) depicts the final moments of the legendary battle, where outnumbered Texan defenders made their heroic last stand on March 6, 1836, a sacrifice that inspired a revolution.

### The Last Stand That Still Defines Texas

The Alamo: 187 defenders, 13 days, zero survivors. They didn't win the battle, but they gave Texas time to win the war. Six weeks later, Sam Houston's army crushed Santa Anna at San Jacinto, shouting "Remember the Alamo!" That's Texas: faith, freedom, and the refusal to surrender.



In 2024, Texas once again stood firmly with President Trump. From the Panhandle to the Rio Grande, the map shows a red wall that keeps America strong.



*I've always loved Texas. It's home. It's who I am.*

**GEORGE STRAIT**

# BEHIND THE NUMBERS

## Who We Are as a Nation

### What It Shows

America is growing: more than 340 million people, up 2.6% since 2020. But growth is not spread evenly. Texas and Florida lead, while many blue cities shrink. Families and faith communities in Red States are driving the future.

### Why It Matters

Census and demographic numbers shape power: who gets seats in Congress, where money is spent, and which communities thrive. Stability and values create wealth and strength, while broken cities sink deeper into poverty.

### UNITED STATES

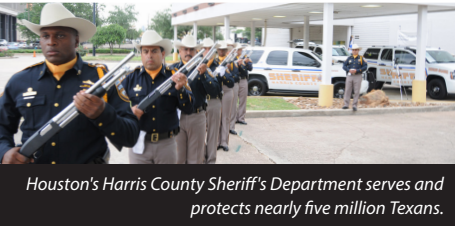
Population	340,100,000
Growth since 2020	+2.6%
Under 18 years old	21.7%
18-64 years old	60.6%
65 and older	17.7%
Female	50.5%
Male	49.5%
White (alone)	75.3%
Black/African American	13.7%
Hispanic/Latino	19.5%
Asian	6.4%
Two or more races	3.1%
American Indian/Alaskan	1.3%
Native Hawaiian/P. Islander	0.3%
Median household income (2023)	\$77,719
Per capita income (2024)	\$72,425
Persons living in poverty	11.1%

### TEXAS

Population (2024 est.)	31,290,831
Growth since 2020 (2023)	+7.4%
Under 18 years old (2023)	25.24%
18-64 years old (2023)	61.58%
65 and older (2023)	13.18%
Female	50.1%
Male	49.9%
White (alone) (2020)	39.75%
Black/African American	11.82%
Hispanic/Latino	39.26%
Asian	5.36%
Two or more races	3.04%
American Indian/Alaskan	0.29%
Native Hawaiian/P. Islander	0.10%
Median household income (2023)	\$75,780
Per capita income (2024)	\$67,942
Persons living in poverty	14%

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Texas is home to more than 31 million people, giving a population greater than Australia's.
- As its own country, Texas would rank as the world's 10th largest economy.



Houston's Harris County Sheriff's Department serves and protects nearly five million Texans.



# TEXAS LEADERSHIP TODAY

## Guiding with Leadership and Resolve



### Governor Greg Abbott

Greg Abbott has served as the 48th Governor of Texas since 2015. A strong advocate for border security, pro-life laws, and Texas energy independence, he emphasizes faith and family as guiding values. Abbott was the state's longest-serving Attorney General before becoming Governor.

*Texas is where the future is building - where opportunity is abundant, where free enterprise flourishes, and where families and jobs grow.*



### Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick

Dan Patrick has been Texas' Lt. Governor since 2015. As presiding officer of the Texas Senate, he drives the state's conservative agenda from tax cuts to defending religious liberty and improving border security. He is one of the most influential voices in Texas.



### Senator Ted Cruz

Ted Cruz has served as Texas's junior U.S. Senator since 2013. Known for his sharp defense of the Constitution, he champions pro-life laws, gun rights, and limiting federal power. Cruz is a leading national conservative voice, often challenging Washington elites.



### Senator John Cornyn

John Cornyn has represented Texas in the U.S. Senate since 2002. He has pushed for stronger border security, conservative judges, and tax policies that protect families and businesses. Cornyn is respected as a steady Republican voice with decades of experience.

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# LOCAL POWER, TEXAS VALUES

## WHAT THIS SECTION COVERS

Texas is a model for how America can thrive with strong families, secure borders, and common-sense values. These pages show what happens when local power is respected, faith and freedom are protected, and government stays in its lane. From defending life to cutting taxes, from securing jobs to stopping Washington's waste, Texas leads with policies that work. These victories matter because they shape the Lone Star State and the future of the nation.

### Quick Facts

- Texas is home to over 30 million people, second only to California.
- The Governor oversees the largest state National Guard in America.
- Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson was elected as a Democrat, but switched to the Republican Party in 2023, making Dallas the largest U.S. city with a GOP mayor.



*From Friday night lights to city hall, Texas runs best when local communities control their own destiny.*

## Get Involved in Your Community

- **Under 18:** Volunteer at church or community drives, join student government, speak out at school board meetings.
- **18 - 20:** Register and vote for the first time, help neighbors get to the polls, start attending county meetings.
- **21+:** Take leadership in causes, organize voter drives, and step into party politics.
- **Any Age:** Stand for your values, and be the citizen Texas needs.

## WHO RUNS YOUR COMMUNITY?

	County Leaders	City / Town Leaders
<b>Law &amp; Order</b>	Sheriff, county jail, district courts	Police, city courts, fire services
<b>Schools</b>	County school boards (funding, safety, standards)	Local school boards (curriculum details, daily policy)
<b>Taxes &amp; Budgets</b>	Property tax collection, county budgets	City budgets, zoning, permits
<b>Roads &amp; Transit</b>	Highways, rural roads	City streets, buses, transit
<b>Public Records</b>	Elections, deeds, marriage licenses	Building permits, zoning rules
<b>Parks &amp; Services</b>	County parks, health clinics, libraries	City parks, rec programs

# VOTING & ENGAGEMENT IN TEXAS

## Protecting Freedom at the Ballot Box

### Election Integrity in Texas

You must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Texas, and 18 or older on Election Day. Registration closes 30 days before an election.

Texas protects the ballot box with strong safeguards. Photo ID is required at the polls and the state verifies signatures on mail ballots. Illegal voting is a felony.

### Why It Matters

Voting in Texas protects our values: faith, family, freedom, and safe communities.

Texans choose leaders who prioritize border security, support law and order, and uphold core values. Your vote shapes Texas's future and direction.



*For years, I have been explicit in saying that I want to make it easier for Texans to vote and harder to cheat. Voters demand secure elections.*

**LT. GOVERNOR DAN PATRICK**

### How to Run for Office

- **File paperwork** – Choose your race (local, county, or state) and file with your county election office or party headquarters.
- **Meet requirements** – Pay filing fee or collect petition signatures by the deadline for the primary.
- **Recruit a team** – Find volunteers to help with door-knocking, fundraising, and social media.
- **Get out there** – Attend church services, civic meetings, and local events. Meet voters where they are.



### DID YOU KNOW?

- 18,623,931 Texans were registered for the 2024 general election; 61.15% cast ballots.
- The Texas Constitution has over 87,000 words, one of the longest state constitutions in America, and has been amended more than 530 times since 1876.
- Texas gained 2 Congressional seats after the 2020 Census.
- Texas added over 4.3 million residents in 10 years (2014-2024), leading the nation in population growth.

# SECURE THE LONE STAR BORDER

## When Washington Failed, Texas Acted

### In Defense of Our Nation

The federal government's response to border challenges has been insufficient for years. With gaps in federal enforcement, Texas has taken state-level action, implementing Operation Lone Star, state-funded barriers, and National Guard deployments to address security concerns.

The statistics demonstrate the impact of state-level border security measures and show the difference proactive enforcement can make.



Governor Greg Abbott ensures that Texas is backing the law: arrests up, fentanyl seizures up, illegal crossings down. Courtesy of the Office of the Texas Governor.

### BY THE NUMBERS

<b>Illegal Border Crossings</b>	In May 2025, Border Patrol recorded 8,725 illegal crossings along the Southwest border, down 93% from about 170,000 in May 2024.
<b>Operation Lone Star (since 2021)</b>	Texas-led mission totals: 533,800+ illegal-immigrant apprehensions and 54,300+ criminal arrests.
<b>DEA Seizures (2025 year-to-date)</b>	Agents seized 44,000,000 fentanyl pills and 4,500 lb of fentanyl powder nationwide, much of it routed through the Texas–Mexico corridor.
<b>Texas Crime (2024)</b>	Overall crime down 7.8% year-over-year.

- **Operation Lone Star:** The Texas National Guard and Department of Public Safety deploy teams to key areas, support local sheriffs, and interdict smugglers. OLS reports hundreds of thousands of apprehensions, tens of thousands of criminal arrests, and major fentanyl seizures because border security is public security.
- **Texas State Border Wall:** Texas has already built 65 miles of state-funded wall, a historic first. With over \$3 billion invested, Texas plans for hundreds more miles ahead.



The Texas National Guard: Holding the line at the Mexican border.

# PROTECT LIFE IN TEXAS

## Life is Sacred from the Very Start

### Texas Law, Principle, and Support

After the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in 2022, abortion policy returned to the states. Texas acted with the Heartbeat Act and trigger laws, protecting unborn children once a heartbeat is detected, often around six weeks.

These protections rest on a clear belief: life begins at conception. Guarding the unborn is not only a legal duty but a moral one, grounded in faith, family, and the conviction that every child is a gift from God.

Protection also means care. Texas backs mothers and families through adoption programs, pregnancy centers, and church ministries so no woman faces this decision alone.

### Protecting Mothers and Families

#### Legal Clarity

- Doctors can act in medical emergencies.
- Miscarriage treatment is permitted.
- Ectopic pregnancy care is legal.

#### How to Help

- Volunteer at a local pregnancy center.
- Donate baby supplies or funds.
- Support adoption programs.
- Offer rides, childcare, or meals.



*Faith, family, and Texas law defend the unborn.*

### Quick Facts

- There are 300+ pregnancy resource centers in Texas, compared to fewer than 20 abortion facilities statewide.
- In the first year after the Heartbeat Act, abortions in Texas dropped by more than 50,000.



**TEXAS  
RIGHT TO LIFE**

*We seek due process of law and equal protection of the law for all human beings from the moment of fertilization until natural death.*

**TEXAS RIGHT TO LIFE**



# DEFEND TEXAS VALUES

## Texas Protects Children from Radical Agendas

The Left demands that schools teach children to doubt who they are, hand out hormones, and silence churches that speak truth. Texas refuses: lawmakers and families stood up to stop radical gender ideology at the schoolhouse door, in the doctor's office, and in the pulpit.

### Why It Matters

Texas families believe children should be protected from radical experiments that attack faith, biology, and tradition. Defending Texas values means keeping schools focused on learning, churches free to speak truth, and parents - not liberal politicians - in charge of the next generation.

### Quick Facts

- 42% of transgender-identifying youth report serious mental health issues (CDC, 2023).
- Suicide attempts nearly 5x higher among youth pressured into gender transitions (Heritage, 2022).
- Texas law now bans puberty blockers and surgeries for minors. 83% of Texas Republicans support the ban (UT/TPP, 2023).
- More than 20 states are following Texas in passing bans on child gender-transition procedures (AP, 2023).



*San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio - Founded in 1738, this historic cathedral holds the remains of Alamo heroes William B. Travis, James Bowie, and Davy Crockett.*

# ENSURE TEXAS JOBS

## Secure the Border, Secure Our Paychecks

### Why It Matters

Texas workers built this state, and they deserve first claim on Texas jobs. When illegal immigrants cross the border and work off the books, they undercut wages and take opportunities meant for American families. That's not fair, and it's not sustainable. Protecting jobs starts with securing the border and enforcing the law so Texans can put food on the table without outsiders stealing their place.



*Texas jobs should go to Texans, not illegal labor undercutting wages on construction sites.*



*We will help the American workers.... American workers are more expensive, but they're better.*

**HOWARD LUTNICK**

**SECRETARY OF COMMERCE**

### Quick Facts

- ~1,739,000 illegal immigrants in Texas (2022 est., Migration Policy Institute)
- 8.1 % of the Texas workforce is illegal (2022, Economic Policy Institute)
- Studies show illegal immigration reduces wages for low-skilled Texas workers by approximately 5% (Center for Immigration Studies, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights)
- Deporting all illegal workers could return \$42 billion in jobs and wages to Texans (2018 baseline, Rice University Baker Institute, 2020 analysis)
- ~300,000 illegal workers are employed in Texas construction, which is about 25 % of that industry (2022, Houston Chronicle, 2025)

### Work Free, Not Union Bound

Texas has led the way as a Right-to-Work state since 1947. That means no worker is forced to join or fund a union just to keep their job. Freedom at work is about choice: you choose your employer, you choose your path, and you keep your paycheck without union bosses taking a cut. Texans built prosperity by standing on their own, and they're keeping it that way.

# TEXAS JUSTICE FIRST

## Elected by Texans, Answering to Texans

**Justice is forged here at home.** With Republican judges holding every seat on the state's highest courts, Texans know their laws will be read through a conservative lens. These courts settle defining questions on life, liberty, and elections, giving the state a legal backbone that matches its people's values. Where liberal states twist rulings to advance agendas, Texas rulings keep government anchored to tradition and the Constitution.

### Why It Matters

In Texas, local voters put judges on the bench. Statewide elections decide who interprets the law, and the result is two high courts (see below) fully in Republican hands. That means Texans shape the rulings that govern daily life.

### Quick Facts

- Texas has two highest courts: the Supreme Court (civil) and the Court of Criminal Appeals (criminal).
- Judges are chosen in statewide partisan elections, not by Washington insiders.
- Each court has 9 seats, all currently held by Republicans. Together, that's 18 of 18 seats under conservative control.



*Tarrant County Courthouse, Fort Worth: Pink granite and a copper dome crown this historic 1895 courthouse, symbolizing Texas's commitment to law and order.*



*In Texas, under this Supreme Court, the "Living Constitution" is Dead.*

**JIMMY BLACKLOCK**

**CHIEF JUSTICE, TEXAS SUPREME COURT**



# TRUTH OVER CLIMATE HYPE

## Federal Overreach on Climate: Texas Fights Back

Case / Rule / Bill	What It Is	Why Texans Push Back
<b>Methane Rule Fight (2024)</b>	Washington orders new methane leak inspections and costly repairs on Texas oilfields.	Federal bureaucrats dictate how Texas drills, risking jobs and local control in the Permian.
<b>Good Neighbor Ozone Rule (2023)</b>	EPA tries to force Texas to slash emissions for other states' smog.	Texas families pay while D.C. shifts blame. Our air, our rules.
<b>Endangerment Finding (2009)</b>	EPA declares CO <sub>2</sub> a "pollutant," unlocking endless climate mandates.	Unelected regulators rewrite law without Congress - the foundation of federal climate overreach.
<b>Texas Oil &amp; Gas Sanctuary Law (2023, HB 33)</b>	State law shields Texas from enforcing Biden-era climate edicts.	Texas asserts sovereignty: D.C. rules stop at our border.
<b>Supreme Court Check (2024)</b>	Court ends "Chevron deference," curbing agencies that invent new powers.	Confirms EPA goes too far. Judges set limits.

### Why It Matters

Federal climate rules reach far beyond speeches in Washington. They land on Texas job sites, ranches, and power bills.

Each mandate means new costs, new restrictions, and less control for families who already provide the nation's energy.

Texas resists because the issue is bigger than regulations. It is about keeping decisions in the hands of Texans rather than distant agencies.

### Quick Facts

- ~2,000,000,000 barrels of oil produced in Texas annually (2024, Railroad Commission of Texas)
- 480,460 Texas jobs supported by oil & gas (2024, American Oil & Gas Reporter)



*It is absurd to place the blame for climate change on only a few energy companies in America when the root causes of climate change are complex and not fully understood.*

**KEN PAXTON**

**TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL**

# LOWER TAXES, STRONGER TEXAS

## Cut Waste. Keep More. Build Texas.

Texas grows strongest when families keep their own money, not when government spends it for them. Every paycheck earned here should build homes, businesses, and futures, not vanish into bloated programs and failed projects. Strong states rise on low taxes and discipline, not high spending and debt.

### Lower Taxes Work

When Texans keep more of their paycheck, they spend it in their communities, build small businesses, and invest in their children's futures. Low taxes fuel job growth, keep housing affordable, and attract new employers from high-tax states. That's why Texas has led the nation in population growth and business relocations: money goes further here.



*Economic development is a team sport in Texas, and everyone has a role to play in building our future economy.*

**ADRIANA CRUZ**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TEXAS  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &  
TOURISM**

### Quick Facts

- Texas has no state income tax, saving families thousands each year. (Texas Comptroller, 2025)
- State lawmakers passed a \$17.6 billion property tax cut in 2023, the largest in Texas history. (Texas Tribune, 2023)
- Meanwhile, Washington added over \$6 trillion in new debt in just four years. (U.S. Treasury, 2024)

### Government Spending Run Wild

Every dollar wasted in Austin or Washington is a dollar stolen from Texas families. Runaway programs pile up debt, grow bureaucracy, and leave taxpayers with the bill. Liberals promise that more spending will solve problems, but it only feeds bigger government. Texas proves the opposite: when leaders cut waste and rein in budgets, prosperity follows.

### Marijuana Isn't Growth

Blue states sold marijuana as an economic miracle. Instead, they got more addiction, weaker workforces, and tax schemes that never delivered. Texas knows stronger families and safer communities come from hard work and discipline, not from building an economy around getting high.

### NEXT:

**Service Builds Communities**

**Youth Service**

**Faith in Action**

# SERVICE BUILDS COMMUNITIES

## WHAT THIS SECTION COVERS

This section shows how service grows into citizenship in the MAGA Era. You will learn what you can do at different ages, how to register and vote, why local elections and county government matter, and how to step into leadership, from student groups to running for local office.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Each year, 6.5 million Texans give their time as formal volunteers, contributing 440.6 million hours of service.
- 21.3% of Texans age 16 and older reported volunteering in the past 12 months.

### Why It Matters

Service is more than charity, it is preparation. Every act of responsibility like packing meals, cleaning parks, or caring for veterans, trains citizens for bigger roles. Strong service today means strong leaders tomorrow.

### From Service to Citizenship

Serving in your community leads to civic responsibility. You learn how decisions are made, how leaders act, and how to shape the future. In the MAGA Era, engaged citizens protect faith, freedom, and the states they call home.



*Texans serving Texans: Volunteers distribute meals to neighbors in need, showing the spirit of community that defines the Lone Star State*



*My greatest joy in life has been watching my children grow up into incredible adults with a deep love of their country and an even deeper love for the Lord.*

**KRISTI NOEM**

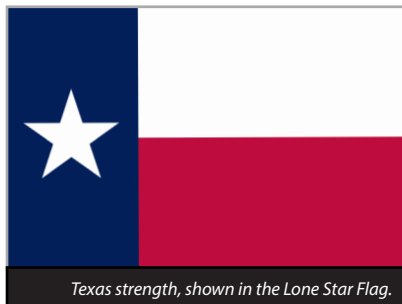
**SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

# YOUTH SERVICE

## Serving and Leading Your Community

### Why It Matters

In Texas, youth leadership isn't theory, it's practice. From volunteering at your house of worship to school programs, students learn discipline, patriotism, and responsibility before they can vote. Faith and freedom guide them, preparing a generation ready to defend their communities and their country.



### PATHWAYS IN TEXAS

Pathway	Examples	What It Builds
<b>Faith &amp; Community Service</b>	Religious youth groups, food drives, local charities	Responsibility, compassion, and teamwork anchor civic life and teach service through faith.
<b>Agriculture &amp; Trades</b>	FFA (Future Farmers of America), 4-H	Leadership in farming, ranching, and trades. Texas leads the nation with 200,000+ members preparing for careers and competitions.
<b>Civic Leadership</b>	YMCA Youth & Government, student councils, debate teams	Hands-on experience in lawmaking, public speaking, and running elections. Builds civic knowledge and confidence.
<b>Military &amp; Discipline</b>	Junior ROTC, Civil Air Patrol, Boy/Girl Scouts	Discipline, patriotism, outdoor skills, and service. Over 35,000 Texas students train in JROTC, preparing to lead their communities.

# FAITH IN ACTION

## Texas Houses of Worship Build Strong Communities

### Why It Matters

In Texas, houses of worship are the civic backbone. Faith teaches stewardship, personal responsibility, and love of neighbor. Strong congregations strengthen families, stabilize neighborhoods, and train the next generation to serve.

### What Faith Communities Do

- Food & Clothing - Weekly pantries, holiday drives, benevolence funds
- Disaster Response - Chainsaw crews, cleanup teams, hot meals after storms
- Youth Programs - Homework help, sports leagues, leadership training
- Care & Support - Counseling for families, recovery groups, hospital visits
- Civic Engagement - Candidate forums, citizenship classes, community service days



*Southern Baptist volunteers prepare thousands of meals for Galveston residents after a hurricane. Across Texas, faith communities respond when disaster strikes.*

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Faith-based organizations provide more than one-third of America's nonprofit services.
- In 2023 alone, Habitat for Humanity helped 13.4 million people build or improve a place to call home.
- Faith-inspired organizations account for 40% of social safety net spending.
- More than 70% of U.S. volunteers say faith was a factor in their decision to serve.
- Religious volunteering is the top volunteering type: about 34% of people who volunteer do so for their church or religious group.



*You cannot expect victory and plan for defeat.*

**JOEL OSTEEN**

### NEXT:

**Building Your Future**

**Joining the Military**

**Money is Freedom: Keep Yours**



# BUILDING YOUR FUTURE

## WHAT THIS SECTION COVERS

This section shows how everyday life skills turn responsibility into independence. From earning your first paycheck to opening a bank account, from paying taxes to getting an ID, you'll learn practical steps that prepare you for freedom, stability, and opportunity.

### First Jobs Matter

Getting a first job is about more than money. In Texas, work teaches responsibility, punctuality, and service. Whether mowing lawns, stocking shelves, or helping at a local food drive, showing up on time and working hard builds a reputation that lasts.

#### Where to Look

- Ask family, friends, or neighbors
- Check local businesses
- Explore youth job programs



Many teenagers find their first job in the food service industry.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- Texas has more working teens than any other state: over 400,000 aged 16-19 are in the workforce (U.S. Census ACS).
- Top entry jobs: food service, retail, babysitting, lawn care, and farm work.
- Average starting wage for Texas teens is \$13-16 per hour.
- 55% of Texas high schoolers hold at least one paid job before graduation.

#### How to Prepare and Apply

- ☐ Start with simple work experience
- ☐ Be neat and on time, first impressions count
- ☐ Bring a short resume or list of skills
- ☐ Show respect with your words and body language
- ☐ Follow up with a thank-you



*We live in the greatest state,  
in the greatest nation, in the  
history of the world.*

**BETH VAN DUYN**

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE**

# JOINING THE MILITARY

## Answering the Call to Serve

### Paths to Service

Serving your country is more than a job: it's duty, discipline, and leadership. Military and national service build character while offering real rewards: education benefits like the GI Bill, ROTC scholarships, housing and food allowances, leadership training, technical skills, and the pride of defending freedom.



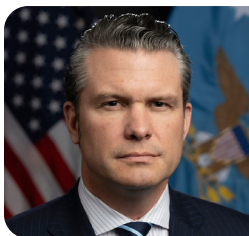
Citizen soldiers: National Guard members train and serve to protect both their states and the nation when called.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- About 1.3 million Americans serve on active duty, with another 800,000 in the Reserves and National Guard.
- The military's core mission is to protect our nation and defend it at home and abroad.
- Military members take an oath to support and defend the Constitution, reflecting America's founding commitment to liberty and duty.

### Thinking About Service?

- ☐ Consider the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard
- ☐ Research ROTC, Guard, and GI Bill benefits
- ☐ Talk with a recruiter
- ☐ Ask family members or veterans about their experience



*Peace through strength works; but the flip side is war invited by weakness.*

**PETE HEGSETH**

**SECRETARY OF WAR**

### DID YOU KNOW?

In 2025, the Department of Defense was renamed the Department of War, restoring its original title from 1789-1947.

# MONEY IS FREEDOM: KEEP YOURS

## Independence Starts When You Own Your Money

### How to Open a Bank Account

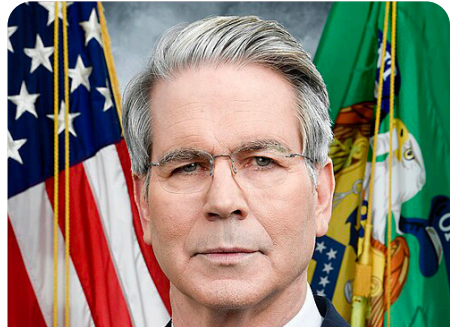
Bring ID and a small deposit. If under 18, a parent/guardian may need to co-sign. Look for no monthly fees, free mobile banking, and low or no minimum deposit.

- Checking - everyday spending
- Savings - only spend for emergencies

### Build & Protect Your Credit

Paying bills on time shows responsibility, saves money, and builds freedom. Bad habits pile up debt, fees, and interest.

- Pay on time, every time.
- Use less than 30% of your balance.
- Keep old accounts open.

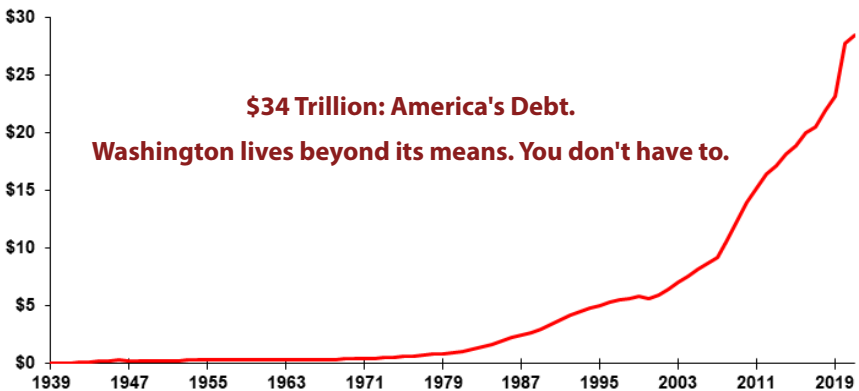


*Financially responsible citizens  
will demand financially  
responsible leaders.*

**SCOTT BESSENT**

**SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY**

**Taxes decide how much of your paycheck you keep.** Learn the rules and protect your earnings: Washington racks up trillions in debt, but still pulls from your wallet.



*In this world nothing  
can be said to be  
certain, except death  
and taxes.*

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**

### NEXT:

**The Truth vs. Fake News**

**Media Manipulation**

**The "Fake News" Playbook**

**Media That Still Tells the Truth**



# THE TRUTH VS. FAKE NEWS

## WHAT THIS SECTION COVERS

For years, the mainstream media has claimed to be the "gatekeepers of truth." But in reality, powerful outlets have used their influence to shape what Americans believe, sometimes presenting selective coverage or advancing particular narratives. President Trump highlighted concerns about media bias. Media literacy means trusting your own judgment, your community, and the values that built this nation instead of accepting headlines at face value.

## Has Harris pulled ahead of Trump? The state of the 2024 polls, explained

What's happened in the polls after the debate — and the implications for the Electoral College

by Andrew Prokop

September 25, 2024 • Vox



## Wall Street No Longer Looks Confident About a Trump Win

Market indicators and investor sentiment shifted as polling showed a tightening race in key battleground states during the final stretch of the campaign.

by Kevin T. Dugan

November 4, 2024 • New York Magazine



*One outlet frames Harris as favored where it matters. Another signals markets losing confidence in Trump. Same moment: two headlines nudging the viewer toward "Trump will lose."*



*Years of intense media coverage shaped public discourse. Many supporters say "fake news" narratives and critical headlines contributed to a polarized political climate that extended beyond media commentary.*

### DID YOU KNOW?

- In 1980, many networks dismissed Ronald Reagan as "too extreme."
- In 2016, most outlets said Trump had "no path," yet he shocked the world and won.
- In 2024, major pollsters predicted a tight race or even a Harris win. Polling models failed to detect a surge among working-class and rural voters, and Trump won overwhelmingly.

# MEDIA MANIPULATION

## Don't Let the Media Lie to You

### What It Is

Media manipulation is when powerful outlets present selective coverage or frame stories in ways that may influence public perception of an issue - what President Trump calls "fake news."

### Why It Matters

Young Americans deserve comprehensive coverage, not just what major media outlets prioritize. Truth matters, and an informed citizen deserves multiple perspectives.

## SAME STORIES, DIFFERENT FRAMES

### Fox News

*Supreme Court will hear pro-life nonprofit's free speech fight against New Jersey*

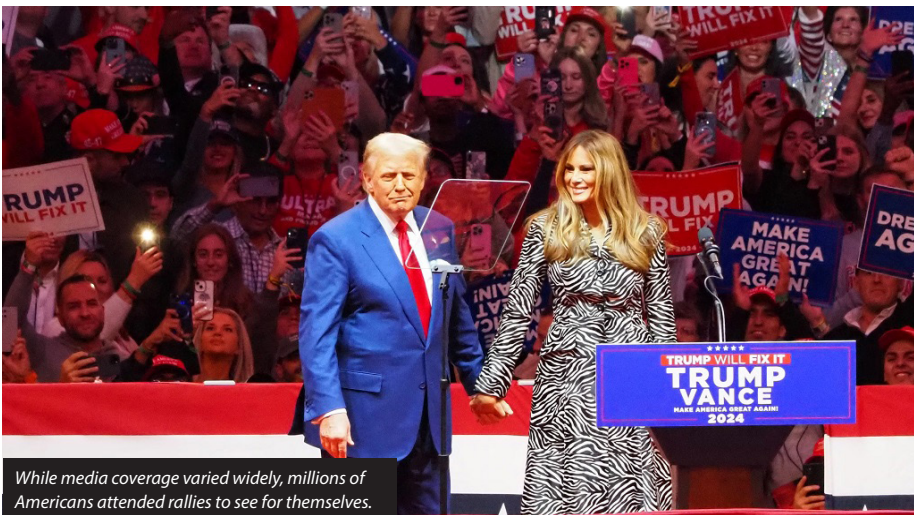


### CNN

*Supreme Court to hear arguments over whether states may subpoena faith-based pregnancy centers*



*Fox News frames this as a free-speech issue; CNN emphasizes the legal questions about subpoenaing religious beliefs. Different outlets highlight different aspects of the story. Seek diverse sources and form your own conclusions.*



*While media coverage varied widely, millions of Americans attended rallies to see for themselves.*

# THE FAKE NEWS PLAYBOOK

## The Script for Shaping Opinion

### Political Bias Is Everywhere

Big media outlets, Hollywood voices, and online influencers often favor particular narratives. Sometimes it's subtle, other times it's more apparent. In 2016, 2020, and 2024, many networks presented heavily critical coverage of Donald J. Trump. The prevalence of negative headlines shaped public discourse and may have influenced perceptions before voters cast their ballots.



*Despite years of critical coverage, Trump's message resonated with voters who formed their own conclusions beyond media commentary.*

### TACTICS USED

<b>Loaded Language</b>	Calling American voters "threats to democracy."
<b>Cherry-Picking Facts</b>	Reporting negative polls while giving less coverage to rally attendance.
<b>False Balance</b>	Giving disproportionate weight to critics while minimizing achievements.
<b>Outrage Bait</b>	Amplifying controversial stories to maintain viewer engagement.
<b>Echo Chambers</b>	Populating social media feeds with predominantly critical coverage.



*Fake News Media is the enemy of the American people.*

**PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP**

# MEDIA THAT STILL TELLS THE TRUTH

## Voices You Can Trust

		<p>The Dispatch: A conservative publication focused on principled reporting, political analysis, and thoughtful commentary.</p>
		<p>Student Press Law Center (SPLC): Supports student journalists and protects First Amendment rights in schools.</p>
		<p>FOX News: A conservative cable news network offering national and international news coverage, opinion pieces, and political commentary.</p>
		<p>Newsmax: A conservative media outlet covering news, politics, health, and finance. Known for its talk shows and alternative takes.</p>
		<p>The Washington Times: A Washington, DC-based conservative newspaper known for investigative reporting and commentary.</p>
		<p>The Dallas Morning News: A respected Texas newspaper known for balanced reporting on state politics and community issues.</p>

### Make a Difference

If you see bias, speak up. If you want truth, go to outlets that respect faith, family, and freedom. You have the right to demand honesty.

### NEXT:

**Protect Yourself**

**Predators Behind the Screen**

**Your Rights at School & Online**

**Protect Your Time**

**Hotlines That Save Lives**

# PROTECT YOURSELF

## WHAT THIS SECTION COVERS

Every day you make choices about what you share, whom you trust, and how you stand up for yourself. This section gives you the tools to protect your safety, your rights, and your future in the MAGA era. You'll learn how to recognize dangers online, access emergency resources when you need them, understand your constitutional rights at school, and set healthy boundaries with technology.

These pages help you understand what protection actually looks like and empower you to take action, not just absorb information.

### Red State Rules for Life

Threats do not always come with clear warnings. They can appear in a text message, a classmate's dare, an unsafe party, or the endless pull of your phone. The pages ahead cover the dangers teens face today: stolen time, stolen data, abusive relationships, predators, and the pressure to make risky choices.

What matters is how you respond. Learn your rights at school and online, build habits that protect your focus, and know where to turn when life gets serious. Protection is not built on fear. It comes from strength, discipline, and faith in yourself. Protecting yourself is about living with responsibility, loyalty to family, and values no one can take away.

### Abusive Relationships

Abuse is control, not love. It can start small with insults, guilt, or constant check ins, but grows into threats and fear. Real love builds you up; it never traps you. Know the red flags, do not excuse them, and do not let anyone take away your God given worth.

### Cyberbullying & Online Reputation

Your choices online follow you to school, work, and church. Cyberbullying harms both the target and the bully through threats, fake accounts, or insults. Screenshots last longer than words. Protect yourself with privacy settings, evidence, and refusing to spread harm.



*If you harm our children, you will be given no sanctuary. There is no place we will not come to hunt you down. There is no place we will not look for you. And there is no cage we will not put you in should you do harm to our children.*

**KASH PATEL**

**FBI DIRECTOR**



# PREDATORS BEHIND THE SCREEN

## How Sextortion Scams Trap Teens Online

**Big Tech** looks away while predators prowl behind fake accounts. They use shame and blackmail to corner teens, demanding photos, money, or silence. Don't give in. Save proof, report it, and tell someone you trust. Families, faith and law enforcement are your shield. Count on them to protect you, not the tech platforms.

### Sextortion

Sextortion is when predators trick or pressure teens into sending photos, then threaten to spread them unless you pay or obey. It's digital blackmail, and it's rising because our culture rewards clicks.

### REAL STORIES, REAL CONSEQUENCES

#### People

*Teen was blackmailed with A.I.-generated nude photo of himself. Then he died by suicide.*



#### AP News

*Four men arrested in West Africa for extortion scheme linked to California teen's suicide*



*Eli Heacock (16) was sextorted via AI-generated nude images and threatened for cash, Ryan Last (17) was extorted by a scammer posing as a teen. Both died by suicide.*

### STAY SAFE

**Do** save evidence: screenshots, usernames, and messages.

**Do** report to the platform, a trusted adult, or a helpline.

**Do** reach out quickly to family, a school counselor, or law enforcement.

**Do not** send explicit content to people you haven't met in person.

**Do not** negotiate or explain. Predators count on fear.

**Do not** pay money or gift cards or give in to threats.

## Father of teen sextortion victim warns of 'alarming' FBI report

By Audrey Conklin

FOX NEWS

January 23, 2024



# YOUR RIGHTS AT SCHOOL & ONLINE

## Protecting Faith, Speech, and Privacy

### Why It Matters



Students do not leave their First Amendment rights at the schoolhouse door. The Constitution protects your ability to speak freely, gather peacefully, and live your faith without favoritism or censorship. Schools cannot silence conservative views while allowing progressive ones, or block religious clubs while permitting secular groups. Fairness under the law belongs to every student.

### What It Covers

Your rights extend beyond the classroom. The Supreme Court has ruled that off-campus speech, including posts on social media, is strongly protected, even if administrators dislike your viewpoint. At school, staff may search a bag or locker if they suspect rule-breaking, but they cannot scroll through your phone or read private messages without real cause. Both your property and your digital life remain under constitutional protection.

### Public vs. Private Schools

Public schools must follow the Constitution, guaranteeing free speech, religious expression, and equal treatment for all students. Private schools set their own rules, but they are still bound by basic laws against harassment and discrimination. Families must understand the difference before choosing.

## SUPREME COURT VICTORIES FOR STUDENTS

<i>Tinker v. Des Moines</i> (1969)	Students do not "shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate."
<i>Westside v. Mergens</i> (2021)	Schools cannot punish off-campus speech unless it causes a major disruption.
<i>Mahanoy v. B.L.</i> (2021)	Schools must allow student religious clubs if they allow other extracurricular groups.



*We will eliminate unnecessary bureaucracy so that our colleges, K-12 schools, students, and teachers can innovate and thrive.*

LINDA McMAHON

SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

# PROTECT YOUR TIME

## Don't Let Screens Steal Your Life

### Why It Matters



Teens today are spending more time on screens than ever before. Nearly half of all U.S. teenagers report four or more hours of daily screen use outside of school, and the average has now climbed above seven hours a day. That much time takes a toll. It eats into sleep, drains attention needed for schoolwork, and replaces time with family and friends that cannot be won back. Every hour handed to Big Tech is an hour lost to faith, family, and future - and the longer the habit lasts, the harder it becomes to break free.

### Fight Back

- **Protect family time:** no phones at dinner, church, or real conversations.
- **Set boundaries:** people before screens, every time.
- **Sleep phone-free:** charge it across the room.
- **Delete time-wasters:** cut apps that manipulate you.

### Downside of Excessive Screen Time

- Heavy users are 3 times more likely to show symptoms of depression compared to light users (CDC, 2023)
- 60–70 percent of American teens live with a borderline to severe sleep debt (Child Mind Institute, 2024)
- Students who spend more than 7 hours a day on screens are 40 percent less likely to get good grades (Adelantado-Renau et al., 2019)



*Discipline is not punishment.  
Discipline is changing  
someone's behavior.*

**NICK SABAN**

**ALABAMA FOOTBALL COACH /  
SPORTS COMMENTATOR**

### Help Cut Screen Time

- **Common Sense Media** ([commonsensemedia.org](https://commonsensemedia.org)) – Offers free tools, app reviews, and family media plans to help set healthy screen limits.
- **Center for Humane Technology** ([humanetech.com](https://humanetech.com)) – Provides guides on breaking tech addiction and rebuilding focus, created by former tech insiders.
- **Screen Time Action Network** ([screentimenetwork.org](https://screentimenetwork.org)) – Connects families with local support groups and provides practical strategies for reducing dependence on devices.

*Many other organizations offer support, search "screen time help for teens" to find programs near you.*

# HOTLINES THAT SAVE LIVES

## One Number Can Make the Difference

### How to Use This Page

If someone is in danger right now, call 911. For everything else, use the numbers below.

### EMERGENCY HOTLINES

<b>SAMHSA National Helpline</b>	Confidential help for substance use and mental health. Available 24/7.	1-800-662-HELP (4357)	samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline
<b>National Domestic Violence Hotline</b>	24/7 confidential chat or call support in 200+ languages.	800-799-SAFE (7233)	thehotline.org
<b>National Suicide Prevention Lifeline</b>	24/7 confidential support for people in distress, in English and Spanish.	Call or text 988	988lifeline.org
<b>National Sexual Assault Hotline (RAINN)</b>	24/7 support for survivors of sexual assault.	800-656-HOPE (4673)	rainn.org
<b>National Human Trafficking Hotline</b>	Confidential help and reporting, available 24/7.	888-373-7888 or text "INFO" to 233733	humantraffickinghotline.org
<b>National Problem Gambling Helpline</b>	Confidential help for gambling problems, available 24/7.	1-800-522-4700	ncpgambling.org



*We have a whole generation of kids who are dispossessed, they're alienated, they're marginalized, their suicide rates are exploding – the second largest killer for young people is drug addiction.*

**ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.**

**SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**



### When to Call

If you're in crisis, struggling with addiction, facing violence, or just need to talk, you don't have to face it alone.

### NEXT:

**Demand the Truth, Not Spin**

**A Letter They Can't Ignore**

**Emails That Get Action**








# DEMAND THE TRUTH, NOT SPIN

## Open Data, Honest Answers

### WHAT THIS SECTION COVERS

This section gives you the tools to make your voice heard. You'll learn how to write effective letters and emails to officials, use FOIA requests to demand government transparency, and access public data sources that hold power accountable. They are how citizens defend their rights and shape the country.

### TRUSTWORTHY DATA SOURCES

Source	What You'll Find
 Bureau of Economic Analysis (bea.gov)	GDP, personal income, and economic data by state and county
 Bureau of Labor Statistics (bls.gov)	Unemployment, wages, prices, pay rates, inflation, and job trends
 Data.gov	300,000+ federal datasets on energy, disaster, science, and more
 Bureau of Justice Statistics (bjs.ojp.gov)	Crime statistics, public safety data, victimization rates, and methods
 National Center for Education Statistics (nces.ed.gov)	Graduation rates, test scores, education spending, and school outcomes
 U.S. Census Bureau (census.gov/acs)	Population, demographics, age, race, households, income, and community data
 U.S. Department of Agriculture (ers.usda.gov)	Farm production, food supply, and rural statistics

### FOIA: When Public Data Isn't Enough

Since 1967, the **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)** has forced agencies to release records instead of hiding behind closed doors. They cannot bury the truth unless it involves national security or private details. Citizens can request documents, emails, data, and internal communications that reveal how decisions are made. Start with the agency sites above, but if those don't provide what you need, file a written request online or by email. For step-by-step instructions on filing effective FOIA requests, scan the code at right.





# A LETTER THEY CAN'T IGNORE

## When Ink Demands Attention

When you put your thoughts on paper, you show that you care enough to take action. A letter carries weight because it is permanent, personal, and impossible to ignore. Whether you are writing to an elected official or to a newspaper editor, the rules are the same: be clear, respectful, and direct about what matters and what you want done.

### To an Elected Official

Officials pay attention when constituents reach out. Always include your name and address so they know you live in their district. Be timely, sending your letter before a vote or decision, and explain the action you want taken. Keep it short, but specific enough that they know exactly how to follow up.

### Writing to the Editor

Letters to the editor shape public opinion and show that the community is paying attention. Keep it under 200 words, respond to a specific article when possible, and focus on your perspective as a neighbor, parent, or citizen. Share why the issue matters to you, give a short example, and end with the response or change you hope to see.

#### Sample Letter to an Elected Official

Dear [Title + Last Name],

As a resident of [city], I am writing to share my thoughts on [issue]. This issue matters to me because [one or two sentences on how it affects you, your family, or your community]. It is an issue I have seen impact neighbors and friends as well, and I believe it deserves your careful attention.

I respectfully ask that you [specific action - such as vote for/against a bill, hold a public meeting, or support funding]. Taking this step would make a real difference for families like mine and for our community as a whole.

Sincerely,

[Your Full Name]

#### Sample Letter to the Editor

Dear [Editor],

I am writing about [article title and date] because this issue matters deeply to me. It affects [one or two sentences on how it impacts you, your family, or your community]. I have also seen how it touches others in my city, and I believe it deserves more public attention.

I hope the paper will [specific action - such as continue coverage, highlight community voices, or call for accountability]. Sharing these views helps readers understand why this issue deserves attention and encourages others to speak up as well.

Sincerely,

[Your Full Name]

# EMAILS THAT GET ACTION

## Click Send, Get Results

### SIX STEPS FOR A STRONG EMAIL

<b>1. Be Clear</b>	Write a short subject line that can be read at a glance.	"Question about deadline" / "Follow-up: August 5 Meeting"
<b>2. Be Respectful</b>	Greet by title and last name, or use their role if you don't know the name.	"Hello Mr. Johnson" / "Dear Hiring Manager"
<b>3. Be Direct</b>	In your first sentence, say exactly why you're writing.	"I'm writing to ask about..."
<b>4. Be Specific</b>	Add key details—deadlines, needs, or what you've already done.	"I've completed the form and just need confirmation of..."
<b>5. Be Grateful</b>	Show thanks for their time and help.	"Thank you for your time."
<b>6. Be Professional</b>	End with a simple closing and your full name.	"Sincerely, Jordan Carter"

#### Sample Email Template

Subject: [Short phrase about your request, e.g. "Support for HB 1023"]

Dear [Title + Last Name],

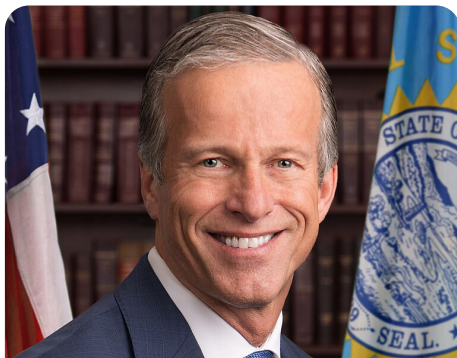
I am writing as a resident of [town/city] to share my perspective on [issue]. This issue matters to me because [one or two sentences on how it affects you, your family, or your community].

I respectfully ask that you [state your request, such as vote for/against a bill, hold a public meeting, or support funding]. Taking this step would make a difference for families like mine and for our community.

Thank you for your time and for considering my perspective. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

[Your Full Name]



*Reckless, out-of-control government spending must end.*

**SENATOR JOHN THUNE**

**SENATE MAJORITY LEADER**

#### NEXT:

**America's Unbreakable Words**

**The Declaration of Independence**

**The United States Constitution**

**The Bill of Rights & Amendments**

# AMERICA'S UNBREAKABLE WORDS

## WHAT THIS SECTION COVERS

You will see the founding words that define America: the Declaration of Independence that broke with tyranny, the Constitution that built a government of checks and balances, the Bill of Rights that locks in freedoms, and the key amendments that shaped our nation's path. Together they show how liberty is written, defended, and carried forward.

**America is not built on feelings or trends.** It's built on the words in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. They establish what citizens can expect and set clear limits on what leaders can do. When a policy aligns with these principles, it has legitimacy. When it violates them, it should be rejected. Defending these documents means defending the country your parents and grandparents fought to preserve.

- **The Declaration of Independence** (1776) says our rights come from God, not from kings or parties.
- **The Constitution** (1788) turns that truth into a working plan, with power divided and checked so no person can crown themselves king.
- **The Bill of Rights** (1791) locks the door, protecting speech, faith, self-defense, due process, and more from anyone who tries to take them.

**"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO  
THE FLAG OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO  
THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH  
IT STANDS, ONE NATION  
UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE,  
WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE  
FOR ALL."**

*Reciting the Pledge is a commitment to defend the Republic and uphold the promise of liberty and justice for every American.*

## MAGA Guide

1. Read the documents. Don't let anyone tell you what they "really mean."
2. Understand what they ask of you as a citizen.
3. Measure every leader and law against what's written.



*I believe in the right to offend. To insult. Even to horrify. It's not that we're supposed to enjoy it; it's that we're supposed to allow it and then respond in a more persuasive voice. That's the bedrock of the First Amendment - the answer to speech you do not like is not less speech, it's more speech.*

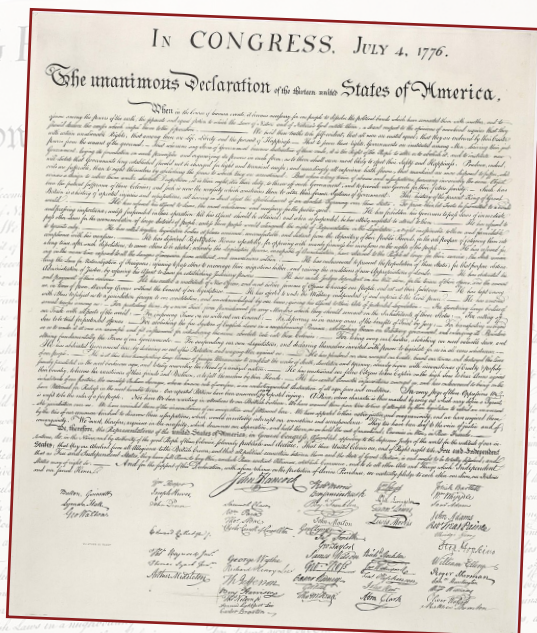
**MEGYN KELLY**

# THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

## The Statement that Launched a Nation

### Why It (Still) Matters

The Declaration was written to explain why the colonies had no choice but to break away. Unfair taxes, soldiers forced into homes, and attacks on faith and freedom were proof that the Crown had broken its trust. The Founders understood that government exists to protect rights, not trample them. They made clear: when government destroys your rights, the people have the right and the duty to replace it. This principle remains the foundation of American liberty.



### Guided by Providence

The Declaration of Independence wasn't a request; it was a statement of truth. Our rights come from God, not from government. The Founders told the world that liberty is worth defending and that when government destroys freedom, the people have the right and duty to replace it. No king or tyrant could claim authority over free people.

Every signer risked everything. Under British law, they committed treason, punishable by death. They knew the danger, yet they chose country over comfort and liberty over life. Many lost their homes and fortunes. Some lost their families. Their courage is America's founding promise: freedom is worth defending at any cost.

### Learn More

Read the Declaration of Independence here:



### Lea Más (Spanish)

Lea la Constitución de los Estados Unidos en español aquí:



"All men are created equal" is a truth that transcends borders and languages. This Spanish translation extends the Declaration's message of universal human rights to more readers.

## KEY MOMENTS IN THE DECLARATION'S STORY

<b>June 7, 1776</b>	Congressman Richard Henry Lee proposed independence.	Sparked debate that led to drafting the Declaration.
<b>June 11, 1776</b>	Committee of Five began drafting.	Jefferson wrote the first draft, with edits from Franklin and Adams.
<b>July 2, 1776</b>	Congress voted for independence.	The colonies formally broke from Britain.
<b>July 4, 1776</b>	Declaration adopted.	America presented its case for liberty to the world.
<b>August 2, 1776</b>	Most delegates signed the parchment.	Signing showed unity and courage despite the danger.
<b>September 3, 1783</b>	Treaty of Paris signed.	Britain officially recognized U.S. independence.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Jefferson's draft included a line condemning the slave trade. Congress cut it to keep southern colonies united.
- John Adams predicted July 2, the vote for independence, would be America's holiday. He wrote his wife Abigail that fireworks and celebrations would mark the date for generations.
- The original parchment is kept at the National Archives in Washington, DC. The faded ink is why most reproductions use a facsimile.
- Only about 200 copies of the first printed version, called the "Dunlap Broad sides," still exist. One sold at auction for over \$8 million.



Painting: Declaration of Independence by John Trumbull (1819), showing the Declaration being represented to the Congress.



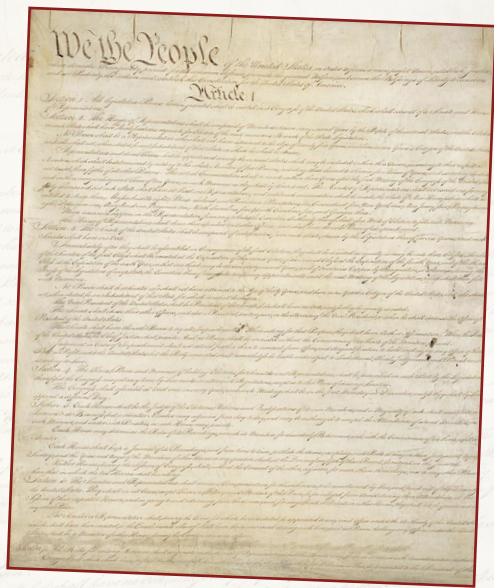
# THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

## The Law That Secured America

### Why It (Still) Matters

The Constitution is the foundation of our Republic. It created three branches of government, set limits on power, and guaranteed that America would be ruled by laws, not by kings. It gave states a voice, citizens a shield, and future generations a framework for liberty.

Their vision worked: the United States became the freest and most powerful country on Earth. Today, the Constitution reminds us that government serves the people, not the other way around.



### A Framework for Freedom

The Constitution created a system where no one could hold absolute power. The Framers divided authority between branches, protected state sovereignty, and secured individual rights. They knew unchecked government destroys liberty, so they built safeguards into every article.

The result was revolutionary: a republic that could adapt without collapsing, strong enough to endure crisis yet flexible enough to grow. The Framers added an amendment process because they trusted Americans to meet future challenges without betraying founding principles. Over two centuries later, the Constitution remains our shield against tyranny and our roadmap for self-government.

### Learn More

Read the United States Constitution here:



### Lea Más (Spanish)

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39% of Houston students speak a language other than English at home. This Spanish version ensures all students can access America's founding principles.

## KEY MOMENTS IN THE CONSTITUTION'S STORY

<b>May 25, 1787</b>	Constitutional Convention opened in Philadelphia.	Delegates met to replace the Articles of Confederation.
<b>September 17, 1787</b>	Constitution signed by 39 delegates.	Created a stronger national government with checks and balances.
<b>June 21, 1788</b>	New Hampshire became the 9th state to ratify.	Constitution officially took effect.
<b>March 4, 1789</b>	New government began operating under the Constitution.	George Washington soon inaugurated as the first President.
<b>December 15, 1791</b>	Bill of Rights ratified.	Guaranteed key freedoms like religion, speech, and due process.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The Constitutional Convention met in private in Philadelphia's Independence Hall.
- Of the 13 original states, only 12 participated. Rhode Island refused to send delegates at all.
- George Washington was elected president of the Convention.
- The Constitution included the Three-Fifths Compromise, counting enslaved people as three-fifths for representation and taxes.
- George Mason and Patrick Henry refused to sign, arguing it gave too much power to the federal government.
- In more than 230 years, only 27 amendments have been added.



*Painting: Scene at the Signing of the Constitution by Howard Chandler Christy (1940). This large painting hangs in the U.S. Capitol and depicts the delegates at the signing of the Constitution in Independence Hall, 1787. George Washington stands at the center, presiding.*

# THE BILL OF RIGHTS & AMENDMENTS

## Keeping Government in Check

**The Bill of Rights is America's line in the sand:** ten amendments that protect faith, speech, self-defense, and state sovereignty. Patriots have fought for these rights in every generation, and MAGA fights for them today.

The Amendment	What This Means to You
<p><b>First Amendment</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Faith and Free Speech Under Fire</b></p> <p>The First Amendment is the cornerstone of American liberty, protecting freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, and the right to petition government. MAGA defends the right to practice faith, speak truth, and hold leaders accountable. <i>MAGA fights to overcome Democrat suppression of conservative free speech.</i></p>
<p><b>Second Amendment</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>The Right That Protects All Others</b></p> <p>The Second Amendment is about freedom. Our Founders knew citizens must defend themselves, their families, and their nation. Today, it is the firewall against tyranny, crime, and chaos. Law-abiding Americans must never be stripped of their guns. The right to keep and bear arms keeps families safe and government in check. <i>The MAGA belief in the Second Amendment is absolute.</i></p>
<p><b>Third Amendment</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Fourth Amendment</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Freedom Begins at Your Front Door</b></p> <p>The Third and Fourth Amendments protect the home. The Founders knew tyranny begins when government enters private houses. The Third bars soldiers from being forced upon families. The Fourth stops warrantless raids, searches, and surveillance. For MAGA, the home is sacred ground. Washington has no authority inside, whether through spying, armed raids, or rules that trample faith and family. Freedom means government stays outside the door. <i>Probable cause must be more than disliking a person because they are conservative.</i></p>

## The Amendment

## What This Means to You

### Fifth Amendment

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 offence 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.

### Sixth Amendment

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense.

### Seventh Amendment

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

### Eighth Amendment

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

### Justice Belongs to the People

The Fifth and Sixth Amendments ensure that justice serves citizens, not the government. These protections stand between Americans and an overreaching state that could jail, prosecute, or punish without accountability.

The Fifth prevents double jeopardy, protects against self-incrimination, and guarantees due process before property or freedom can be taken. It stops prosecutors from weaponizing charges or seizing assets without fair compensation. When political targets face prosecution, these safeguards matter most. *Trials must be fair for conservatives and liberals alike. The fairness doctrine requires this.*

The Sixth guarantees a speedy trial, an impartial jury, the right to confront witnesses, and access to legal counsel. Yet cases drag on for months or years while defendants wait. High-profile prosecutions become political spectacles rather than pursuits of justice. These delays undermine the very freedom these amendments were designed to protect. *There is no speed in our system of justice. Everyone gets the right to counsel but justice drags on endlessly.*

### Fair Trials and Fair Punishment

The Seventh and Eighth Amendments guard against courtroom abuse. They ensure citizens can bring disputes before a jury and that punishments fit the crime. These protections stop government from using excessive bail or fines to crush opponents and prevent cruel treatment of prisoners. These principles matter when citizens face heavy penalties for small offenses while powerful figures escape consequences. *Excessive bail should only be required for heinous crimes.*

**The Amendment**

**What This Means to You**

**Ninth Amendment**

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

**Rights Beyond the Constitution**

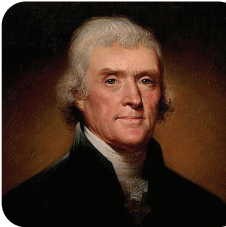
The Ninth Amendment protects rights not specifically listed in the Constitution. Your freedoms don't come from government - they come from God and belong to you as an individual. Washington doesn't grant rights; it exists to protect them. This amendment ensures that just because something isn't written down doesn't mean the government can take it away. *The people hold rights whether Washington acknowledges them or not.*

**Tenth Amendment**

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

**Power Reserved to States and Citizens**

The Tenth Amendment draws the line: power not given to the federal government belongs to the states and to citizens. These words are at the heart of today's battles over federal overreach. Families and states fight back when Washington tries to dictate school policy, regulate faith, or seize authority never granted in the Constitution. This is the foundation of self-government and the heartbeat of the MAGA movement. *The federal government has only the powers the Constitution grants, nothing more.*



*A Bill of Rights is what the people are entitled to against every government, and what no just government should refuse, or rest on inference.*

**THOMAS JEFFERSON**

The Bill of Rights was only the beginning. Over time, new amendments were added to correct injustice, expand liberty, and protect the republic. Each marks a turning point where Americans stood up to defend freedom in their own era.

**The Constitution grows stronger when citizens demand accountability, resist overreach, and fight for what is right.**

For MAGA, these chapters prove that our nation is never finished.



The Amendment	What This Means to You
<p><b>13th Amendment (1865)</b></p> <p>Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.</p>	<p><b>Freedom Secured by Republicans</b></p> <p>The 13th Amendment ended slavery after a bloody Civil War that cost over 600,000 lives. President Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican president, saw it as fulfilling America's founding promise that all men are created equal under God. For MAGA, this amendment proves Republicans have always been the party of freedom. <i>MAGA stands unified and firm against slavery.</i></p>
<p><b>14th Amendment (1868)</b></p> <p>All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.</p>	<p><b>Equal Protection for Citizens</b></p> <p>The 14th Amendment secured citizenship and equal protection to guarantee every American would be treated fairly by their government. Today, it stands at the center of fierce debates. Some try to extend it to non-citizens, weakening the rights of those who are. MAGA holds that the 14th must mean what it says: protection for U.S. citizens. Equal justice belongs to Americans, and due process cannot be sacrificed to political agendas. <i>MAGA stands by due process but citizens of the United States must come first.</i></p>
<p><b>15th Amendment (abridged, 1870)</b></p> <p>The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.</p>	<p><b>Protecting the Ballot</b></p> <p>These amendments expanded the vote to freedmen, to women, and to young Americans old enough to fight for their country. Each reflects a step toward making the ballot a tool of self-government for every citizen. For MAGA, these protections mean little if elections are not secure. A right to vote must come with responsibility and integrity. Every legal vote should count, and only legal votes should count. The strength of the republic rests on citizens choosing their leaders honestly, without fraud, manipulation, or interference. <i>Only American citizens should be allowed to vote in American elections.</i></p>
<p><b>19th Amendment (abridged, 1920)</b></p> <p>The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex.</p>	
<p><b>26th Amendment (abridged, 1971)</b></p> <p>The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged on account of age.</p>	

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## A Call to Stand, Defend, and Lead

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