

# The Government of the New Nation

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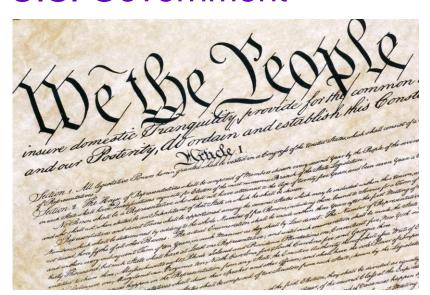




The Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution in 1791.

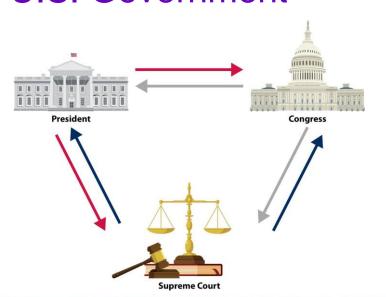
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The first words of the Constitution—"We the People"—reflect the idea of popular sovereignty.





The Constitution limits the power of government through separation of powers and a system of checks and balances.





The Constitution establishes a federal system of government, in which power is divided between national and state governments.





The Constitution includes a process for amending it. As of 2023, twenty-seven amendments had been added to the Constitution.



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