

Article 4: Relations Among the States

Main Idea:

states must honor one another's laws, records & court rulings

Define extradition:

criminals must be returned to the state where the crime was committed (cannot escape punishment by fleeing to another state)

Define federalism:

a system of gov'n't where power is divided b/t a central gov'n't and smaller units, such as states

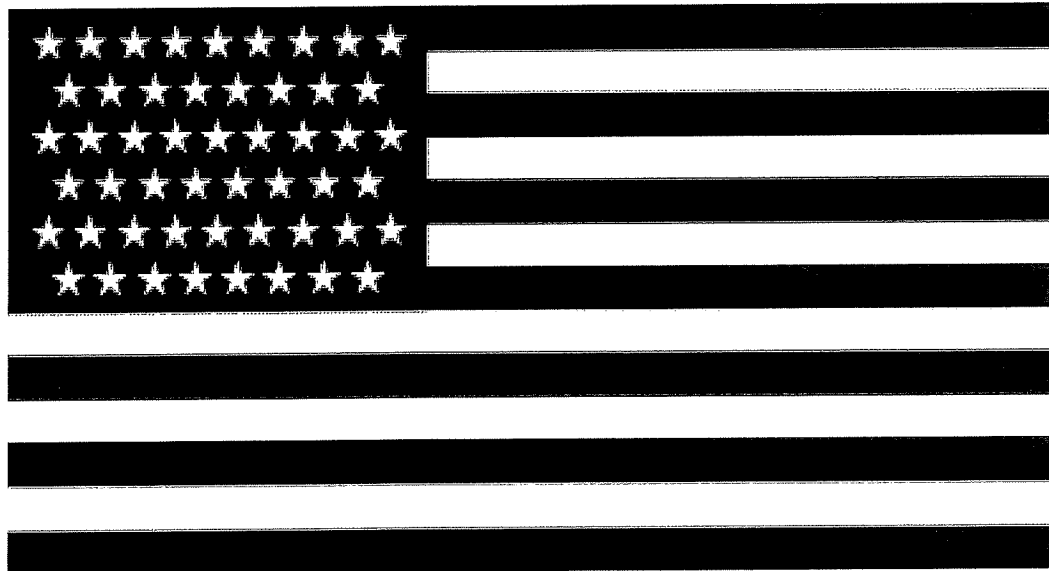
How can new states be added to the US?

- Congress' consent
- consent of state legislatures of the states concerned

Name 3 guarantees given to states:

1. a republican form of government
2. protection against invasion
3. protection against domestic violence

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Article 5: Amending the Constitution 10.22

Who can propose amendments?

- 2/3 both houses of Congress
- 2/3 state legislatures call for a national convention

Who can ratify amendments?

- 3/4 state legislatures
- 3/4 approval at a state convention

Why are more votes needed to ratify an amendment than to propose one?

More votes are needed to ratify an amendment in order for it to be thoughtfully & seriously considered.

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Article 6: Supremacy of the National Government

What consists of the "highest" law of the land?

Constitution, national laws, treaties

Why was it important for the Framers to put the "Valid Debts" section into the Constitution?

so other countries would take the US seriously as a "new" country

What problems might arise in a country that has a huge national debt?

- damage to the nation's economy
- lack of economic growth
- loss of people's confidence in government
- fear of national bankruptcy

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Article 7: Ratification

Define ratification:

official approval

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states had to ratify the Constitution before it could go into effect

DE

was the first state

NH

was the ninth state

Which groups of people were missing from the signing?

- African-Americans
- women
- Native Americans

9/17/1787

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How many men signed the Constitution? 39

Who signed it from our state?

William Livingston

David Brearley

William Paterson

Jonathan Dayton

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