

OLLI Spring 2023  
Reconstituting The American Constitution  
1787-2023  
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Introduction: This program looks at specific sections of the United States Constitution that have raised political, social and legal issues over the past few years. The last two sessions will focus on specific Supreme Court decisions that impacted the society. In the final class participants will discuss their ideas on reconstituting the Constitution.

Session 1): Overview of the course goals and procedures.

Session 2): The Constitutional convention- 1787-2023

Session 3): Article I Congress- Section 2 House of Representatives (Gerrymandering)  
Section 4 State Legislature Voting Procedures

Session 4): Article I Congress – Section 3 The Senate – Majority votes and the Filibuster

Session 5): Article II Executive Branch– Section 1– The Electoral College

Session 6): Article III Supreme Court – Section 1- Lifetime Appointment

Amendments

Session 7): Amendment I – Free Speech and Press- Technology and Social Media

Session 8): Amendment II- Bear Arms – Muskets and Weapons of War

Session 9): Amendments IX & X – States Vs National Government

Session 10): Amendments XV & XIX – Right to Vote – National Procedures

Supreme Court Decisions

Session 11): The Citizens United – Money in Politics

Session 12): Roe vs Wade - Stase Decisis – Doctrine of President

Session 13): Reconstituting the Constitution – Class Summary

