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## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS AFTER ELECTION DAY SPIKE INTEREST IN NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER'S ONLINE RESOURCES

Philadelphia, PA (December 22, 2016) – Since Election Day, more than 1.8 million people have used the National Constitution Center's online resources to seek information about the Constitution, including topics such as the Electoral College, the Supreme Court's rulings on flag-burning protests, the emoluments clause, and others.

"In these polarized times, the Constitution unites Americans of different perspectives and our increase in web traffic shows America's hunger for trusted, nonpartisan content," said the National Constitution Center's President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen. "I'm thrilled that citizens are turning to the National Constitution Center's digital resources to educate themselves about the most significant constitutional topics of our time."

In addition, in the days following the election, the National Constitution Center's <u>Interactive Constitution</u> increased by nearly 900,000 unique views, helping the online resource garner more than 8.2 million views since its launch just over a year ago in September 2015. The Interactive Constitution app, which the Constitution Center launched this fall, has already reached 56,000 downloads.

The Interactive Constitution allows users to explore the full text of the U.S. Constitution and the most current constitutional debates with leading scholars across the political and philosophical spectrum.

The National Constitution Center's website is now the third most visited museum website in the U.S, after the Smithsonian and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Overall, the Constitution Center's web and Interactive Constitution viewership are up more than 60% over the past year.

Constitution Daily, the National Constitution Center's blog, has featured detailed explanations on how the election process works and has been cited in national coverage of the election and the president-elect by <a href="https://docs.python.org/">The Wall Street Journal</a>, <a href="https://docs.python.org/">Politico</a>, <a href="https://docs.python.org/">the Philadelphia Inquirer</a>, <a href="https://docs.python.org/">SCOTUSblog</a>, and <a href="https://docs.python.org/">National Review</a>.

Additional constitutional resources offered by the National Constitution Center include the <u>We the</u> <u>People</u> podcast series featuring leading experts discussing the most pressing constitution questions of the day.



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## **About the National Constitution Center**

The <u>National Constitution Center</u> in Philadelphia inspires citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America's leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter "to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis." As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America's Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution.

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