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**NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER'S "INTERACTIVE CONSTITUTION" NOW AVAILABLE
FOR IOS AND ANDROID**

App Promises to Help Bridge Digital Divide and Increase Accessibility of Interactive Constitution

New Content Now Covers Articles I – VII

Philadelphia, PA (September 16, 2016) – The National Constitution Center today announced the launch of the Interactive Constitution app. Available at the App Store and on Google Play, the app 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. In addition, the National Constitution Center announced it has commissioned over 80 new essays for the Interactive Constitution from leading scholars on Articles I-VII of the U.S. Constitution, which cover issues like presidential power and the powers of Congress.

In keeping its promise to make the Interactive Constitution available to all students, the National Constitution Center's app is free and allows students, educators, and citizens everywhere to access the Interactive Constitution's content anytime, anywhere.

"This transformative new app will make the Interactive Constitution accessible to all students and citizens on their mobile devices, with or without connectivity," said Jeffrey Rosen, President and CEO of the National Constitution Center. "This is milestone in our pledge to bring the Interactive Constitution to every citizen in America."

"The National Constitution Center's new Interactive Constitution app lets students join the great conversation about liberty, justice, and human dignity no matter where they are, on any device," said John Williamson, the College Board's vice president of Advanced Placement. "The app is exciting because it's an incredibly useful and enriching tool for not only AP students, but for all students and teachers across the country."

Since the Interactive Constitution's launch last September, the educational resource has garnered over six million unique page views and has been called an "internet sensation" by *USA Today* especially among young people.

According to the [Pew Research Center](#) 88 percent of American teens ages 13 to 17 have access to a mobile phone of some kind, and a majority of teens (73 percent) have smartphones. However, according to [Pew Research Center](#) analysis of U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey data, 5 million households with school-age children do not have high-speed internet service at home. The National Constitution Center's Interactive Constitution app helps to bridge the divide by taking away the need for internet access.

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In addition to the launch of the app, the National Constitution Center is also adding new essays for the Interactive Constitution, many available on the Interactive Constitution as of today in observation of Constitution Day. The essays, from leading scholars such as Randy Barnett, Heather Gerken, Kermit Roosevelt, and Michael Rappaport, will cover topics raised in Articles I – VII of the U.S. Constitution, including the powers of the President, Congress, and the Supreme Court. This section of the U.S. Constitution is often referred to as the Structural Constitution.

To create the Interactive Constitution, the National Constitution Center established the Coalition of Freedom, an advisory board co-chaired by leaders of the American Constitution Society and The Federalist Society, to commission top scholars in America with different legal approaches and views to contribute explanatory material about all provisions of the U.S. Constitution and the amendments.

The online tool is the centerpiece of a multi-year, multi-project \$5.5 million grant awarded from the John Templeton Foundation to increase awareness of the rights established by the U.S. Constitution and founding documents. The grant also supports the National Constitution Center’s traveling *America’s Town Hall* debates and other educational initiatives.

About the National Constitution Center

The [National Constitution Center](https://www.constitutioncenter.org) 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. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit [constitutioncenter.org](https://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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