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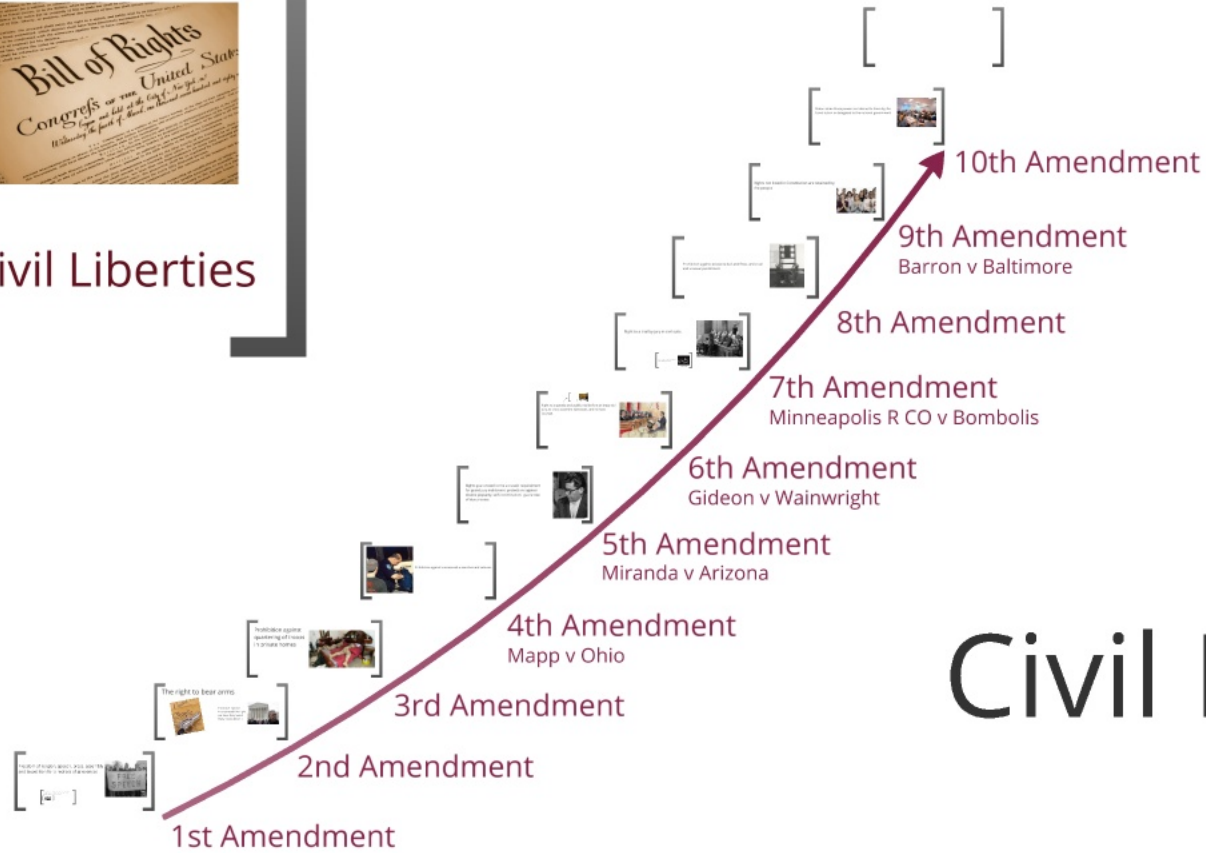
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Freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly
and to petition for a redress of grievances

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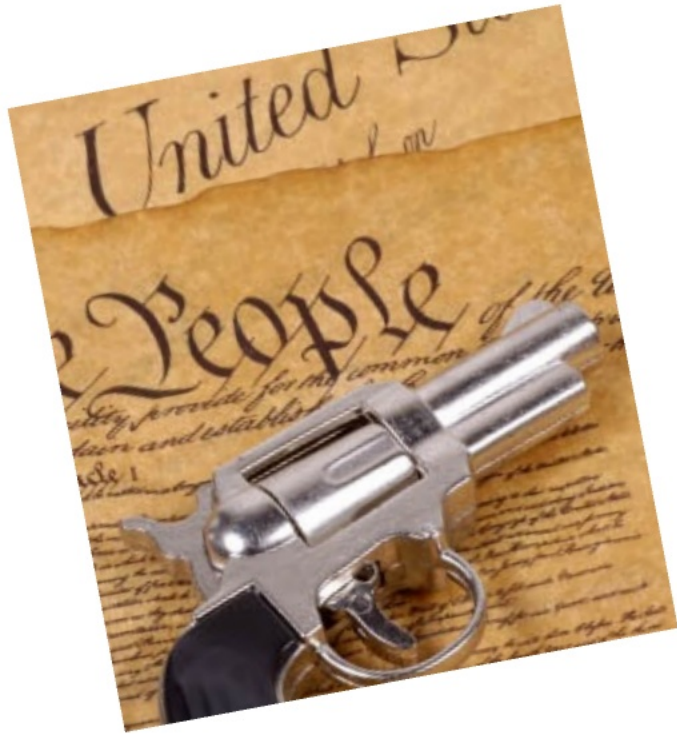


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The right to bear arms



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Prohibition against
quartering of troops
in private homes





Prohibition against unreasonable searches and seizures

Rights guaranteed to the accused: requirement for grand jury indictment; protections against double jeopardy, self-incrimination; guarantee of due process





Right to a speedy and public trial before an impartial jury, to cross-examine witnesses, and to have counsel.



The defendant has the right to confront witnesses.



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Right to a trial by jury in civil suits.

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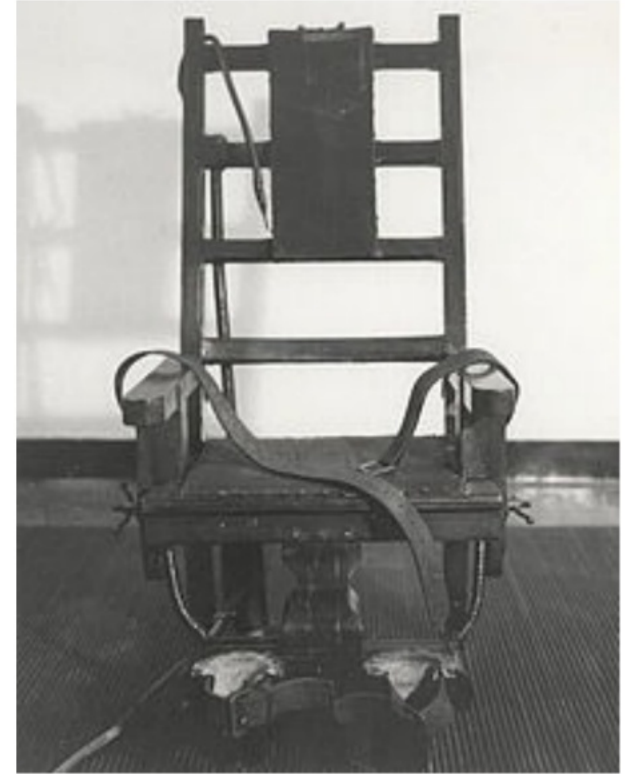
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Sure, there's some good things about them, too. I'm the first one to say that.

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Prohibition against excessive bail and fines, and cruel and unusual punishment



Rights not listed in Constitution are retained by the people



States retain those powers not denied to them by the Constitution or delegated to the national government

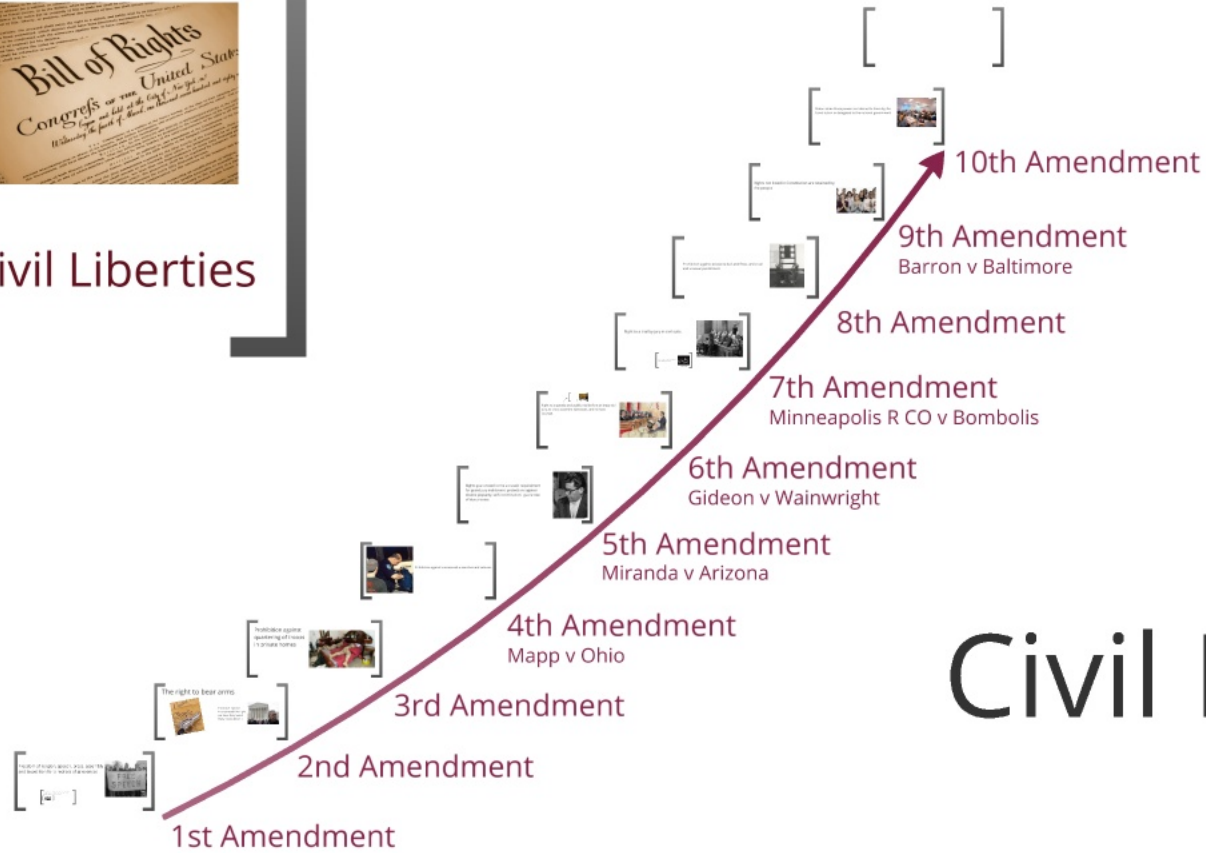


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