



# LOOKING BACK THEN FORWARD

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historical events to their times in office. Or perhaps you enjoy legal issues, and reading about famous trials and court rulings. If so, then you may want to focus your attention on the major rulings of the [U.S. Supreme Court](#) throughout American history, and relate other historical events to those decisions.

## ^ Periods in American History

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American history can be broken into about 20 time periods:

- Pre-Columbian, then exploration and settlement by Europeans
- Colonial, including Great Awakening
- Birth of the nation, including Revolutionary War
- Growth of the nation
- [Jacksonian Democracy](#)
- Pre-Civil War
- [Civil War](#)
- [Reconstruction](#)
- Gilded Age
- [Imperialism](#)
- [World War I](#)
- [Roaring Twenties](#), followed by the [Great Depression](#)
- [World War II](#)
- [Cold War](#)
  - [Korean War](#)
  - [Vietnam War](#)
- the conservative movement and the Presidency of Ronald Reagan
- Post-Reagan prosperity and the dot-com boom
- [9/11](#) and [terrorism](#)

These periods span 7 centuries, from the 15th century (1400s) to the 21st century (2001 through today).

## ^ Why America?

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Your common sense and imagination can help you master American history. Pause for a moment and imagine what would likely happen to a nice chunk of fertile land, possibly containing riches like gold, located between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Would some Europeans want to go there? Of course. Which ones would want to go there, and why?

One reason is to convert the natives to Christianity, just as people today often go on missionary trips to distant lands. Another







# FOUNDERS AS CHRISTIANS

- Samuel Adams
- Father of the American Revolution, Signer of the Declaration of Independence
- I . . . recommend my Soul to that Almighty Being who gave it, and my body I commit to the dust, relying upon the merits of Jesus Christ for a pardon of all my sins.
- Will of Samuel Adams

# FOUNDERS AS CHRISTIANS

- Charles Carroll
- Signer of the Declaration of Independence
- On the mercy of my Redeemer I rely for salvation and on His merits; not on the works I have done in obedience to His precepts.
- From an autographed letter in our possession written by Charles Carroll to Charles W. Wharton, Esq., on September 27, 1825, from Doughoragen, Maryland.

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# RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS COME FROM GOD NOT GOVERNMENT!!

- “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”



# THE CONSTITUTION: WRITTEN, CHANGED ONLY THROUGH THE AMENDMENT PROCESS



# THE FIRST AMENDMENT

## First Amendment

To the U. S. Constitution

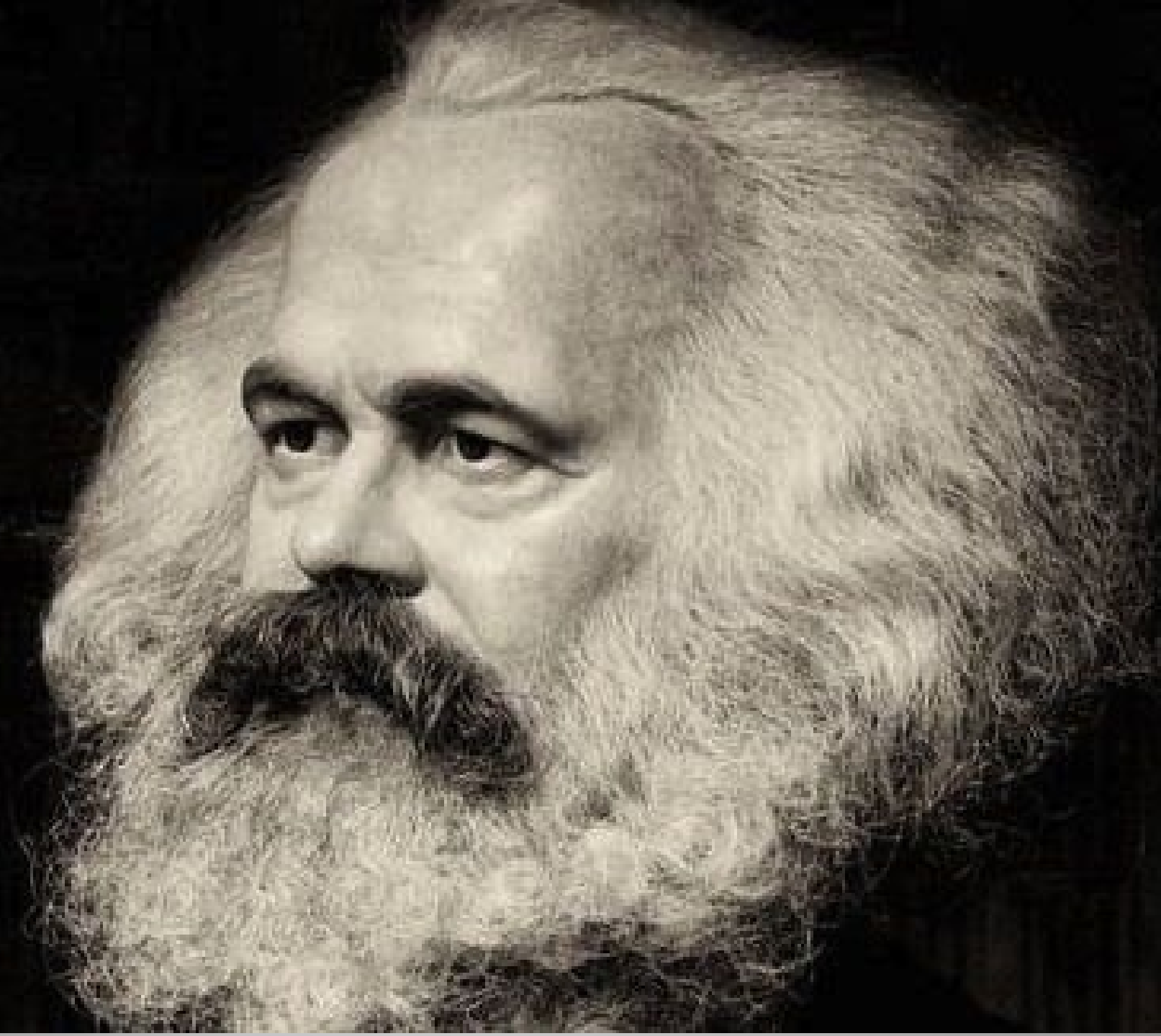
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and petition the government for a redress of grievances.



## THE SECOND AMENDMENT

### The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment

*A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.*



# FROM EACH ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITY, TO EACH ACCORDING TO HIS NEEDS

- Usually attributed to Karl Marx
- Commonly used by socialists
- Some scholars trace the phrase to the New Testament.[12][13] In Acts of the Apostles the lifestyle of the community of believers in Jerusalem is described as communal (without individual possession), and uses the phrase "distribution was made unto every man according as he had need" (διεδίδετο δὲ ἑκάστῳ καθότι ἂν τις χρείαν εἶχεν):

# ALL THINGS COMMON

- KJV Acts 2:44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;
- KJV Acts 4:32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.



# SELECTIVE AND PRUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

- KJV 1 Timothy 5:16 If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed. (1 Tim. 5:16 KJV)