

lib'er-ty (lĭb'ēr-tī), *n.*; *pl.* -TIES (-tīz). [ME. *liberte*, fr. OF. *liberté*, fr. L. *libertas*, fr. *liber* free. See LIBERAL.]
1. State or fact of being a free person; exemption from subjection to the will of another claiming ownership of the person or services; freedom; — *opp.* to *slavery*, *serfdom*, *bondage*, etc.

2. Freedom from external restraint or compulsion; power to do as one pleases; also, with *of* and *to*, leave, permission, or opportunity; as, the *liberty* of the air; *liberty* to come and go; large *liberty* of action.

3. Privilege; exemption; franchise; right or immunity enjoyed by prescription or by grant; as, the *liberties* of the commercial cities of Europe.

4. A place within which certain immunities are enjoyed, or jurisdiction is exercised; *specif.*, in certain British cities, as London and Dublin, a district within which the exclusive privilege, or franchise, of executing legal process was by royal grant, vested in one or more persons, exempting them from the jurisdiction of the sheriff.

5. The sum of the rights and immunities of all the citizens of an organized civil community concurrent with the guaranteed protection against interference with such rights and privileges (*civil liberty*), or the state or condition of those who are invested with the right effectually to share in framing and conducting the government under which they are politically organized (*political liberty*), or of those who are free from external restraint in the exercise of the rights that are considered as without the province of a government to control (*individual liberty*). Individual liberty under modern constitutional governments in general involves freedom of the person in going and coming (*personal liberty*), equality before the courts, security of private property, freedom of opinion and its expression, and freedom of conscience.

6. A privilege or license in or as if in violation of the laws of strict etiquette or propriety; a freedom or familiarity; as, to permit, or take, a *liberty*; he would not venture so great a *liberty*; to take *liberties* with one's health.

7. A certain amount of freedom; permission to go freely within certain limits; also, the place or limits within which such freedom is exercised; as, the *liberty* of the dungeon.

8. [*cap.*] A Liberty bond; — chiefly in *pl. Colloq.*

9. A color, reddish-blue in hue, of very high saturation and low brilliance. Cf. COLOR.

10. *Jurisprudence.* A condition of legal nonrestraint of natural powers. See PRIVILEGE, *n.*, 5 c.

11. *Manège.* An upward curve in a bit to accommodate the tongue; port; — called also *liberty of the tongue*. *R.*

12. *Naut.* Permission for a sailor to go ashore. In the navy liberty is granted to enlisted men to leave ship and return for the next working day or earlier, longer absences being granted as *leave*.

13. *Philos.* The power of choice; freedom from necessity; freedom from compulsion or constraint of willing.

Syn. — See FREEDOM.

— *at liberty.* **a** Unconfined; free; as, they set the captive *at liberty*. **b** At leisure; unoccupied or unused. **c** Free (to do something); as, he is *at liberty* to say what he thinks. **d** *Slang.* Out of employment.

— *at one's liberty.* At one's will or choice. *Obs.*

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A Giant Oak stood near a brook in which grew some slender Reeds. When the wind blew, the great Oak stood proudly upright with its hundred arms uplifted to the sky. But the Reeds bowed low in the wind and sang a sad and mournful song.

“You have reason to complain,” said the Oak. “The slightest breeze that ruffles the surface of the water makes you bow your heads, while I, the mighty Oak, stand upright and firm before the howling tempest.”

“Do not worry about us,” replied the Reeds. “The winds do not harm us. We bow before them and so we do not break. You, in all your pride and strength, have so far resisted their blows. But the end is coming.”

As the Reeds spoke a great hurricane rushed out of the north. The Oak stood proudly and fought against the storm, while the yielding Reeds bowed low. The wind redoubled in fury, and all at once the great tree fell, torn up by the roots, and lay among the pitying Reeds.

Better to yield when it is folly to resist, than to resist stubbornly and be destroyed.



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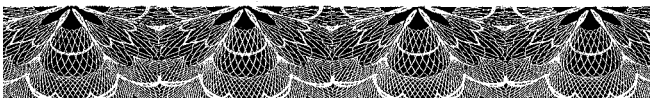
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The Bill of Rights

ARTICLE I.

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 to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

ARTICLE II.

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.

ARTICLE III.

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

ARTICLE IV.

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

ARTICLE V.

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

ARTICLE VI.

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

ARTICLE VII.

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law,

ARTICLE VIII.

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

ARTICLE IX.

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

ARTICLE X.

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

"Make the most of hemp seed and sow it everywhere."

George Washington, 1794



"Prohibition . . . goes beyond the bounds of reason in that it attempts to control a man's appetite by legislation and makes a crime out of things that are not crimes. . . A prohibition law strikes a blow at the very principles upon which our government was founded." Abraham Lincoln, 1840

mar'i-jua'na (mă'r'î-wă'nà), *n.* Also **mar'i-hua'na**. [Am. Sp. *marijuana*, *marihuana*, of uncertain origin.] **a** The wild tobacco *Nicotiana glauca*. **b** The hemp (*Cannabis sativa*); also, its dried leaves and flowers, which are smoked in cigarettes. See HEMP, 1.

hemp (hěmp), *n.* [ME. *hemp*, fr. AS. *hænep*, *hænep*; akin to D. *henep*, OHG. *hanaf*, G. *hanf*, ON. *hampr*, Gr. *kannabos*, *kannabis* (whence L. *cannabis*), Russ. *konoplya*, Bulg. & Pol. *konop*; an early Gr., Teut., and Slav. borrowing, prob. fr. Scythian, and perh. ult. fr. Finno-Ugric. Cf. CANVAS.] **1.** A tall Asiatic herb (*Cannabis sativa*), widely cultivated. Its tough bast fiber is used for making cloth, floor covering, and cordage; its tender parts, as flowers and leaves, yield **2.** The fiber of this plant, prepared for commercial use.



Hemp (*Cannabis sativa*). 1, 2, Flowering Shoots; leaves, yield **2.** The fiber of this plant, prepared for commercial use. 1 of Staminate, 2 of Pistillate, Plant; 3 Staminate Flower; 4 Pistillate Flower; 5 Fruit. **h a s h i s h**, and are employed in pharmacy under the name of *cannabis*. The seeds are used as food for cage birds. See POISONOUS PLANTS, *Plate*; cf. CHARAS, GANJA.

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