

~~“This House Ought to Abolish the Constitution of the United States.”~~

~~Would you please raise your hand if you are a white cisgender man who also owns property? Under the original terms of this document, you are the only people in this room who are considered citizens. How would the rest of you feel if they went into another room and made all the rules for the rest of us? Here, let’s flip through the Constitution to reveal the exact page on which the rest of us become full human beings in the eyes of this document. I’m right here on page thirty-four =~~

~~**DEBATER.** *(To the judge.)* Point of order! You can’t use props in a debate.~~

~~**MIKE.** Noted.~~

~~**HEIDI ACTOR.** Fine. Thirty-four. My second point, Judges, is this: The dead should not govern the living. Thomas Jefferson himself said we should draft a new Constitution for every generation, we should not be living by the laws of corpses. The framers have been in their graves for over two hundred years. They lived in a world without indoor plumbing, electricity. They took like two baths a year. George Washington died because he had a cold and decided to treat it with bloodletting! So why are we listening to him? We should be looking at the world with our own eyes, deciding what we believe to be right and wrong, not going back ten generations to try to figure out what Alexander Hamilton would have done. It’s as if we are being ruled by zombies. End zombie law. Thank you, Judges.~~

*(MIKE rings the bell. DEBATER steps into position.)*

**START**

**DEBATER.** Hello, Judges. My name is [*Debater’s name*] and I am the first opposition speaker to the motion that we should abolish the United States Constitution.

I will first refute my opponent's points and then, if time allows, present points of my own.

My opponent quotes Thomas Jefferson, who said that the dead should not govern the living. But Thomas Jefferson himself is dead so WHY IS SHE LISTENING TO HIM?

The Proposition also says she wants to make an all-new Constitution. But who gets to make this new perfect utopian Constitution? Will kids be involved? Do you want me to go into another room and decide what's best for all of you? No you don't! This new Constitution will be made by politicians and since Congress still looks pretty much the same as it did 250 years ago, what are the chances they will write a better Constitution? I'll tell you what they are: about ten scillion to one – the same chance that the actual zombies from *The Walking Dead* will take over our planet.

Now for my first argument: "The Constitution Is the Key to Our Liberation."

We have the oldest active Constitution in the world. My opponent wants you to think this is a bad thing, but the reason it has lasted so long is because it gives us, "We the People," the tools we need to free ourselves from tyranny, and we need these tools right now. It is undeniable that America is more equal and democratic than it was two hundred and thirty years ago. In fact, a hundred and fifty years ago it would've been illegal for you and I to be having this debate in public. It is because of the Constitution, and not in spite of it, that she and I can stand up here today and imagine a better future for our country.

Judges, a zombie is someone who has no connection to their past. They think about one thing: eating brains. If we throw away our own history, we are the ones who will become the Walking Dead. Thank you. **END**