

Embrace the U.S. Constitution's Preamble

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Our Constitution's opening statement of intent is both inspiring & misrepresentative:

“We the People of the United states, in Order to form a more perfect union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) presents the considered & definitive summary of how the preamble has been legally interpreted by U.S. Courts: **“The legal weight of the preamble was largely disclaimed.”** ... an elegant turn of phrase for ‘very misrepresentative’.

Ref: https://constitution.congress.gov/browse/essay/pre-1-1/ALDE_00001231/ paragraph 3,
and more generally: <https://constitution.congress.gov>

Current events in U.S. national politics & the reporting thereof illustrate that the preamble is losing its remaining influence within America's legal system. American Judges disclaim it.

People with wealth & power often have a lot of energy for “kicking the can down the road” to preserve their advantages. Reading further into the CRS summary suggests that the preamble was never much more than bullshit that some American children were eventually compelled to memorize at school. Within 75 years the American Civil War commenced – a particularly tragic consequence of can-kicking for the 600,000 Americans who died in the war.

I suggest that the preamble of the U.S. Constitution be amended to be “Article 0”, carrying equal weight in constitutional law. My argument for considering the change is demographic: China & India have added about 400,000,000 people to their populations in the last 20 years. The USA only has about 360,000,000 people total. China & India have about 2,700,000,000 people total. Continuing to intentionally divide America's citizens by ignoring the 1787 Preamble in the 2020's is intentional can-kicking into a very strong & extremely adverse world-demographics headwind.

My motto since the mid 1990's has been:

How it was: is history.
How it is: is physics & red-tape.
How it ought to be: is engineering.

2021 was entirely over-the-horizon with respect to the foresight of our Founding Fathers. Consider the pleasant irony of intentional misrepresentations in 1787 becoming the core of the U.S.A.'s constructive path forward in the 21st century.