

ARTICLES OF FREEDOM

SUMMARY OF THE FOURTEEN ARTICLES

Continental Congress 2009 was convened in St. Charles, Illinois, between November 11 and 22, 2009, to discuss fourteen violations of the Constitution for The United States of America, the Government's refusal to listen or respond to the People's First Amendment Petitions to Redress those Grievances for the past fourteen years, and to recommend a non-violent course of action for the Free People to put an end to those violations.

The conclusion of the work of Continental Congress 2009 is the sixty-one page, fourteen-article Document called "*Articles of Freedom.*"

The detailed, factual record of the violations and the Government's refusal to listen or respond to the People's prior Petitions to Redress those violations is included in the Articles of Freedom. Also included are detailed, specific Instructions to the federal Government, and to each of the several states, designed to end the violations. Also included are recommendations for civic action by the People to ensure compliance with their Instructions.

Below is a summary of the contents of each of the fourteen articles of the "*Articles of Freedom.*"

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>VIOLATIONS</u>	<u>REMEDIAL INSTRUCTIONS: FEDERAL</u>	<u>REMEDIAL INSTRUCTIONS: STATES</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATIONS: CIVIC ACTION</u>
1. Sovereignty	Declaration of Independence, Constitution: Art. I, 9 and 10	Erosion of Popular, State and National Sovereignty	Reaffirm fundamental principles of popular, State and National Sovereignty. Repeal laws contrary to Art. I, Section 8	Reaffirm fundamental principles of popular, State and National Sovereignty. Repeal State Welfare Laws.	Break the chains of government dependence. Make informed choices re health care. Boycott companies that accept corporate welfare. Support those charities whose aid is based on private consent not government force. Resist policies that favor public over private education. Live free.
2. Constitutional Laws	Declaration of Independence, Constitution:	Non-Conforming bills	Joint Committee to identify Constitutional authority, or absence thereof, before bills are sent to the President for approval.	Joint Committee to identify Constitutional authority, or absence thereof, before bills are sent to the Governor for approval.	Monitor promulgation, progress and performance of joint federal and state committees for compliance.
3. Petition for Redress of Grievances	First Amendment. Clause 5.	Elected officials refuse to respond to Proper Petitions to Redress Violations of provisions of the Constitution. Judges dismiss constitutional challenges for "lack of standing."	Affirm jurisdiction of courts to hear challenges to the Constitutionality of actions by public officials, and remove judges who dismiss such cases for lack of standing. Affirm obligation of all public officials to respond to Petitions to Redress violations of the Constitution.	Recall U.S. Congress persons who ignore Petitions to Redress violations of the Constitution; refuse federal funding until federal instructions are complied with; institute citizen's grand jury for hearings re: public officials. Restore writs of quo warrant.	Instruct and lobby state legislatures to adopt instructions, remove oath violators and sign Articles of Freedom.
4. Militia and Firearms	Second and Tenth Amendments. First Amendment, Clause 5.	Absence of well-regulated State Militias. Infringements on Right to Keep and Bear Arms. Failure to respond to Petitions to Redress violations.	Abolish Dept. of Homeland Security. Return responsibility for domestic security to Militias of the several States. Repeal statutes that tax, register and regulate the use or transfer of firearms and ammunition. Make statutes for organizing, arming and disciplining the Militia.	Establish Advisory Commission On Revitalization of the Militia. Repeal statutes that tax, register and regulate the use or transfer of firearms and ammunition.	Seek assistance from County Sheriffs in establishing a constitutional Militia. Educate others re importance of Second Amendment and preparedness. Lobby State Legislatures to pass "Firearms Freedom Act." Utilize "Second Amendment Scorecards" for elected officials.

Call to Action: Go to <http://www.ArticlesofFreedom.us> and take the Nationwide Civic Action Pledge. Join millions of others.

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5. Privacy	Fourth, Fifth, Ninth and Tenth Amendments. First Amendment, Clause 5.	Invasion of Personal Privacy via surreptitious Collection, Storage and Dissemination of Personal, non-criminal Data. Failure to respond to Petitions to Redress violations.	Repeal statutes repugnant to 4 th , 5 th , 9 th and 10 th Amendments, including Patriot Act, National Animal Identification System Act and those that require collection of fingerprints, blood or DNA upon birth. Cease promulgation of Real ID Act of 2005 and PASS Act of 2009. Cease collecting intelligence of a non-criminal nature.	Retract Fusion Center Intel Reports not properly cited and sourced. Reject Patriot Act and its progeny. Repeal statutes that: 1) authorize red-light cameras and other devices that secretly gather information; 2) requires permission to travel, register and insure non-commercial vehicles; and 3) that prohibit the use of public right of ways for personal, non-commercial transportation. Destroy biometric data collected for use with driver's license, or for any other purpose not related to a felony investigation.	Be informed about our police state. File open records requests for and publicly distribute: 1) Memos of Understanding between Fusion Centers and all others; 2) Fusion Center Privacy Policies; 3) Strategic Reports by and to each Fusion Center. Make sure that: 1) no private entities are operating Fusion Centers; 2) only data re federal crimes is given to federal agencies; 3) groups are not investigated due to one suspicious person; 4) CFR 28, part 23 is complied with. Develop alternative means of communication. Do not release social security number. Use non-traceable forms of currency. Use open source software and proxy servers when connected to Internet. Encrypt hard drives. Know your right to videotape anything or anybody on public property. Lobby state legislators to nullify Patriot Act and scrutinize their process for accepting grants re surveillance and the militarization and federalization of local police departments. Lobby local sheriffs to uphold their Oaths by defending the Privacy Clauses.
6. Private Property	Article 6. 4 th and 5 th Amendments.	Confiscation of private property for private purposes. Government ownership of non-public use property. Conflict of interest in government possession of parks, preserves, et al.	Nullify or repeal unconstitutional confiscation of private property and any laws relating thereto.	Eliminate taxes on private property, both real & personal. End government participation in energy & environmental markets.	Familiarize citizenry with property rights protected by Constitution. Lobby officials regarding generation and distribution of energy. Encourage officials to comply with 10 th amendment, et al. Lobby Congress to return public parks, preserves, et al to private ownership.
7. Juries	Article 3. Sixth and Seventh Amendments	Misinformation and incorrect instructions re: jury powers and responsibilities. Conflict of interest of judges.	Require judges to apprise plaintiffs, defendants and jurors of ALL of their Rights, including right to a common law jury. Require judges to apprise jurors of their conflict of interest in cases where the U.S. is a party. Provide for trials based on presentments by citizens' common law grand juries. Assure all legal arguments are heard in front of jury.	Require judges to apprise plaintiffs, defendants and jurors of ALL of their Rights, including right to a common law jury. Require judges to apprise jurors of their conflict of interest in cases where the State is a party. Repeal laws limiting function & scope and authority of grand juries.	When appointed to a jury, refuse to capitulate to any judge's instruction to judge only the facts and demand to have all issues of law argued in front of the jury. Educate yourself and others about the Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) and the power to judge the law as well as the facts.

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8. Income Tax	Article I, Sections 8, and Section 9. Article V. 16 th Amendment. First Amendment, Clause 5.	Imposition of direct, un-apportioned tax on labor without a proper and legal amendment to the Constitution. Failure to respond to Petitions to Redress violations.	Nullify the 16 th Amendment. Repeal Subtitles A and C of the Internal Revenue Code. Cease collection of direct tax on labor and withholding of earnings from paychecks. Release and restore citizens wrongfully imprisoned or fined.	Repeal state income tax law that are rooted in Subtitles A and C of the federal Internal Revenue Code. Protect citizens against unconstitutional seizures by federal government. Cease imposition of state tax on labor.	Educate yourself and others re the facts relating to the ratification of the 16 th Amendment. Obtain assistance of sheriff to end filing of tax liens and levies without federal court orders attached. Lobby banks to stop honoring tax levies without court order and sheriff's affidavit. Replace those public officials who do not honor their oaths to honor the Constitution.
9. Foreign Policy	General Welfare Clause In Preamble.	Meddling in the internal affairs of foreign counties, causing their citizens to direct their hostilities towards the U.S., resulting in a war on terror and a police state.	Discontinue foreign aid not necessary for the defense against invasion of the U.S. Nullify unconstitutional treaties. Repeal the Patriot Act, Military Commissions Act, the Real ID and PASS Acts and any other Act repugnant to the 4 th Amendment.	Resolve to support the People's Instructions to the Congress.	Raise your voices in support of the Instructions to Congress and to the States. Educate yourselves and others about the issues and become personal ambassadors of good will to citizens of all nations.
10. Money	Article I, Section 8, Clause 5. Article I, Section 10, Clause 1. First Amendment, Clause 5.	Devaluation of debt based, fiat currency. Failure to maintain gold standard. Giving and lending public funds to private entities for decidedly private purposes. Failure to respond to Petitions to Redress violations.	Enact statute establishing a National Advisory Commission on Alternative and Competitive Currency and calling on States to establish similar Commission, all for the purpose of adoption by the United States and the several States, as rapidly as possible, an economically sound and Constitutional alternative and competitive currency consisting of gold and silver coin.	Enact statute establishing an Advisory Commission on Alternative and Competitive Currency for the state, for the purpose of adoption by the State, as rapidly as possible, an economically sound and Constitutional alternative and competitive currency consisting of gold and silver coin.	Encourage individuals to purchase hard money coinage to use among their communities with the goal of increasing financial independence, and to be otherwise prepared for the replacement of the unconstitutional Federal Reserve upon its failure or abolition.
11. Public Debt	Article 1, Section 8. First Amendment, Clause 5.	Emissions of unconstitutional Bills of Credit through or under the auspices of the Federal Reserve System. Debts incurred for the payment of costs of unconstitutional programs, activities or expenditures. Failure to respond to Petitions to Redress violations.	Cancel all debt incurred unconstitutionally, whether by unconstitutional Bills of Credit issued under the auspices of the Federal Reserve System, or for unconstitutional programs, activities or expenditures. Limit spending to activities directly authorized under Article I, Section 8. Transfer all Federal Reserve Assets to the Treasury Department, converting them to gold and silver. Repeal legal tender laws. Preclude interference with any private medium of exchange. Repeal the Federal Reserve Act.	Reassert right to act autonomously. Refuse to accept federal scrip. Refuse to give the federal government any funds that could be used for unconstitutional activities.	Eliminate personal debt. Become self reliant rather than government dependent. Pressure your state to end unnecessary and unconstitutional spending. Encourage bartering. Encourage businesses to accept silver and gold as payment for goods and services.

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12. War Powers	Article 1, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 11. Article II Section 2, Clause 1. Article V. First Amendment, Clause 5.	Sending troops, advisors, money, equipment, and other support to aid foreign nations in "wars," conflicts, police actions, and covert activities including Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan without a lawful congressional declaration of war. Engaging in non-defensive military actions by committing troops in over 130 countries. Committing troops to serve as mercenaries in foreign conflicts under the auspices of the United Nations. Failure to respond to Petitions to Redress violations.	Withdraw troops from all countries throughout the world in twelve months. Limit military action to the common defense; no preemptive war; repeal all acts pertaining to delegation of congressional war powers to the President; cease funding of offensive military activities; impeach President for non-compliance; retain jurisdiction of National Guard troops to their states. President shall instruct military personnel to honor Oath of Office.	Recall National Guard; refuse to commit any equipment or militia that may result in injury or death without a lawful congressional declaration of war; protest military action of President in any form without lawful congressional declaration of war; instruct U.S. Congressmen to reclaim their exclusive constitutional power to declare war.	The People are the ultimate check on a tyrannical government. Build coalitions; hold officials accountable; become acquainted with and support local sheriff; form citizens' grand jury; in the event of undeclared war, avoid supporting military action or weapons production.
13. Eligibility	Article 2, Section 1, paragraph 5. Article V. First Amendment, Clause 5.	President, both of whose parents were not American Citizens and who was not born on U.S. soil. Threat to national security. Lack of administrative mechanism to verify Constitutional eligibility; no Supreme Court ruling on definition; no Constitutional amendment. Failure to respond to Petitions to Redress violations.	Investigate the truth concerning the Natural Born Citizenship status of the President, and those who may have committed fraud or conspired to commit fraud. Remove the President from office should it be determined that he is not a natural born citizen. Establish procedures to verify Presidential candidates, and share information with public.	Enact legislation to verify Presidential candidates as a condition of being on state's general election ballot.	Be informed; study resolutions; ensure all office holders uphold Constitution. Presentment to Congress regarding the President.
14. Illegal Immigration	Article 2, Sections 1 and 3. Article IV, Section 4. First Amendment, Clause 5.	Failure to execute immigration laws. Failure to honor Oath of Office; Failure to respond to Petitions to Redress violations.	Apply penalties per 8 USC Sec 1227 and INA Sec 237; Congress shall ensure that President takes "care that immigration laws be faithfully executed" and Congress shall prohibit social services or amnesty for illegal immigrants. Congress shall impeach the President for failure to honor his Oath of Office in this regard.	Instruct law enforcement officers to keep oaths and enforce statutory immigration laws. Impeach the Governor or any law enforcement officer who fails to faithfully execute the immigration laws.	Educate citizenry re: government's official duties and all immigration laws; meet with county sheriff to seek execution of immigration laws; lobby state legislature to demand all current immigration laws are executed; lobby congressman for impeachment proceedings against President of U.S. for failure to execute immigration laws.