

## **"To Preserve the Nation"**

A weekly e-mail message from the Constitution Party of Utah to those who love liberty and wish to preserve it.

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### **Week One Message**

Please forward this e-mail to all who you feel would benefit from the message.

Prior to the American Revolutionary War, concerned patriots throughout the American Colonies organized "Committees of Correspondence" to assure that vital information about their liberty and the political state of affairs were widely distributed, so all who cared could stay informed.

This series of weekly e-mail messages is intended to perform a similar modern-day function. Each week, a brief message regarding a current modern issue of liberty will be sent. The intention of these communications is to foster an understanding of how modern challenges that face the United States may be addressed using the wisdom and "original intent" of those who founded this nation. The words of this nation's founders in regards to the current challenges will be the core message of each e-mail. It is hoped that this effort will foster a return to the foundation principles upon which this nation was established, so it may again enjoy the fullness of liberty and proper government that was created under the inspiration of God.

### **The United States Constitution and Original Intent**

Today, many detractors of the sound doctrine found within the United States Constitution claim that it is impossible to know how the plain English words of the Constitution are to be understood, claiming that the words may mean nearly anything they decide they mean — in order to construe a meaning that fosters their un-American agenda. If it is true that the meanings of the words within the Constitution may be twisted into any perverse meaning, then the United States is left without a Constitution (for such a position means that the words mean nothing at all). If such is truly the condition, the nation faces the gravest and most dire consequences. Fortunately, words *do* have meanings, and those meanings may be known if we are willing to seek them out.

James Wilson, a leading participant in the Constitutional Convention of 1787, and who later became a United States Supreme Court Justice, said, "The first and governing maxim in the interpretation of a statute is to discover the meaning of those who made it." Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall, who participated in the Virginia Constitutional Ratification Convention, noted, in speaking to that body, that if a word was understood in a particular way when the Constitution was framed, the Constitutional Convention "must have used it in that sense."

As he assumed the office of President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson confirmed the importance of keeping the Constitution within the bounds of "original intent," saying:

"The Constitution on which our Union rests shall be administered by me according to the safe and honest meaning contemplated by the plain understanding of the people of the United States at the time of its adoption — a meaning to be found in the explanations of those who advocated

not those who opposed it...These explanations are preserved in the publications of the time."  
—*The Writings of Thomas Jefferson, Bergh 10:248. (1801.)*

It is from this perspective that each issue shall be addressed in this weekly e-mail forum.

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