

The Right to Consent to Government

The right to consent to government is a subject that is often ignored since it is widely assumed that every citizen consents to be governed by the laws of society at birth. That is not true. As discussed earlier, most people tacitly consent to the Declaration of Independence social contract and to be governed by the Constitution. However, what happens when the government breaks its vow to uphold the social contract and Constitution to protect the sovereignty of national borders and the rights of each citizen equally?

Our government has failed to protect the rights of all citizens equally because of partisan politics. The United States borders are not secure and protected from undocumented immigration that threatens the rights of citizens. Increased crime is a growing issue even though it is the primary responsibility of the government to protect people and their property.¹ Some people no longer have faith in the security and integrity of their elections. The United States federal government is coercive and violates citizens' rights by spending their tax dollars on unenumerated projects. Expansion of power in all three branches of the government is also a threat to constitutional principles. For example, presidential overuse of executive orders, voided legislative supermajorities to approve Supreme Court justices and important government officials, and the Supreme Court power to not only legislate, but to enforce their rulings. All the above abuses violate both the social contract (Declaration of Independence) and Constitution.

The United States may be more divided today since the Civil War. What politicians forget is that no one in the United States has consented to any government action that is outside the scope and mission of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration of Independence suggests that people have the right to overthrow the government when it abuses its power. I am certainly not suggesting force to overthrow the government. What I am suggesting is a state constitutional convention to propose amendments to the Constitution per Article V of the Constitution. Using this method of amending the Constitution, the states can bypass Congress to reinstate federalism and sovereignty for the people. I suggested several amendment proposals to regain the original meaning of the Constitution in my book *Our God-Given Fundamental Rights*.

¹ [Violent Crime Increases in 2021 | Crime in America.Net](#)