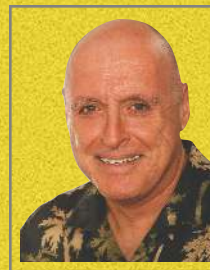


# THE EXTRA POINT

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## # 1132 Quotations: The U.S. Constitution

It resides in the National Archives, aside the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights, in a room called the Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom. I'm Jerry Roberts, and it's also the topic of our Friday feature, with quotations about The U.S. Constitution, next, on The Extra Point.

1. *"It is possible to read the history of this country as one long struggle to extend the liberties established in our Constitution to everyone in America."*  
— Molly Ivins, newspaper columnist
2. *"The U. S. Constitution doesn't guarantee happiness, only the pursuit of it. You have to catch up with it yourself."*  
— Benjamin Franklin, first U.S. Postmaster
3. *"Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it; no constitution, no law, no court can even do much to help it."*  
— Billings Learned Hand, federal judge
4. *"For the past two centuries, those who do not prize freedom have chipped away at every major clause of our Constitution until today we face a crisis of great dimensions."*  
— Ezra Taft Benson, religious leader
5. *"As the Constitution endures, persons in every generation can invoke its principles in their own search for greater freedom."*  
— Anthony Kennedy, Assoc. Justice, SCOTUS
6. *"The basic premise of the Constitution was a separation of powers and a system of checks and balances because man was perceived as a fallen creature and would always yearn for more power."*  
— Roy Moore, Ch. Justice, Alabama Supr. Court
7. *"The Constitution does not just protect those whose views we share; it also protects those with whose views we disagree."*  
— Sen. Edward Kennedy

8. *"The Constitution that I interpret and apply is not living, but dead, or as I prefer to call it, enduring. It means, today, not what current society, much less the court, thinks it ought to mean, but what it meant when it was adopted."*  
— Antonin Scalia, Assoc. Justice, SCOTUS
9. *"The government was set to protect man from criminals, and the Constitution was written to protect man from the government."*  
— Ayn Rand, writer
10. *"Almost all the worlds' constitutions are documents in which governments tell the people what their privileges are. Our Constitution is a document in which We the People tell the government what it is allowed to do. We the People are free."*  
— President Ronald Reagan
11. *"We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution."*  
— President Abraham Lincoln
12. *"No power on earth is greater than a mind and soul reawakened. Our Constitution begins we the people, not us the government."*  
— Cal Thomas, author, political commentator
13. *"But a Constitution of Government once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever."*  
— President John Adams

That's the Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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