The 5 W's of Constitution Day

When is Constitution Day?

It commemorates the ratification of our current Constitution back on September 17, 1787, and all those who have become American citizens. It was known as Citizenship Day until 2004 and is observed every September 14.

Why are we so excited about Constitution Day?

Because, it gives us an opportunity to talk about our issue -- corporate constitutional rights and our broken democracy -- with an audience still developing their political views. With the change in name of the holiday came the mandate for schools to teach about the Constitution and U.S. citizenship, using curriculum specific to it, on or about September 14. Move to Amend views this as a great opportunity, and has resources and materials for our affiliates and individuals who wish to present a short program to students in high school and college.

Learn about Move to Amend's Constitution Day curriculum.

What do we hope to accomplish?

We want authentic, participatory democracy. Analysis of the Constitution reveals an undemocratic document that primarily protects property rights over We the People. But that analysis does not embody the feeling--or the spirit--of the rank and file revolutionaries who actually were fighting for freedom and self-determination.
Understanding that our Constitution was written by flawed, rich, white men with an agenda, who in large part dismissed the deep desire for democracy among those who fought and bore the brunt of King George's army and corporate mercenaries, helps us reach for the real democracy the Revolutionaries died for and the one we were promised in our high school history classes.

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Who do we want to attract to our cause?

Young People! We are building a democracy movement for the benefit of the next and future generations of Americans, and many of these students will become voting adults in the next midterm and presidential elections.

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Take Action Toolkit

Getting Ready for Constitution Day (June 2017)

These online trainings are an opportunity for folks to connect with Move to Amend and learn about organizing tools and campaign opportunities, and to connect with other MTA community organizers across the country.

Learn about the resources we’ve made to use Constitution Day (September 17) as an opportunity to engage high school and college students with Move to Amend.

Agenda

1. Quick Overview of Move to Amend
2. Purpose/History of Constitution Day
3. Overview of MTA's Timeline Exercise
4. Suggested timeframe for communicating with the school faculty
5. Questions & Discussion
6. Next Steps
About MTA's Monthly Take Action Webinars

First Tuesday of every month
5pm Pacific / 6pm Mountain / 7pm Central / 8pm Eastern
Register for the next session (select the webinar date on the calendar to be taken to the correct form)

All are welcome - no past experience required!

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Take Action Toolkit

- Introduction: Our Values and Organizing Principles
  - Local Organizing to Build a National Movement
- Start a MTA Affiliate Group
  - Hold An Introductory Meeting
  - Affiliation Process and Application
  - Choose an Organizational Structure
  - Keep Your Group Connected
- Organize an Action or Campaign
  - Collect MTA Petitions
  - Host a Study Group
  - Hold a Public Forum, Teach-In or Movie Showing
  - Solicit Organizational Endorsements
  - Pass a Local Resolution
  - Educate and Lobby your Legislators

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- Organizational Structure & Group Process
- Outreach & Promotion
- Petitioning
- Press & Media
- Public Education
- Resolutions
Move to Amend is a coalition of hundreds of organizations and hundreds of thousands of individuals committed to social and economic justice, ending corporate rule, and building a vibrant democracy that is genuinely accountable to the people, not corporate interests. We call for an amendment to the US Constitution to unequivocally state that inalienable rights belong to human beings only, and that money is not a form of protected free speech under the First Amendment and can be regulated in political campaigns.