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This community comment is about what you should know about the Constitution. The United States is, and it always has been, a Republic with rule by Constitutional Law. Our State flag reads **CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC**. All of our Public Servants take an Oath of Office to “support and defend the United States Constitution.” This Oath of Office creates a lawful DUTY for our public servants to obey the Constitution not their opinion or a party’s agenda. Many judges falsely claim it is their Duty to interpret the Constitution since the Marbury versus Madison decision of 1803. At first this sounds correct; however, what if the Oath of Office stated I swear to interpret the Constitution instead of I swear to support and defend the Constitution? If the Oath was to interpret the Constitution it would render the Constitution a blank piece of paper as Thomas Jefferson warned. In Marbury versus Madison the Supreme Court stated: “All laws which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void.” This decision has been challenged over two hundred times and has never been overturned—why? Because it is clear and to the point! The Constitution is the People’s manual for self-government. The Constitution is like a mechanic’s automobile manual. When the mechanic wants to rebuild a carburetor he follows the manual; he does not use his opinion or call for a vote. Whenever Congress decides to pass a law they should ask three questions; is this law Constitutional; do we need this law and can we afford this law. If the law is not constitutional it should not even be considered. If Congress passes an unconstitutional law it is null and void under Marbury versus Madison and no one is bond to obey it. The general rule is that an unconstitutional statute,

though having the form and name of law, is in reality no law, but is wholly void and ineffective for any purpose; since unconstitutionality dates from the time of its enactment, and not merely from the date of the decision branding it so. No one is bound to obey an unconstitutional law and no courts are bound to enforce it. This statement comes from 16 American Jurisprudence 2d, section 177 and section 256. There is no party system outlined in the Constitution. In his Farewell Address President George Washington warned of the many dangers to freedom caused by parties. Our public servants should obey their Oath of Office on every item. Their Oath of Office is to support and defend the Constitution not their party's agenda. The United States is a Constitutional Republic not a legislative democracy. Many of our public servants believe it is their job to continuously make laws. We have a law and it is the Supreme Law of the Land—the United States Constitution. To protect your rights you must study the Constitution and demand that our public servants obey their Oath of Office to support and defend Constitutional Law.

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