

ABSTRACT

The Constitution is without a doubt a relevant and important document, however some believe there is a lack of correlation between sections of the Bill of Rights and modern day. This perceived lack of correlation is why it is necessary to fully understand the context and original intent of the Constitution, which will then allow for a more accurate current day interpretation. While many argue that the Constitution should be followed absolutely; the reference to certain Amendments, such as the Third, are to some an indication that the Constitution is a historical document set in a specific context that does not always directly translate into modern times. Since the Bill of Rights' ratification in 1791, many things have drastically changed that the authors could have never planned for, such as the invention of automatic weapons, nuclear bombs, and the Internet. The Bill of Rights sets a framework that has required clarification and interpretation to account for all the major changes in the society that have occurred in the past 200 years. In order to properly understand these documents or any historical document, the context in which it was written must be understood and then evaluated as it is being applied to today's world.