

Excellent Start

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1781, the British army decided to surrender at Yorktown, which marked the day that America gained its independence. After the founding of this new nation, the founding fathers quickly decided that they needed to develop a constitution so that the country can operate orderly as well as amend the previously inadequate Articles of Confederation. The founding fathers knew that the reason for fighting in the revolutionary war was not only to create a new nation, but also starting a new way to rule countries known as democracy. The 1781 US constitution provides exceptional support for the US citizens to a significant extent by keeping the nation democratic due to its implementation of laws that restricts the people in power, and including the 27 amendments to secure basic human rights. However, it is still evident that there are elusive factors within the constitution and its history that implies the founding fathers' natural preference to an aristocratic society.

Wonderful Thesis!

Excellent Topic Sentence

One way the US constitution maintains the nation's democratic way of governing is through the numerous laws in which the government operates by that restricts the people serving in political positions from attaining too much power. In the US constitution, one of the most important factor is checks and balances, meaning that each branch has control over the other two branches within the government. For example, through the laws in the constitution, Congress has the power to impeach the president, while the president can veto the bills passed by congress. Another example is that the executive branch can appoint members of the supreme court, while the judicial branch can declare acts of the president to be unconstitutional. Through checks and balances, it can ensure that the powers of each branch is equal and that no branch can assert more authority than given. Checks and balances keeps the nation democratic and assures the citizens that America would not become a monarchy because there will be multiple people working together to

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make sure that ~~America continues to~~ the ~~American~~ US government will continue to serve for the wants and needs of the people. If checks and balances did not ~~not~~ exist, the different branches will not be able to work together and maintain a stable government. The government will likely to no longer be constitutional as people will attempt to possess more power and create unequal power distribution.

Moreover, every law that is passed must go through the House of Representatives first. The House of Representatives consists of members who were elected by the citizens of each state to help voice their opinions in the government, therefore, making this system democratic as the people are allowed to choose who they want to represent them. However, some people may argue that the time span of only 2 years serving in the House of Representatives make this system aristocratic as the members would not be able to reach their full potential before having to worry about their ~~the~~ next election again. Though this argument is reasonable, this system is ~~also~~ also arguably democratic because this allows the citizens to see if the members are properly serving them. If not, citizens can easily switch them off and allow a new person to serve.

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Nice analysis + counter-argument

Another way the US constitution proves the nation's fulfillment of its promise for democracy is the assurance that basic human rights will not be taken away from all citizens through the ~~implementation~~ <sup>implementation</sup> of the 27 amendments. The establishment of the 27 amendments is to provide all US citizens with the freedom to express themselves and claim their own personal identity. Although some amendments require a simple majority to be continued as a law, the first 10 amendments known as the Bill of Rights are nonnegotiable and are protected as no majority can take them away. The most famous amendment is the first one, which grants the freedom of religion, speech, press, and assembly. This amendment is incredibly essential to democracy as

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it allows citizens to speak against the government freely without any punishments. Another example that greatly enforces democracy is the 9th amendment which claims that the federal government does not own the rights that are not listed on the constitution, instead they belong to the people themselves. This amendment ensures that the government can not assert any unnecessary dominance over the citizens, which perfectly balances the power dynamic between the government and the people. If there were no amendments implemented in the US constitution, the government would become too powerful and would possibly oppress its own citizens. As the people would not be able to voice their own opinion, there would be a major conflict between the government and the people.

Excellent Analysis

Although the US constitution claims to serve the people of America through democratic policies, there are multiple instances in history where the true intentions of the founding fathers and the aristocratic yearnings can be revealed. For instance, in Howard Zinn's writing, he argued that the US constitution was not democratic and that it was inherently aristocratic. Zinn uses Shay's rebellion to support his idea. Shay's rebellion was a farmer uprising that occurred due to the government not supporting the common people and heavily taxing them, even after serving in the war. This rebellion is prominent as it terrified the rich men who were scared that people would try to challenge their status. This rebellion also proved the government was not democratic because Hamilton decided that they should kill all of the rebelling citizens instead of listening to their opinions and changing the way the government operates. This demonstrates that the rich white men who obtain power only want authority to themselves and does not want to listen to what the people want, which is the main point of democracy. Another reason why the government isn't democratic is because

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every law will ultimately be decided by the rich men in power.

The founding fathers created the government so that on the outside it looked like the citizens had a choice because laws are

judged by the House of Representatives first. However, it will have to eventually go through people in the senate and the president. As these ~~positions~~ positions are usually acquired by white rich men, laws are still controlled by them without the citizens knowing.

Very good evidence

Ultimately, the US constitution serves the people to a great extent as their rights and liberties are guaranteed. The way that the government has been established and how it operates has been widely praised for supporting the general public. However, it is also important to know the history of the US government and how it had to be heavily changed in order for it to evolve into the way it is today.

Nice Final analysis