

CONSTITUTION POSTCARD ASSIGNMENTS

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This presentation contains two assignments. You may choose one or both:

- Students design a postcard sharing perspective on an amendment to the U.S. Constitution
- In an ice-breaking exercise, students analyze postcards designed by students at the Fashion Institute of Technology who have won our annual Constitution Day Postcard Competition

DESIGN A CONSTITUTION POSTCARD

Design the front and back of a postcard (4 x 6 inches) that illustrates your perspective on an amendment to the United States Constitution.

- Create an image for the front of the card that expresses your view of the meaning of the amendment. Carefully consider how both the subject matter and visual elements convey meaning.
- The back of the postcard must have two columns:
 - the left column should include a paragraph explaining the visual statement on the front of the card.
 - the right column should leave room for an address and stamp.

TEAM ASSIGNMENT:
INTRODUCTIONS and
CONSTITUTION POSTCARD
ANALYSIS

- Introduce yourself to your teammates
- Determine three things you have in common
- Analyze both sides of the postcard you have been assigned
 - What is the perspective the student chose to convey using text?
 - What choices did the artist make to convey that perspective in the postcard? Consider subject matter and visual elements.
 - How well does the image convey the message?
- Prepare to share with the class: introduce yourself, share what you have in common, and present your postcard analysis



Children have the right to express themselves.

The American flag was handmade in paper by a child. This refers to the right to freedom of speech and expression.

Art Director/Designer: Samantha Bengen, AD 496.601, I. Paris Inst.



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The bullet holes in the American flag replace the stars to represent gun control and the right to bear arms.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

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the mere public display of the word

FUCK

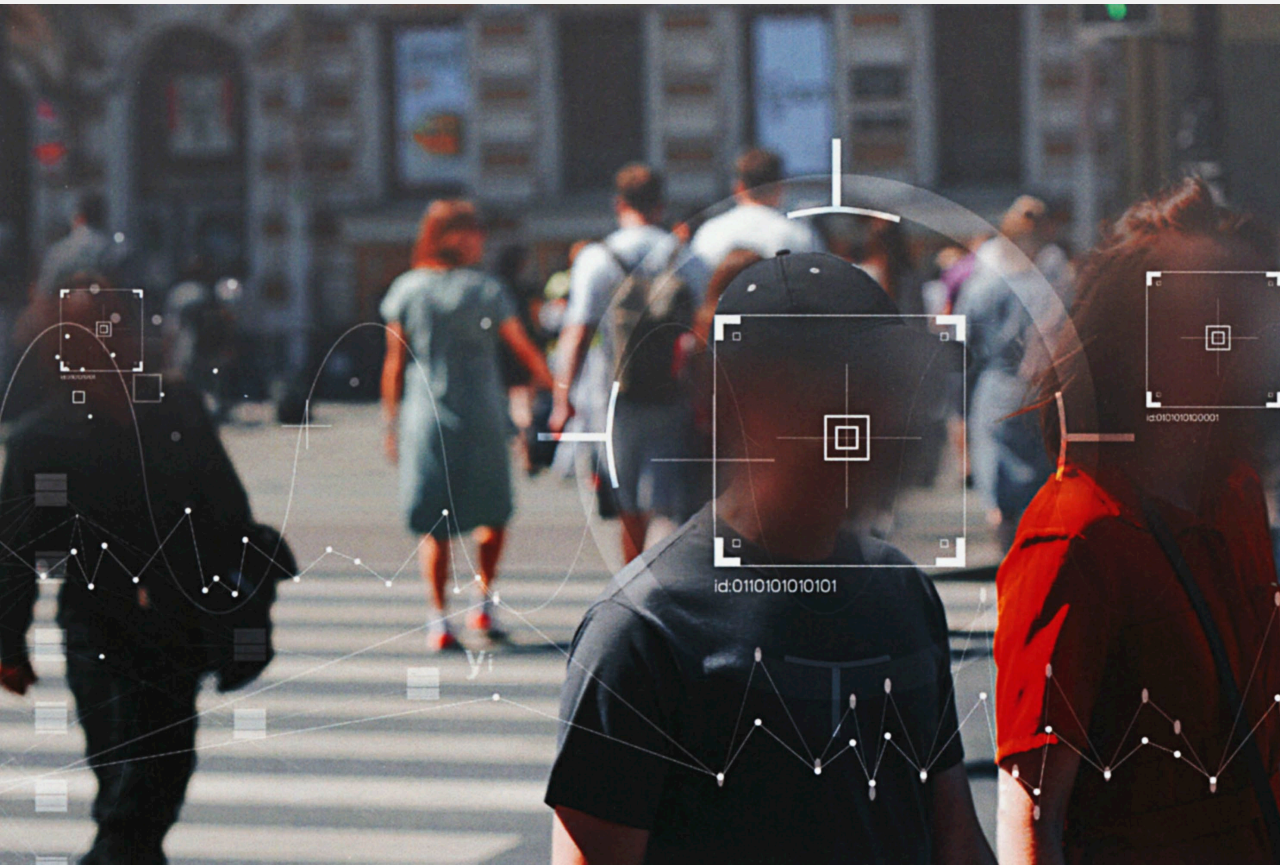
is protected under the First Amendment

how fucking great is that

*This card itself is a representation of
freedom of speech and expression in the U.S.*

Designed by Iryna Butsko

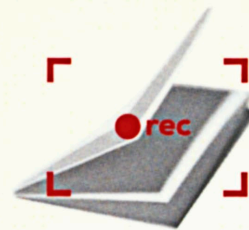
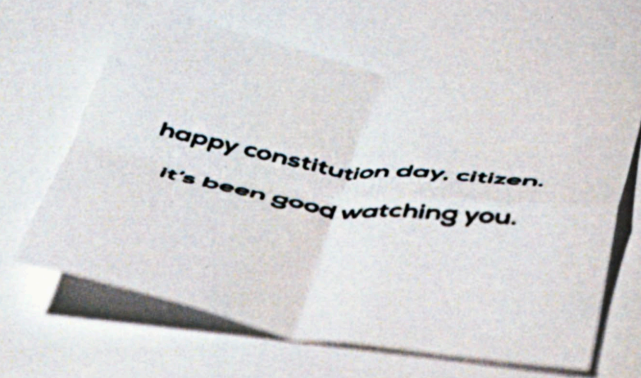




Fourth Amendment

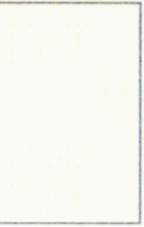
The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

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The Fourth Amendment



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Illustrated by Dean Li

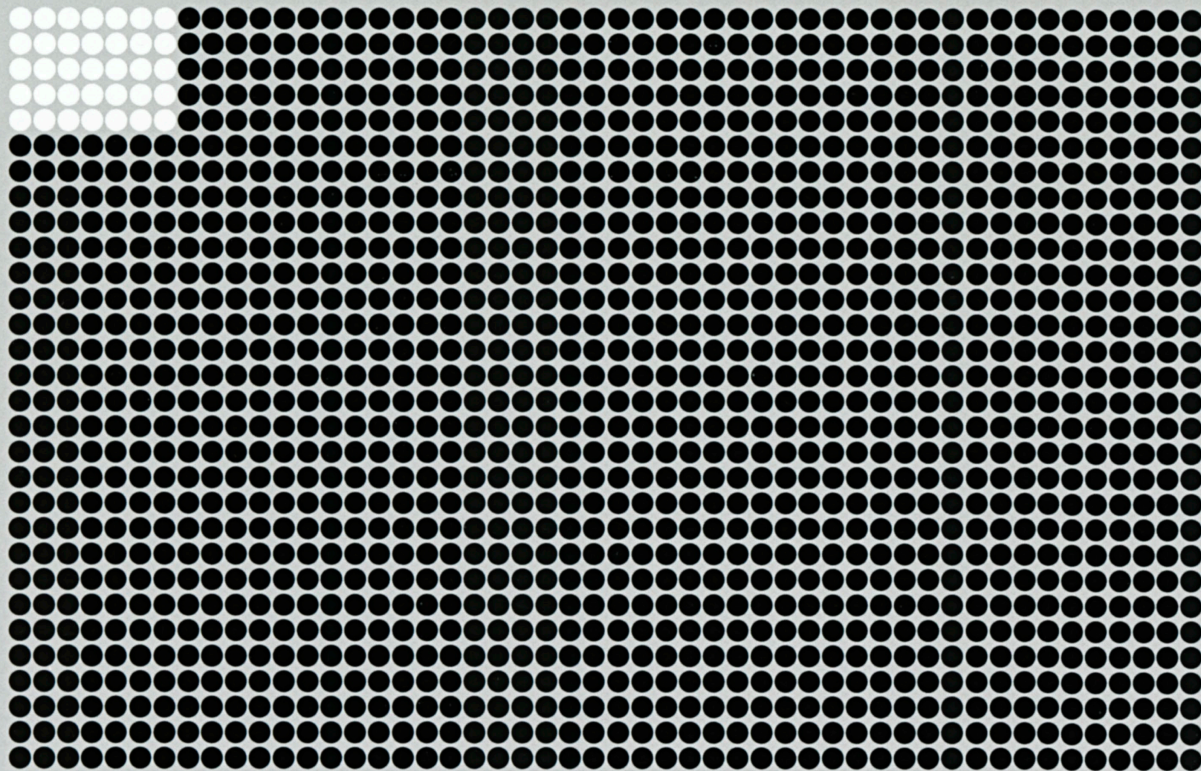


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The critical flaw of the 13th Amendment lies in the fact that it permits involuntary servitude as a form of punishment for crimes. This allows room for exploitation of inmates who are forced to work under unjustifiable wages and conditions akin to modern-day slavery. This problematic oversight in the constitution disproportionately affects marginalized communities such as African Americans who are often subjected to police brutality and unjustified convictions. Such exploitation is often overlooked due to the nature of public perception towards those who are incarcerated. However, inmates should be treated with basic human dignity and respect regardless of their incarceration status to facilitate their reintegration into society as functional individuals.

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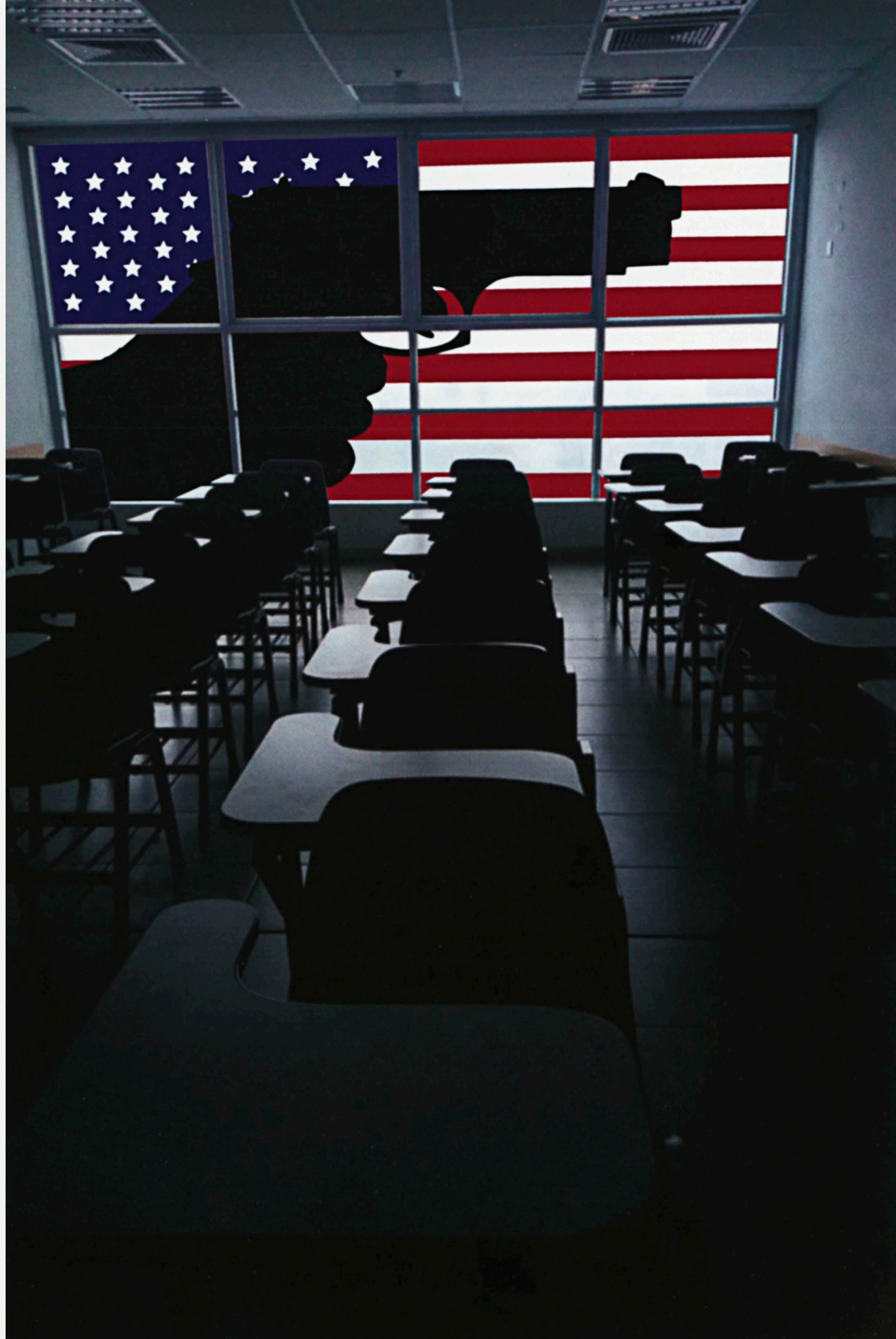
To:

**13th Amendment:**

Abolishes slavery, and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime.

- African Americans are incarcerated in state prisons at a rate that is 5.1 times the imprisonment of whites.
- In 11 states, at least 1 in 20 of the adult black male population is in prison.
- In 12 states, over 50% of the prison population is black.

The 13th amendment, which prohibits slavery, includes a loophole. It allows slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime. Because of institutionalized racism, prisoners in the U.S. are disproportionately Black and Latino men. Through the prison system, the government still enslaves people.



Every year, nearly 4,000 children and teens are shot and killed, and 15,000 are shot and wounded in schools across the United States. This image highlights the reality that American students face every day: the constant threat of violence in their own schools. The Second Amendment protects the right to bear arms, but with the frequent occurrence of school shootings, stricter gun control measures are needed to prevent further tragedies and protect the lives of our children.

Save one life, and you save the world.

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