

Cornell Notes

ONE THIRD OF THE PAPER	TWO THIRDS OF THE PAPER
<p>Connections to Notes</p> <p>Vocab: Framers: original writers of the Constitution who "framed" the role of government</p> <p>Questions: • Is there a point where Judicial interpretation is called into question? • What was the last amendment made to the Constitution?</p> <p>Reaction: It's interesting and comforting that the courts have the power to essentially override the government.</p> <p>Connection: → shows that the government is able to "keep up with the times with regard to women's rights"</p> <p>Significance: Being able to informally amend the Constitution allows the president and Congress to make legislation to quickly impact the economy.</p>	<p>Notes</p> <p>Amending the Constitution</p> <p>I. Formal Methods of Amending</p> <p>A. Amending</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vote of two-thirds of the members in both houses of Congress 2. Vote of two-thirds of state legislatures specifically requesting Congress to call a national convention to propose amendments <p>B. Ratification</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Favorable vote in three-fourths of the state legislatures 2. Favorable vote in specially called ratifying conventions in three-fourths of the states <p>II. Informal Methods of Amending</p> <p>A. Judicial Interpretation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federal courts have power to nullify acts of government when in conflict with the Constitution 2. Allows interpretation of law to change over time - elastic <p>B. Social, Cultural and Legal Change</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No guarantee for equal protection of the law for women, but courts have interpreted the Constitution to ban gender discrimination 2. Social change such as the Great Depression can cause new legislation that bends the rules without amending the Constitution i.e. - New Deal
<p>Summary of most important ideas:</p> <p>Amending the Constitution is an important responsibility of the US government that enables it to adapt to social, cultural and legal changes over time.</p>	