



Arguments for and Against Including a Bill of Rights in the United States Constitution

Directions: Cut out the statements at the bottom of the page and sort them as **For** OR **Against** including a Bill of Rights in the U.S. Constitution.

| For the Bill of Rights | Against the Bill of Rights |
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| Because any power not granted to the federal government already belongs to the states or to the people | Because the federal government was not granted any authority to regulate freedoms |
| To recognize the natural freedoms of the people | Because it would be impossible to list every single personal right |
| To define the limited powers of the government over the people | To protect the people by prohibiting the government from threatening or violating their rights and freedoms |