

JUDGE DON R. WILLETT

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS



THE UNIVERSITY *of* TEXAS SYSTEM

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September 20, 2018









hey baby,

are you a class c misdemeanor?
you've got "fine" written all over!

To: _____ From: _____

% of adults who *can* correctly name all 3 branches of government **26%**

% who *cannot* correctly name even one branch of government **33%**

% who *cannot* name one right guaranteed under First Amendment **37%**





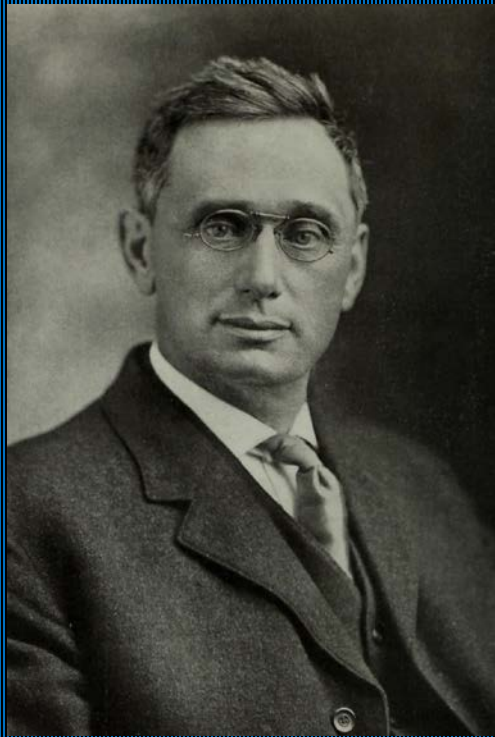
Philadelphia



A portrait of Benjamin Franklin, an American statesman, inventor, and philosopher. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a grey coat over a white cravat. The background is a textured, brownish-gold color with faint, cursive script.

“A Republic...
if you can *keep* it.”

The only title in our democracy superior to that of President is the title of citizen.



—Justice Louis Brandeis







Hindsight

such Laws shall be subject to the Revision and Control
Consent of Congress, lay any Duty of Tonnage, keep
with a foreign Power, or engage in War, unless actually

Article. II.

shall be vested in a President of the United States of
at, chosen for the same Term, be elected, as follows,
in Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct,
he may be entitled in the Congress; but no Senator
appointed an Elector.

chosen in States and vote by Ballot, by two









THE CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, a separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

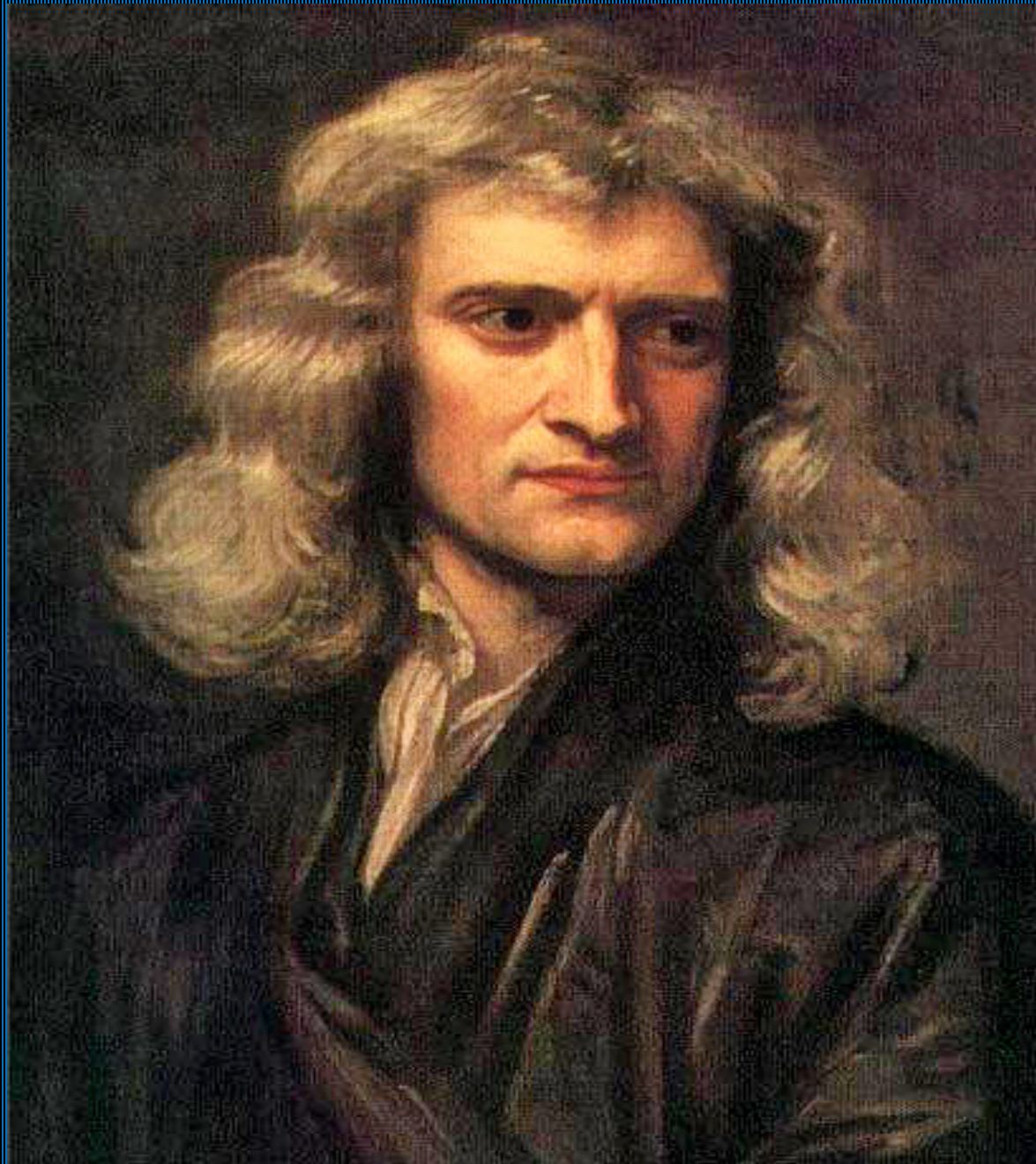
We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.— That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its powers on such basis, and in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to promote their Safety and Happiness. Prudence in the long run will always dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly we have suffered long by suffering them. A British King has been our King, whose rights in America are more extensive in consequence of being absolute君主; but such has not been the Sentiments of our Brethren in other Parts of the World, that they have united with us in declaring the Rights of the Colonies to be the same as those which the British People are accustomed to claim, and to reserve to themselves, as Britons, the same Rights, which by the same Title they have asserted, and are asserting by the same Title, that they are entitled to.



Marinus Willett

- Sons of Liberty
- Continental Army
- Mayor of NYC







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The better educated our citizens are,
the better equipped they will be to
preserve the system of government
we have. And we have to start with the
education of our nation's young people.
Knowledge about our government is
not handed down through the gene
pool. Every generation has to learn it,
and we have some work to do.

JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

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Freedom is never more
than one generation away
from extinction

Ronald Reagan





- 71% could not identify the Constitution as the supreme law of the land.
- 63% could not name *one* of their state's U.S. Senators.
- 62% could not identify the *Governor* of their state.

27th Amendment

No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of representatives shall have intervened.





UPDATE OF STUDENT ACADEMIC RECORD

1. Student's name Watson Gregory Doc ID _____
last first middle (Registrar's Office Use Only)

2. UT EID watsongd 3. Student's college/school Business
(at the time that the symbol/grade was initially reported, ex. Liberal Arts, Education)

4. GOV 310L 36585 American Government C Spring 1982 A+
Department Course Unique Original Semester/Session & Year the original New
 Abbreviation Number Number Symbol/Grade symbol/grade was assigned Symbol/Grade

5. Check only one of the following items, as appropriate:
- Conversion of X to final grade. (See rules governing symbol X on reverse side.)
 - Correction due to grading or recording error. Explain below.
 - Extension of time to resolve X. Symbol X is extended until _____ Explain below.
(month-day-year)
 - Other. Explain special circumstances below.

6. Explanation of error, delay or special circumstances (attach letter, if necessary): In light of the student's
heroic efforts to prove the professor and T.A. wrong in their
assessment of his term paper, Mr. Watson deserves A+.

7. Print/type instructor's name Sharon Waite Campus address/mail code _____ Campus phone _____
 8. Instructor's signature (see #10 below) Sharon Waite Date 3-1-2017

Please note: All requests require approval of the instructor assigning the original symbol/grade and of the dean of the college/school in which the student was registered at that time.

9. For dean's action: _____ Approve _____
 _____ Disapprove _____
 _____ Signature of academic dean (or designated representative) authorizing this update _____ Date _____

10. In the absence of the instructor who assigned the initial symbol/grade, the chairman should sign line #8. After the dean's approval, this form should be forwarded to the registrar, who will then request approval of the vice president.

Approved _____ Not approved _____ Vice President for Academic Affairs _____ Date _____

FOR REGISTRAR'S OFFICE USE ONLY

Table of scholastic standards for continuance in the University (as of 9-1-85)			
Audit status	Total hours	For Sco/Pro GPA less than	For Sco/Dis GPA less than
Old GPA	0-15	2.00	1.50
New GPA	15-44	2.00	1.70
	45-59	2.00	1.85
	60+	2.00	2.00

Scholastic status update

None required _____

From D _____ V _____ to D _____ V _____
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 P _____ Y _____ P _____ Y _____
 R _____ Z _____ R _____ Z _____
 No notation _____ No notation _____

By _____ Date _____

Update of _____ By _____ Date _____
 Grade sheet _____
 Mainframe _____
 512 to T&FB _____







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Canadian

Amarillo

Wichita Falls

Lubbock

Denton

Red

Texarkana

Longview

Big Spring

Abilene

Ft. Worth

Dallas

Guadalupe Mts
Nat'l. Pk.

El Paso

Midland

San Angelo

TEXAS

Colorado

AUSTIN

Waco

Temple

Beaumont

Sabine

Tyler

Houston

Del Rio

Big Bend
Nat'l. Pk.

San Antonio

Galveston

LOUISIANA

Corpus Christi

Laredo

Padre I.

Gulf of Mexico

McAllen

Brownsville

MEXICO





“the due administration of justice is the firmest pillar of good Government”

–President George Washington (1789)



“An able, honest, and enlightened judiciary should be the first object of every people.”

—President Sam Houston, Addressing the Sixth Congress of the Republic of Texas (Nov. 1, 1841)



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