

Report on the Bill of Rights

A trustworthy source has revealed that the nation may soon be shaken by an announcement that the legislative branch and the executive branch of the U. S. federal government have agreed on cancellation of the Bill of Rights, or the first ten amendments to the constitution. The rationale that will be given is that a group of researchers has discovered that the text of several of these amendments, as drafted, differs from the text, as ratified by three fourths of the then-existent states. The source stated that, in an equally dramatic move, all members of the Supreme Court will agree that the court should not consider the constitutionality of the cancellation, although, normally, the repeal of an amendment after it has been approved requires passage of another repealing amendment.

Behind the scenes, this move has already provoked swift reaction. Leaders of People for the American Way, on the left, and the Free State Project, on the right, met and decided to join forces in a challenge to the federal government, and, in a very surprising, but still-unannounced move, the National Rifle Association and the American Civil Liberties Union consolidated their groups into one organization that will offer both armed help and legal assistance to citizens who protest the government action.

A poll conducted jointly by the Gallup Organization and *USA Today* sought to determine how citizens will respond, if the leaked report of the cancellation of the Bill of Rights is correct. The poll showed 22% who favor cancellation, 25% who oppose, 8% who have no opinion, and 45% who don't know what the Bill of Rights is. The sampling margin of error for this poll is plus or minus 3.5%.