


**14<sup>th</sup> Amendment**  
United States Constitution



How it applies.....

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**14<sup>th</sup> Amendment**

- “All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

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**14<sup>th</sup> Amendment**

“No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the *privileges or immunities* of citizens of the United States...”

**Privileges and Immunities Clause**

- Citizens born or naturalized of US and the State.
- States may not make or enforce any law which abridges privileges or immunities of citizens of the US.

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## 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment

**“...nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law...”**

### ***Due Process Clause***

- Fairness of laws and government actions.
- The due process clause contains two parts.
  - First, life, liberty, or property must be involved to challenge state action denying it.
  - Second, once the Court makes a determination that a person's life or liberty, for example, is at stake, it must then decide if the state has denied it without due process of law.

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### ***Equal Protection Clause***

- A uniquely American concept that arose out of slavery and its aftermath, the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause was to protect the political rights of newly freed slaves in the South.

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## 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment

**The entire amendment, ratified in 1868...**

- Re-defined citizenship in U.S.
- Everyone born in U.S a citizen
- No state may deprive citizens of privileges of citizenship or due process of law
- Enfranchised all males citizens, black and white
- Would decrease representation if state not enfranchise blacks
- Declared that no person who held office in Confederacy could hold office in United States government

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# 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment

## Due process in the U.S. Constitution

### 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment

- states "No person shall be...deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law."
- **Applies to the federal government only.**

### 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment

- states "No state shall...deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law."
- **Applies to state and local governments.**

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