

THE CONSTITUTION

“STATES ARE RISING”

On the 27th, in 1787, The first of 85 Federalist Papers appeared in print in a NYC newspaper, as arguments for the adoption of the Constitution. Fearing that the new Constitution was to create a strong central government, the **Anti-Federalist** forwarded arguments favoring a limited Central Government, **States Rights** and the assurance that **liberty would be preserved in a Bill of Rights**. States moved forward with passage of the Constitution, recognizing that the Bill of Rights were to follow, assured that both would be a part of the overall contract between the States as they gave birth to a new US Federal Government, with limited enumerated rights.

On the 28th in 1886, The Statue of Liberty is dedicated.¹ This is truly an inspiring symbol of Freedom to behold. I was fortunate to visit Lady Liberty in 1986, at which time I was allowed to climb into the crown and peer out to see the sites. Access to the Torch had been terminated years earlier, in 1916. It is also a pleasure to know of the kindness of the French, to want to celebrate the success of the American experiment in bringing freedom to those that came from foreign lands, as well as the recent freedom offered through the Emancipation Proclamation. What did the French see that inspired the gifting of “**Lady Liberty**”, perhaps [Alexis de Tocqueville](#) sums it well, *“The position of the Americans is therefore quite exceptional, and it may be believed that no democratic people will ever be placed in a similar one”*...



On the 31st in 1517, [Martin Luther](#) nails his 95 Theses to the door of [Wittenbergs Palace Church](#)², beginning the Protestant Reformation in Germany, or did he mail his theses to the local archbishop?³ Does it really matter? In any event, for the next 500 years, religion has changed with people beginning to ask questions as they search for answers on all things relating to God. This is just 25 years after Columbus is credited with finding America, and the eventual push for those seeking religious freedom would begin to migrate to America.

Thought you knew Americas first religious settlement, read about the curious fate of the first religious community in America, Fort Caroline, in Florida, **1565**.⁴ Yes, this is ahead of the story of the Mayflower, in 1620.

Understanding the Reformation provides insights to understanding the importance of Religion in America, from the earliest of days through to the present.⁵ Statistics as of 2001.

On the 31st in 1864, [Nevada \(NV\)](#) becomes a State (#36), as they telegraph the “Constitution of the Nevada” to the Congress, the largest and costliest transmission at that time, by telegraph. Nevada has a rich history of early settlers that survived the harshest of conditions to carve out a place they could call home. While money, mining, gambling and prostitution may appear at the forefront of what Nevada is known for, it has also developed a strong reputation for being a family centered environment. While not perfect, they are making progress.⁶

¹<https://ephemeralnewyork.wordpress.com/2015/09/28/a-bumpy-dedication-of-the-statue-of-liberty/> also read https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Statue_of_Liberty

²<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/what-was-luther-doing-when-he-nailed-his-95-theses-to-the-wittenberg-door>

³<https://www.history.com/news/martin-luther-might-not-have-nailed-his-95-theses-to-the-church-door>

⁴[America's First True "Pilgrims" | History | Smithsonian Magazine](#)

⁵<https://www.pewforum.org/religious-landscape-study/> or read <https://www.u-s-history.com/pages/h3787.html> also see <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2015/08/27/10-facts-about-religion-in-america/>

⁶[Nevada - Wikipedia](#)