

Comparative Constitutions Project

List of items used in the rights index

Question ID	Question text
ACFREE	Does the constitution guarantee academic freedom?
ACHIGHED	Does the constitution guarantee equal access to higher education?
AMPARO	Does the constitution provide for a right to petition for "amparo"?
APPEAL	Does the constitution mention the right to appeal ordinary court decisions to a higher court or the right of defendants to appeal judicial decisions?
ARMS	Does the constitution provide for the right to bear arms?
ARTSPEC	How does the constitution refer to artists?
ASSEM	Does the constitution provide for freedom of assembly?
ASSOC	Does the constitution provide for freedom of association?
ASYLUM	Does the constitution contain provisions for the protection of stateless individuals, refugees from other states, or the right to asylum?
BUSINES	Does the constitution provide a right to conduct/establish a business?
CAPPUN	How does the constitution treat the use of capital punishment?
CENSOR	Does the constitution prohibit censorship?
CHILDPRO	Does the constitution guarantee the rights of children?
CHILDWRK	Does the constitution place limits on child employment?
CITREN	Do citizens have the right to renounce their citizenship?
CIVMAR	Is there a constitutional provision for civil marriage?
CONRIGHT	Does the constitution mention consumer rights or consumer protection?
CORPPUN	How does the constitution treat the use of corporal punishment?
COUNS	Does the constitution provide the right to counsel if one is indicted or arrested?
CRUELTY	Does the constitution prohibit cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment?
CULTRGHT	Does the constitution refer to a state duty to protect or promote culture or cultural rights, or specifically grant cultural rights to indigenous groups?
DEBTRGHT	Does the constitution forbid the detention of debtors or mention bankruptcy law?
DEVLPEERS	Does the constitution provide for an individual's right to self-determination or the right to free development of personality?
DIGNITY	Does the constitution refer to the "dignity of man" or human "dignity"?
DOUBJEP	Does the constitution provide for the prohibition of double jeopardy (i.e. being tried for the same crime twice)?
DUEPROC	Does the constitution explicitly mention due process?
EDFREE	Does the constitution stipulate that education be free, at least up to some level?
ENVREF	How does the constitution refer to the environment?
EQUAL	Does the constitution refer to equality before the law, the equal rights of men, or non-discrimination?
EQUAL1	Does the constitution provide for equality regardless of gender?

EQUAL2	Does the constitution provide for equality regardless of nationality?
EQUAL3	Does the constitution provide for equality regardless of country of origin?
EQUAL4	Does the constitution provide for equality regardless of race?
EQUAL5	Does the constitution provide for equality regardless of language?
EQUAL6	Does the constitution provide for equality regardless of religion?
EQUAL7	Does the constitution provide for equality regardless of sexual orientation?
EQUAL8	Does the constitution provide for equality regardless of age?
EQUAL9	Does the constitution provide for equality regardless of mental or physical disability?
EQUAL10	Does the constitution provide for equality regardless of color?
EQUAL11	Does the constitution provide for equality regardless of creed/beliefs?
EQUAL12	Does the constitution provide for equality regardless of social status?
EQUAL13	Does the constitution provide for equality regardless of financial/property ownership?
EQUAL14	Does the constitution provide for equality regardless of tribe/clan?
EQUAL15	Does the constitution provide for equality regardless of political party?
EQUAL16	Does the constitution provide for equality regardless of parentage?
EVIDENCE	Does the constitution regulate the collection of evidence?
EXAMWIT	Does the constitution provide for the right to examine evidence or confront all witnesses?
EXCRIM	Does the constitution provide for the extradition of suspected or convicted criminals to other countries?
EXPOST	Does the constitution prohibit punishment by laws enacted ex post facto ?
EXPRESS	Does the constitution provide for freedom of expression or speech?
EXPROP	Can the government expropriate private property under at least some conditions?
FAIRTRI	Does the constitution provide the right to a fair trial?
FALSEIMP	Does the constitution provide for the right of some redress in the case of false imprisonment, arrest, or judicial error?
FNDFAM	Does the constitution provide the right to found a family?
FREECOMP	Does the constitution provide the right to a free and/or competitive market?
FREEMOVE	Does the constitution provide for freedom of movement?
FREEREL	Does the constitution provide for freedom of religion?
HABCORP	Does the constitution provide for the right to protection from unjustified restraint (habeas corpus)?
HEALTH	Does the constitution mention the right to health care or a state duty to provide health care?
INDRGHT1	Does the constitution specifically grant indigenous groups the right to vote?
INDRGHT2	Does the constitution specifically grant indigenous groups the right to representation in the central government?
INDRGHT3	Does the constitution specifically grant indigenous groups the right to establish political parties?
INDRGHT4	Does the constitution specifically grant indigenous groups the right to not pay taxes?
INDRGHT5	Does the constitution specifically grant indigenous groups the right to participate in some activities illegal for non-indigenous groups?

INDRGHT6	Does the constitution specifically grant indigenous groups the right to internal governance?
INFOACC	Does the constitution provide for an individual right to view government files or documents under at least some conditions?
INHERIT	Does the constitution provide for inheritance rights?
INTPROP	Does the constitution make general reference to intellectual property?
INTPROP1	Does the constitution mention patents?
INTPROP2	Does the constitution mention copyrights?
INTPROP3	Does the constitution mention trademark?
JOINTRDE	Does the constitution provide for the right to form or to join trade unions?
JURY	Does the constitution require a jury or any form of citizen participation in decision making in criminal trials?
JUVENILE	Does the constitution give juveniles special rights/status in the criminal justice process?
LANGPROT	Does the constitution refer to the protection of different languages?
LEISURE	Does the constitution provide for a right of rest and leisure?
LIBEL	Does the constitution provide for the right of protection of one's reputation from libelous actions?
LIFE	Does the constitution provide for a right to life?
MARRIAGE	Does the constitution provide for the right to marry?
MATEQUAL	Does the constitution provide for matrimonial equality?
MIRANDA	Does the constitution give the accused a right to silence or protection from self-incrimination?
NOMIL	Is there a right to exemption from military service for conscientious objectors to war or other groups?
OCCUPATE	Does the constitution provide for the right to choose ones occupation?
OPINION	Does the constitution provide for freedom of opinion, thought, and/or conscience?
OVERTHRW	Does the constitution suggest that citizens should have the right to overthrow their government under certain circumstances?
PARTRGHT	Does the constitution provide for a right to form political parties?
PETITION	Does the constitution provide for a right of petition?
PREREL	Does the constitution provide for the right/possibility of pre-trial release?
PRESINOC	Is there a presumption of innocence in trials?
PRESS	Does the constitution provide for freedom of the press?
PRIVACY	Does the constitution provide for a right of privacy?
PROPRGHT	Does the constitution provide for a right to own property?
PROVWORK	Does the constitution mention a state duty to provide work/employment, or mention the right/freedom/liberty to work?
PUBTRI	Does the constitution generally require public trials?
REMUNER	Does the constitution provide the right to just remuneration, fair or equal payment for work?
SAFEWORK	Does the constitution mention the right to safe/healthy working conditions?
SCIFREE	Does the constitution provide for a right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress?
SELFDET	Does the constitution provide for a people's right of self-determination?

SEPREL	Does the constitution contain an explicit decree of separation of church and state?
SHELTER	Does the constitution provide for the right to shelter or housing?
SLAVE	Does the constitution prohibit slavery, servitude, or forced labor?
SOCSEC	Does the constitution refer to the social security of the society or nation?
SOCSEC1	Does the constitution provide for either general or financial support by the government for the elderly?
SOCSEC2	Does the constitution provide for either general or financial support by the government for the unemployed?
SOCSEC3	Does the constitution provide for either general or financial support by the government for the disabled?
SOCSEC4	Does the constitution provide for either general or financial support by the government for children or orphans?
SOLISSUF	Is birth in the country a sufficient condition for birthright (automatic) citizenship or for naturalization (granting citizenship to a foreigner)?
SPEEDTRI	Does the constitution provide for the right to a speedy trial?
STANDLIV	Does the constitution provide for a right to an adequate or reasonable standard of living?
STRIKE	Does the constitution provide for a right to strike?
TESTATE	Does the constitution provide for a right of testate, or the right to transfer property freely after death?
TORTURE	Does the constitution prohibit torture?
TRANSFER	Does the constitution mention the right to transfer property freely?
TRILANG	Does the constitution specify the trial has to be in a language the accused understands or the right to an interpreter if the accused cannot understand the language?
VICRIGHT	Is there a special mention of victims' rights in the constitution?
VOTEUN	Does the constitution make a claim to universal adult suffrage?
WOLAW	Does the constitution mention nulla poena sine lege or the principle that no person should be punished without law?