

Purpose of Congress

**Republic For The United States of America
Education Program**

Corporate Purpose of Congress

In the modern administrative–corporate governance model, Congress functions less as a sovereign lawmaking body and more as a delegating, legitimizing, and budget-managing institution that mediates between unconstitutional executive agencies, organized interests, and political parties—often prioritizing institutional continuity over constitutional restraint.

Our job is to bring the Senate back into God’s intended form, a form when the Republic was in right Covenant relationship with God.



Intended Purpose of Congress

The Founders' Vision

Congress was intended to be the primary guardian of liberty, with the House representing the People and the Senate representing the sovereign States—working together to restrain tyranny, maintain federalism, and ensure that the national government remained limited, balanced, and accountable.



The Intended Purpose of Congress (Collectively)



1. The central lawmaking authority of the Republic

- Congress was the only branch empowered to **make** laws.
- The executive could **carry out** laws, and the judiciary could **interpret** them—but neither could create national policy.

2. The guardian of liberty against tyranny—especially against the executive

- The legislative branch was intentionally made the **strongest** of the three branches (Madison, Federalist 51).
- Bicameralism, veto powers, enumerated powers, and checks were created to prevent either the President or Congress itself from becoming tyrannical.

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.3. The place where *the will of the People* AND *the will of the States* combined

Congress was deliberately split to embody two sovereignties:

House = We the People

Senate = We the States

This was the “Great Compromise” and one of the most sacred design features of the Constitution.

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4. The protector of federalism and the limited, enumerated powers doctrine

Congress was never meant to legislate in every area of life. Its powers were: **few, defined, enumerated** (Art. I, Sec. 8).

Everything else belonged to: the States, or the People (10th Amendment).

Thus, Congress was a *federal* legislature, not a *national* one.

The Intended Purpose of the House of Representatives



The House was designed to be the **People's chamber**.

1. Direct representation of the People

The Founders insisted that:

- members be elected directly by **the People**,
- elections be **frequent** (every 2 years), so the House would remain close to public opinion.

Quote (Madison, Federalist 52):

“The House of Representatives is to be the immediate and popular branch of the national government.”

The Intended Purpose of the House of Representatives



2. Source of legislation reflecting the immediate will of citizens

The House was expected to:

- respond quickly to shifts in the nation,
- initiate most financial legislation (especially taxing and spending), because taxation must come from the People through their closest representatives.



The Intended Purpose of the House of Representatives



3. Guard against aristocracy and entrenched power

Short terms and larger membership prevent:

- elites or special interests from dominating,
- corruption from becoming entrenched.

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4. Serve as the chief accuser in impeachment

The House was intended to **protect the Republic by initiating impeachment** when federal officers abused power.

Think of the House as:

The People’s “thermostat”—quick to react, quick to correct.

Intended Purpose of the Senate

The Senate was designed to be the **States' chamber** and the stabilizing force of the Republic.

1. Representation of sovereign States

Originally, Senators were:

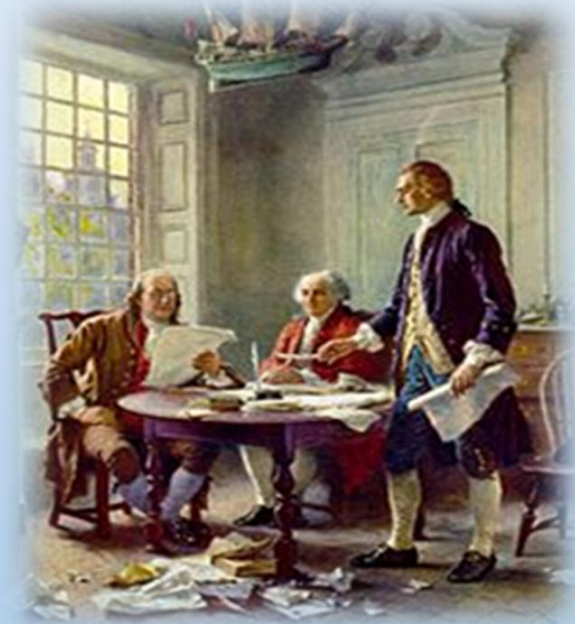
- **appointed by State legislatures,**
- not elected by popular vote (before the 17th Amendment).

The Founders insisted on this because:

- The Senate was intended to **protect State sovereignty,**
- block federal overreach,
- and prevent the consolidation of power in the national government.

Madison (Federalist 62):

“The Senate will derive its powers from the States as political and coequal societies.”



Intended Purpose of the Senate

2. Serve as a stabilizing, moderating, wise deliberative body

Because Senators served **six-year staggered terms**, the Senate:

- was insulated from political passion,
- slowed down legislation,
- encouraged deeper debate and long-term thinking.

The Senate was meant to be:

The Republic's "cooling saucer."

(This phrase is attributed to Washington, explaining to Jefferson why the Senate exists.)



Intended Purpose of the Senate

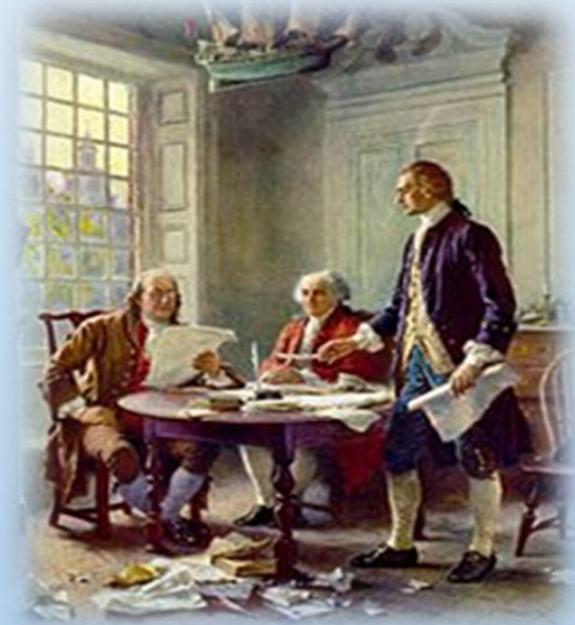
3. Handle foreign affairs and safeguard national identity

The Senate was entrusted with:

- ratifying treaties,
- confirming ambassadors,
- confirming high officers (judges, cabinet, military).

Why?

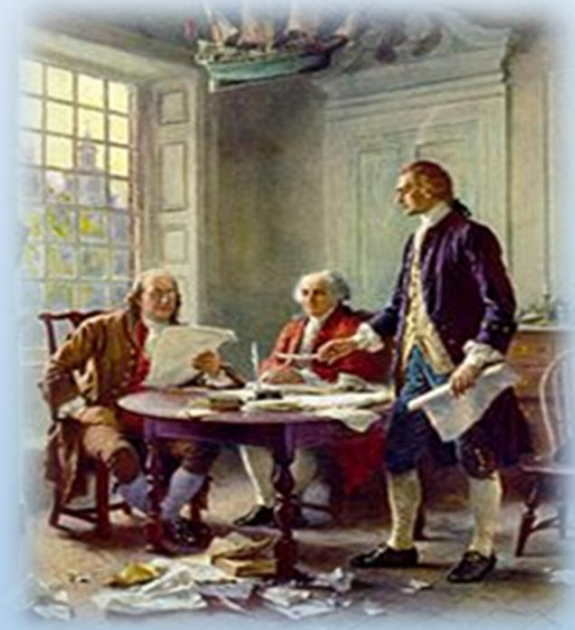
Because the States—collectively—were seen as the sober guardians of national stability, not the executive alone.



Intended Purpose of the Senate

4. Act as the court for impeachment trials

The Senate was the **impartial jury** for trying federal officers impeached by the House.



How the House and Senate were Meant to Work Together

The Founders created a system where:

- **House = speed + energy + connection to the People**
- **Senate = wisdom + restraint + protection of State sovereignty**

Together, they formed a “double security” for liberty (Federalist 51):

- One chamber checks the other.
- Both chambers check the executive.
- Both chambers depend on different political foundations (People vs. States).



How the House and Senate were Meant to Work Together

The design prevents:

- mob rule (House),
- aristocratic rule (Senate),
- executive tyranny (President),
- judicial overreach (Judiciary).

It was a **three-way balancing act**, not a centralized government.



**What If The Republic's Covenant
Relationship with God were
Restored?**

Republic 2.0 "In God We Serve"

What makes America the best country in the world?

December 15, 2025

by Jean Hertler (Wisconsin)

On July 6, 2025, I received a White House email asking this question: "Celebrating 249 years of the United States independence, what is your favorite thing about this country, and what makes it the best country in the world?"

I responded: Liberty. Our Founding Fathers assembled a government never tried before. They framed it after the Hebrew Republic (Old Testament) then brought it forward with the New Testament (allowing for self-government made possible by faith in Christ and holy hearts made by Holy Spirit). In other words, they made God's government on the earth, the jurisdiction of Liberty for God's people, along with others who desire to live among them yet follow their (God's) laws.

Our Founding Fathers knew people would flow into America for this beautiful and bountiful way of life in Liberty (self-government and Union), and that other nations would come to Christ as prophesied in His Word (Isaiah 2:2-3). They would follow God's government for their own nation, and that's why **our Founding Fathers referred to the American Republic as "the model government." God's government on the earth = the Kingdom of God on the earth for His people to live in Liberty**. They understood that all government springs from religion. The American Republic sprang from Biblical Christianity, which is the religion of Liberty.

That's how America came to be so great. No other country—including Israel—has ever achieved such greatness and blessing. It was known as "a city upon a hill" and "a light to the nations." It began by covenant between the Creator and fellow man through the Pilgrim's Mayflower Compact. Several more covenants were made going forward in time that germinated into the Declaration of Independence, a covenant with the Creator and in which He is referenced 4 times.

The people must be shown this knowledge. Then they must desire to repent (turn to the Creator) and renew that covenant—the Declaration of Independence. And follow "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God" in order to exist in His jurisdiction of Liberty.

God's Purpose For Congress

God's Vision



God designed Congress so that the People (through the House) and the Elders of the States (through the Senate) would govern together under His authority—restraining evil, upholding justice, preserving liberty, and ensuring the Republic remained a constitutional covenant rooted in righteousness.

God's Scriptural Design for Civil Government

Every time God establishes or inspires a human government, He does so with specific divine purposes:



1. To restrain evil

Romans 13:3–4

Rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil... he is the minister of God, an avenger to execute wrath on him that does evil.

2. To uphold justice according to God's standards

Deuteronomy 16:18–20

You shall appoint judges and officers... they shall judge the people with righteous judgment... follow justice and only justice.

God's Scriptural Design for Civil Government

Every time God establishes or inspires a human government, He does so with specific divine purposes:



3. To protect the innocent and the righteous

Psalm 82:3–4

Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy... deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

4. To ensure self-governance under God

Exodus 18:21

Choose able men who fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness...

This is *representative government* chosen by and from among the people—long before 1776.

God's Scriptural Design for Civil Government

Every time God establishes or inspires a human government, He does so with specific divine purposes:



5. To reflect Heaven's order: plurality, councils, and shared authority

Isaiah 1:26

I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning...

Heaven operates through councils:

- The Divine Council (Psalm 89:7; 1 Kings 22:19)
- The Elders around the throne (Rev. 4)
- Shared leadership among apostles (Acts 15 Council of Jerusalem)

The Republic's Congress mirrors this heavenly pattern.

God's Intent for a Bicameral Congress

If God inspired the founding of the Republic, then the division of Congress into **two chambers** was intentional.



God routinely uses **two witnesses, two testimonies**, or dual structures to confirm truth and prevent corruption:

- “By the mouth of **two or three witnesses** let every word be established.” (Deut. 19:15)
- Jesus sent disciples **two by two** (Mark 6:7)
- The Old and New Testaments
- Priesthood and Prophets
- Apostles and Elders
- Moses and Aaron
- Joshua and the Elders

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A bicameral Congress is therefore a **divinely patterned safeguard** ensuring that:

- ✓ **No single group can dominate**
- ✓ **Witness is established through agreement**
- ✓ **Rash or unjust laws are slowed, tested, and purified**

This is God's way of preventing:

- tyranny,
- mob rule,
- corruption,
- or a single centralized authority from taking root.

God's Purpose for the House of Representatives

A. "The Voice of the People Under God"

God designed the House to represent:

- **the hearts of the People**
- **the immediate concerns of families, tribes, and local communities**
- **the cries of the righteous and oppressed**
- **the checks against elite corruption**



Biblical Parallels

- The tribal assemblies of Israel (Joshua 18, 22)
- Local elders at the gates (Ruth 4:1–2)
- Judges chosen from among the people (Deut. 1:13)

God's Purpose for the House of Representatives



God's Intended Functions for the House

1. **To carry the needs, cries, and burdens of the people into national governance**
2. **To hold leadership accountable on behalf of the people**
3. **To initiate matters of stewardship (taxation, spending)**
 - Scriptural principle: *The people bring their offerings through their representatives* (Ex. 25:2).
4. **To be the chamber of swift correction during moral or governmental crises**
 - Like Israel's assemblies that acted quickly to address sin or injustice.

In short:

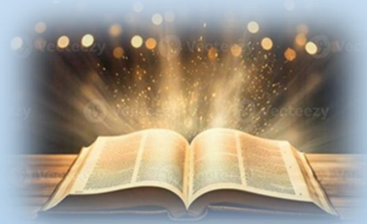
The House is the people's prophetic voice—continually calling the nation back to justice, truth, righteousness, and accountability.

God's Purpose for the Senate

B. “The Council of Elders Overseeing the Covenant of the Nation”

If God inspired the American design, then the Senate corresponds to:

- **the biblical council of elders** (Numbers 11:16–17)
- **the governors of the tribes** (Deut. 27:1)
- **the advisors and counselors of the king (executive)**



Biblical Parallels

- Seventy elders appointed by God through Moses
- Elders seated at the city gates
- The Council of Jerusalem in Acts 15
- The 24 elders surrounding God's throne

God's Purpose for the Senate



God's Intended Functions for the Senate

1. To provide wisdom, maturity, deliberation, and long-term perspective
2. To restrain impulsive, emotional, or politically heated decisions from the House
3. To protect the sovereignty and rights of the individual States
 - In biblical terms, to protect the “tribes” as sovereign entities.
4. To oversee covenantal matters: treaties, national appointments, judgments
5. To ensure continuity and stability through staggered terms
6. To act as the final earthly court in impeachment—mirroring elders who judge high matters

In short:

The Senate is the nation's council of elders—guarding covenant, order, stability, and long-term national righteousness.

God's Intent for Congress as a Whole



C. The Combined Purpose

If God founded or inspired the Republic, then Congress's divine purpose is:

- 1. To manifest God's justice within civil government**
- 2. To unify the voice of the People (House) with the wisdom of the Elders (Senate)**
- 3. To prevent any single branch from becoming tyrannical**
- 4. To restrain evil and reward good**
- 5. To govern by counsel, agreement, and righteous judgment**
- 6. To protect God-given rights—not grant them**
- 7. To ensure the Republic remains a nation “under God,” not under men**

The End

In God We Serve