

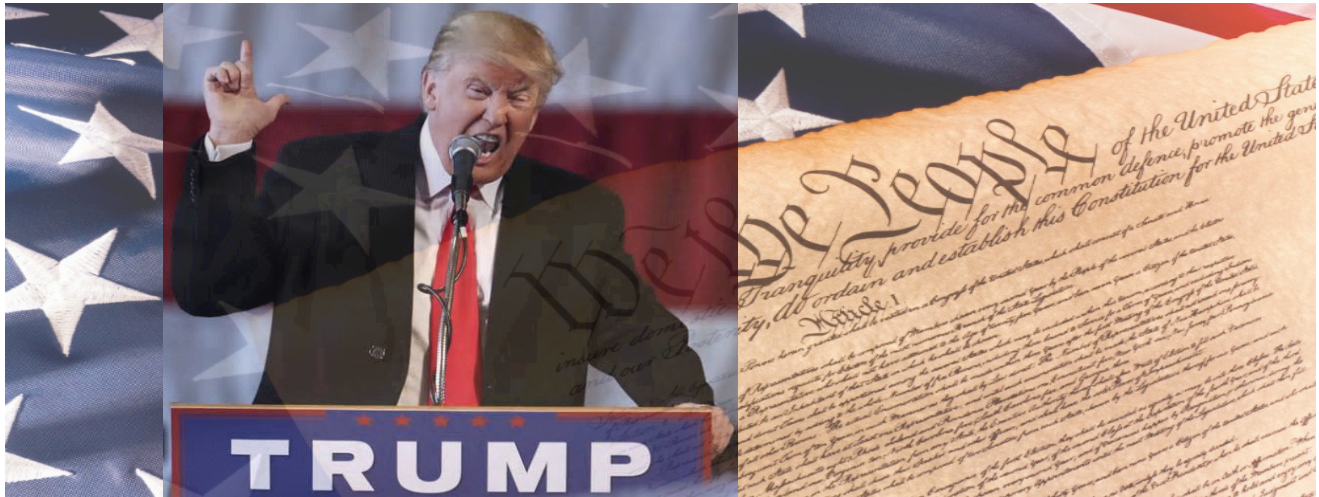
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## Mr. Trump versus The U.S. Constitution



Is the U.S. Constitution a strong enough guardrail to protect the republic from a Donald Trump presidency? One aim of the framers in writing the U.S. Constitution was to create a government that could control itself from abuses of power that would infringe on the people's individual liberty. Republican majority leader, Senator Mitch McConnell recently said, "[W]hat protects us in this country against big mistakes being made is the structure, the Constitution, the institutions, no matter how unusual a personality may be who gets elected to office." Still, Trump critics on both the political left and right are alarmed by his statements about restrictions on a free press, and attacks on a member of the independent federal judiciary, not to mention his immigration proposals including mass deportation and a Muslim ban. Two political scientists assess the constitutional and political viability of Trump's proposals.

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