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To emphasize the commonality of the 99 percent, to declare deep enmity of interest with the 1 percent, is to do exactly what the governments of the United States, and the wealthy elite allied to them-from the Founding Fathers to now-have tried their best to prevent. Madison feared a “majority faction” and hoped the new Constitution would control it. He and his colleagues began the Preamble to the Constitution with the words “We the people . . .,” pretending that the new government stood for everyone, and hoping that this myth, accepted as fact, would ensure “domestic tranquility.”

What is the Constitution?

A constitution is a set of fundamental principles and precedents according to which a state or an organization is governed. As a **foundational document**, it outlines the relationship between its subsections, defines how laws are made, what

The problems

- The cult of the constitution

Who were the framers?

- There is an almost religious devotion to which most citizens hold up both the constitution, and the framers
- As is the case with any codified document of law or principles, its important to figure out in whose interest it was written. There is no such thing as a neutral political document.
- A class analysis.
- By discovering this, we can go beyond apparantly
- Neutrality

Reforming the Constitution

- Limits of reformism. How does it get changed? Go through history of amendments. Mass struggle, revolts, protests, etc.
- Go through how each clause oppresses workers in some way.
- Never be deceived that the rich will allow you to vote away their wealth.
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The solution

- Stop holding a highly flawed and vague document as an infallible religious text.
- Stop glorifying the framers as enlightened beings, when in reality they were the class enemies of the workers then, just as much as now.
- Realize that bourgeois political processes cannot reform the constitution. Improvements only occur when politicians are threatened by violence and instability.

Things that were legal, and enforced by the police:

- Holocaust
- Slavery
- Segregation

Resources

- <http://www.historyisaweapon.com/defcon1/zinnkin5.html>
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