

Canada nationalized their constitution in 1982 by adopting the governing document previously given Canada by the British parliament with an addition of rules for amendment by political processes in Canada. Acceptance in Canada was nearly derailed when another addition, a bill of rights, was also proposed as an addition.

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Show me constitution before I make choice

Yes, it's about time that Guam has its own constitution. It's about time that a clear, written document outlines the fundamental laws of Guam. It's about time that everyone is clear on

the aims of the government and the methods of achieving them. It's about time that we have a constitution whose main function is to put everyone — including the rulers — under law.

Presently, the island leadership is advocating (using the public's money, I might add) a new system of government that would throw out the United States Constitution and replace it with ????. Well, no one is admitting to what they will replace it with. All of the slick ads on television or the redundant commissions can not cover up the fact that, in the end, what is being proposed is that the individual citizens on Guam will be stripped of their present rights under the U.S. Constitution.

To give up something so precious without ever being told what will be replacing it is a form of recklessness. Don't you find it rather strange that the persons advocating "getting out of the constitutional box" are being so tricky about drafting a constitution now? They are reluctant to show us what our rights would be under their proposed system. Will they improve upon the rights given under the U.S. Constitution? Will it be the same rights, the same guarantees? And how do they propose to check and balance the arbitrary proclivities of local political leaders? Would there be a

First Amendment right to free speech? Would there be an equal protection and a due process clause? Would the U.S. court case law interpreting those rights be binding?

Right now if someone wants to search my home I can say, "first show me your warrant." To all of those who are now trying to take away my U.S. Constitutional rights, I say, "first show me your constitution!"

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Toddler gets help from many donors

On March 31 of this year, my 3-year-old girl had to undergo surgery. We did not have much money to prepare for this medical necessity. I went through so many measures to get help from different organizations. We finally received some help, which allowed us to pay for this surgery. I want thank all the people who contributed and prayed for the success of this surgery. The following are some who were kind

Is something bugging you? Or are you looking for a way to recognize someone who's making life better? Send us your thoughts. But make sure to send your name (no pen names, please), village of residence and a phone number where we can reach you during the day.