



Obstruction of Freedom of Speech

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Question: Can a policy of the United States Senate violate the Constitution? The Progressive 17th Amendment states: The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, **elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote.** The electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State legislatures. **When vacancies happen in the representation of any State in the Senate,** the executive authority of such State shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies: Provided, That the legislature of any State may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct. **This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the election or term of any Senator chosen before it becomes valid as part of the Constitution.** -- Emphasis mine, http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_amendments_11-27.html. So what does this mean? This means that Senators represent the voices of their Constituents in their State. I repeat: Senators represent the voices of their Constituents in their State. The First Amendment is rather certain in stating how Congress (both Houses) cannot abridge the Freedom of Speech of an American: **Congress shall make no law** respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or **abridging the freedom of speech**, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. -- Emphasis mine, http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/bill_of_rights_transcript.html. For Harry Reid to change a rule after 200 years, after being the sole tyrant to decide what bills passed by the House will reach the Senate floor (2010 partial list of House Bills Despot Senator Harry Reid ignored, <http://changingwind.org/index/comment.php?comment.news.189>, and one bill he took up when it was politically favorable, <http://changingwind.org/index/comment.php?comment.news.190>.), is for Harry Reid to reserve the sole right of filibuster to himself, as his actions are to filibuster for partisan purposes the 2010 election, and, in so doing, to silence the voices of the American People. Senator Reid doesn't have this right, and, to be sure Harry Reid is the epitome of absolute power corrupts absolutely. In a court room he'd be an exemplar of the meaning of this phrase. I hope the new dictionaries take up this idea and post his picture next to corruption, as a defining image, the icon of it. Steamed? Yes I am, because the Progressives wanted the States to give up their original right to appoint State Senators and they did, ratifying the 17th Amendment so we have 2 popularly elected Houses of Congress (which makes no sense) and the State governments lose their representation in the National Government (which assures the People can't use the National Government to destroy the states). But, now that this popularly elected body isn't functioning as it did when Harry Reid had 60 votes to pass whatever he wanted, while the House was the same, in a grasp for unending power, Harry Reid puts forth a policy change to the Senate Floor to remove the voices of the American People who voted in the minority party in the Senate. Liberal, Independent, Conservative, Democrat, Republican, etc., I do not care what affiliation you have, there is no excuse for one person to assume and assert this much power, especially when it is not granted to them by the Constitution. May we all finally recognize the dangers of centralized power in reviewing Harry Reid, that we cannot trust people to be reasonable, Honorable, and act with integrity when it comes to the powers they were given by the Constitution, for they will seek to claim that these powers are far more encompassing than they actually are, relying on our laziness and being uninformed as pavement to be walked on in their Progressive path to Tyranny. Thank you for reading and sharing this, and may we cease being footstools to these presumptively powerful and act to enforce our written Constitution, Toddy Littman