

The Constitution America Could Have Had

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Over two centuries ago, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison suggested remedies for much of what ails America today. Their ideas were rejected, however, leaving the country saddled with what many believe has become an ancient, undemocratic, and broken constitution. Yet, for all these faults, the Constitution would have been even worse had Abraham Lincoln gotten his way. What were Jefferson, Lincoln, and Madison fighting for? Why did they lose their battles? And what would America look like today had they won? In this Constitution Day lecture, Richard Albert, Professor of World Constitutions and Director of Constitutional Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, will dig into America's past to excavate the Constitution the country could have had.

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