The Nation Changes — The Constitution Endures



One reason I have always preferred the 13-star American flag is the symbolism it represents.

The thirteen stars commemorate the states that founded the Republic and ratified the Constitution. They symbolize the nation's constitutional foundation rather than its current size.

The United States has grown dramatically since then. Territories have become states. The population has expanded. The nation has crossed a continent. Yet the Constitution remains.

In that sense, the thirteen stars represent continuity.

The nation may change. The Constitution endures.

That principle applies far beyond flag design. Healthy institutions must adapt to changing circumstances while preserving their core purpose. The

challenge facing America today is not whether reform is necessary. Reform is inevitable. The real question is whether we can modernize our institutions while preserving the constitutional principles that made the Republic successful in the first place.

The Constitution was never intended to freeze government in time. It was intended to provide a durable framework through which future generations could govern themselves.

The nation can expand.

The Constitution continues.