



**Handout 4
What's Not in the Bill of Rights**

Constitutional Amendment Proposal and Evaluation Form – Four Steps

1. Identify the list of ideas for amendments that your group has discussed:

Topics

2. Analyze the group's selected proposal:

**Proposal
Topic/Title:**

What is the problem the amendment will address?	Problem:
	Reason:
Why should it be included in the U.S. Constitution?	

Content Analysis – Breaking it down

3. Insert language of the proposed Constitutional Amendment:

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Question**Persuasive Response and Support or Reasoning**

Is the problem addressed in this proposal a problem at the federal/national level?	
Does the proposal support the common good? Why or why not?	
What is the potential financial impact of this proposed amendment?	
Are there other ways to address the problem such as through legislation? Why or why not?	
Who might oppose your proposal and why?	
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Based on your knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, do you feel this amendment is appropriate and necessary? Why?	
Is this proposal fair? Does it violate anyone's rights?	
How will you convince other members of Congress or states to vote for your amendment?	