

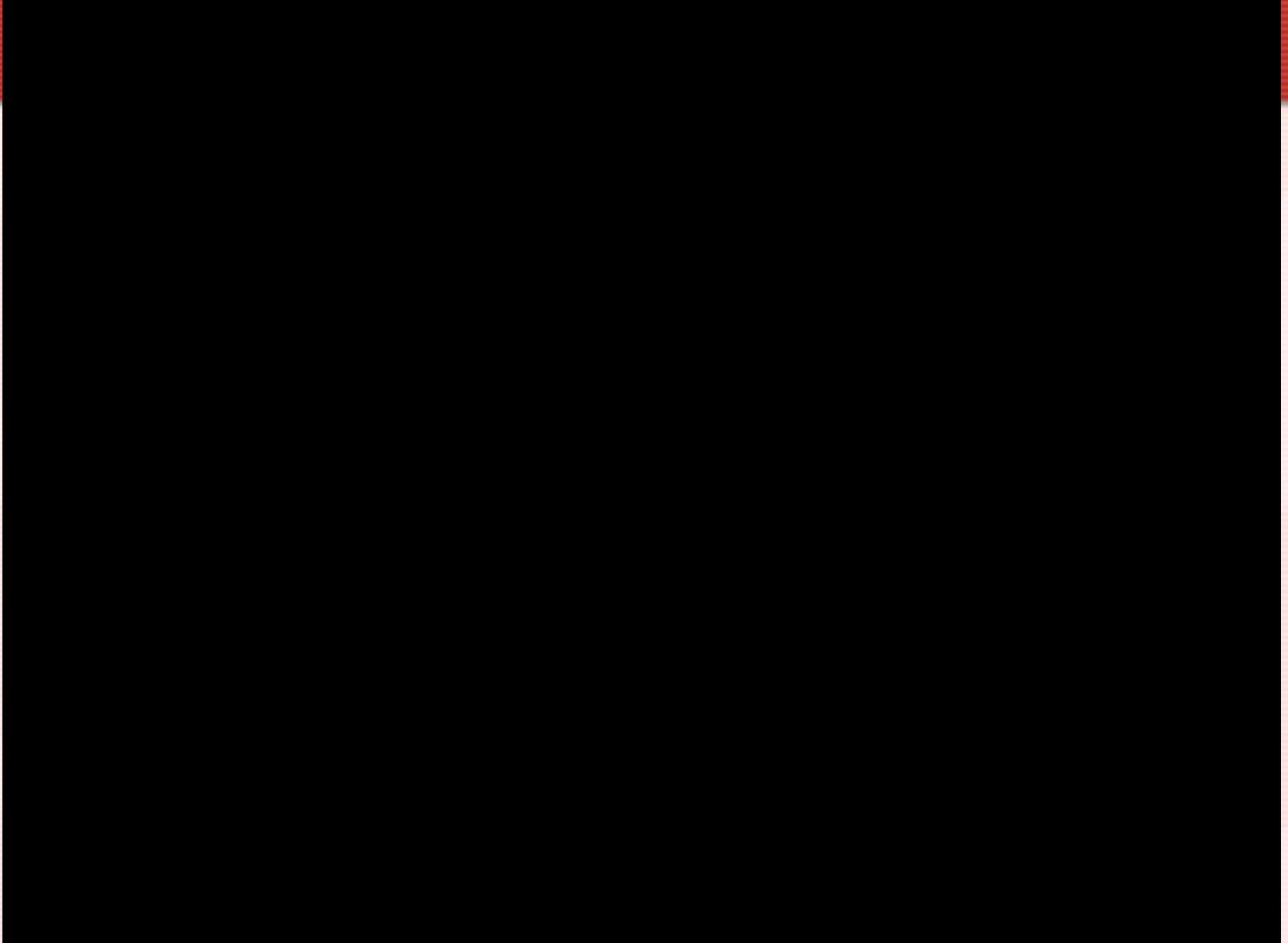
The background of the slide is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag. The stars and stripes are visible, with the blue field of stars on the left and the red and white stripes on the right. The flag appears to be draped or waving, creating a sense of movement. The colors are vibrant, with a deep red, bright white, and a rich blue.

# The Constitution's Organization



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establish justice, insure domestic tranquility,  
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# The U.S. Constitution





# I. Begins with the Preamble

A. A short definition of the goals of the new government under the Constitution.



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# Organization of the Constitution

## II. Constitution is divided into sections

- A. Each section is called an *Article*
- B. Each Article describes a different part or role of government
- C. Constitution has seven Articles

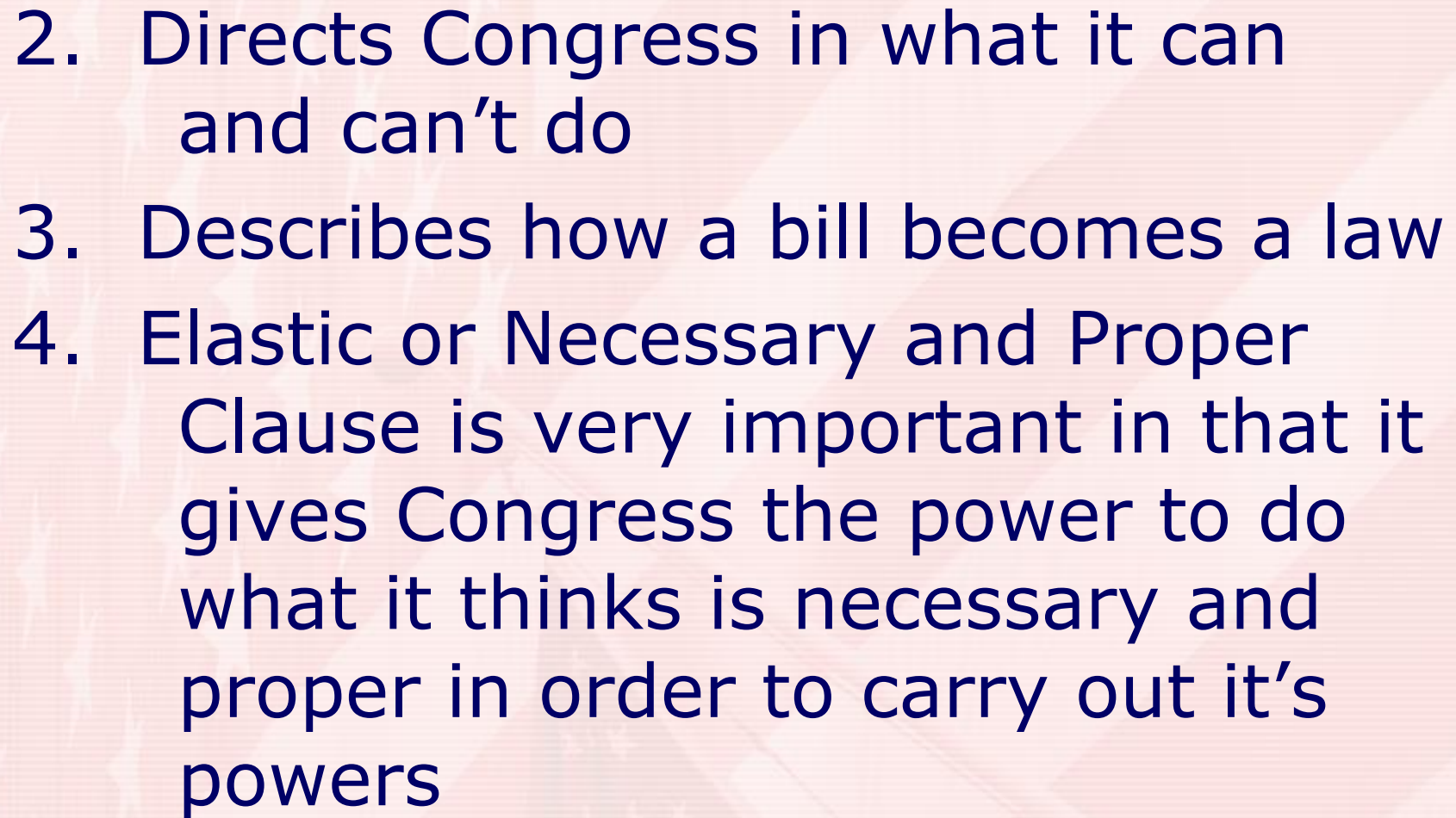
D. The Amendments follow Article VII

### III. The Legislative Branch

#### A. Article I

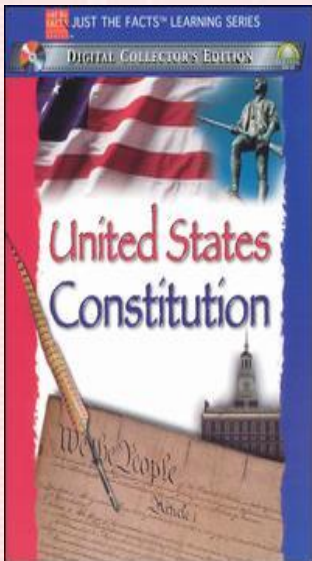
1. Explains how  
Congress is organized



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2. Directs Congress in what it can and can't do
  3. Describes how a bill becomes a law
  4. Elastic or Necessary and Proper Clause is very important in that it gives Congress the power to do what it thinks is necessary and proper in order to carry out its powers



1. Congress has the power to declare war
2. Congress must then make laws to form an army in order to fight the war they have declared



- B. Elastic Clause allows Congress to make laws for the events or situations which could have never been imagined



# Article II

- The Executive Branch
  - A. Headed by the President of the United States
  - B. Main job is to be sure all the laws which Congress passes are carried out.
  - C. President can recommend laws for Congress to pass.
  - D. The Electoral College is outlined in Article II

## II. Powers of the President

- A. Commander and Chief of the military services of the United States
- B. Can pardon or forgive criminals of their crimes.
- C. Appoints Supreme Court Justices
- D. Appoints ambassadors to other countries





## E. Head of State

1. Negotiate and make treaties with other countries.

F. Chooses Vice President and cabinet.

G. Can veto laws made by Congress.

## III. How the Executive Branch works

I. A. President picks a person to head each cabinet post

- B. Head of each department makes sure cabinet money is spent correctly.
- C. Head of each cabinet is called the "Secretary": example- The Secretary of State.