

Table 1. Knowledge about the U.S. Constitution of a Sample of University Students in Alaska

Question	Correct answer	Men			Women			Total		
		N	Correct answers		N	Correct answers		N	Correct answers	
			Number	%		Number	%		Number	%
1 The phrase "separation of church and state" is specifically mentioned in the U.S. Constitution.	False	52	27	51.9 %	70	29	41.4 %	122	56	45.9 %
2 Originally the Bill of Rights contained eight amendments to the U.S. Constitution.	False	52	23	44.2 %	70	29	41.4 %	122	52	42.6 %
3 The oath of office for the President of the United States is specifically articulated in the U.S. Constitution.	True	52	21	40.4 %	68	26	38.2 %	120	47	39.2 %
4 The U.S. Constitution establishes only one federal court.	True	52	27	51.9 %	70	29	41.4 %	122	56	45.9 %
5 Article II of the U.S. Constitution defines the executive branch of government.	True	52	38	73.1 %	70	43	61.4 %	122	81	66.4 %
6 Limitations on governmental powers are contained in Article I of the U.S. Constitution.	True	52	30	57.7 %	70	49	70.0 %	122	79	64.8 %
7 The U.S. Constitution guarantees the people of the United States a democratic form of government in all states.	False	52	25	48.1 %	70	17	24.3 %	122	42	34.4 %
8 The U.S. Constitution provides for three (3) branches of government.	True	52	36	69.2 %	70	49	70.0 %	122	85	69.7 %
9 The liberties contained in the U.S. Constitution are absolute.	False	52	30	57.7 %	70	43	61.4 %	122	73	59.8 %
10 The U.S. Constitution declares itself to be the "supreme law of the land."	True	51	34	66.7 %	65	45	69.2 %	116	79	68.1 %
11 The Congress of the United States has the sole power to ratify amendments to the U.S. Constitution.	False	52	19	36.5 %	70	30	42.9 %	122	49	40.2 %
12 The U.S. Constitution provides for the general relationship between states.	True	50	30	60.0 %	70	58	82.9 %	120	88	73.3 %
13 Basically, the Bill of Rights to the U.S. Constitution provides for both substantive (freedom of speech, press, and assembly) and procedural (due process of law, jury trial, counsel) rights.	True	51	41	80.4 %	70	58	82.9 %	121	99	81.8 %
14 The United States Supreme Court has the final authority to interpret the Constitution.	True	52	46	88.5 %	70	49	70.0 %	122	95	77.9 %
15 Article II addresses the impeachment and conviction process of the President of the United States and other federal office holders.	True	52	31	59.6 %	70	35	50.0 %	122	66	54.1 %