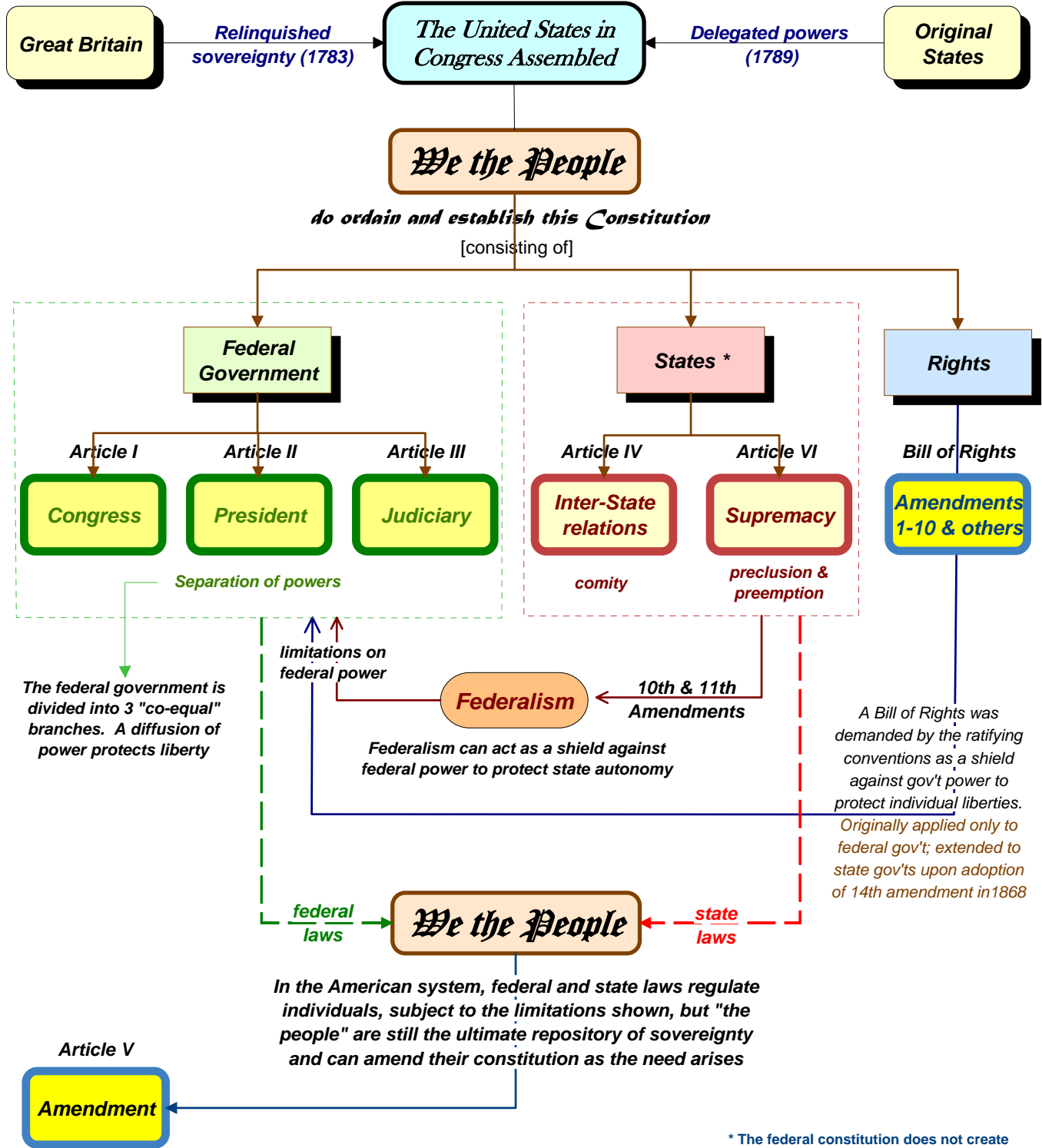


STRUCTURE OF THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION



A Bill of Rights was demanded by the ratifying conventions as a shield against gov't power to protect individual liberties. Originally applied only to federal gov't; extended to state gov'ts upon adoption of 14th amendment in 1868

In the American system, federal and state laws regulate individuals, subject to the limitations shown, but "the people" are still the ultimate repository of sovereignty and can amend their constitution as the need arises

* The federal constitution does not create or empower the states. It protects their existence and limits their powers