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The United States Constitution

Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution imposes only three eligibility requirements on persons serving as president, based on the officeholder's age, time of residency in the U.S., and citizenship status:

U.S. Constitution – Presidential Candidate Eligibility

"No person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty-five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States."

An Open Letter to the American People: America Must Not Limit Its Own People

FROM: Vincent Dean Cordova, Jr., 48th President

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SUBJECT: Public protections are being weakened, economic power is becoming more concentrated, private capital is buying deeper into housing, healthcare, local business, infrastructure, data, and essential services, and at the same time, **the tools that could help Americans compete, build, defend, learn, and rise are being restricted or gated.**

This combination is a threat to you.

To the American people,

We are entering a new era.

Artificial intelligence, automation, advanced computing, robotics, and data systems are changing the structure of work, business, security, education, medicine, transportation, and national power. These tools will shape who has opportunity, who controls production, who owns knowledge, and who gets left behind.

The question before us is not whether this era is coming. It is already here.

The real question is whether the American people will be advanced by it — or managed under it.

Right now, we are seeing a dangerous pattern emerge. Public protections are being weakened, economic power is becoming more concentrated, private capital is buying deeper into housing, healthcare, local business, infrastructure, data, and essential services, and at the same time, the



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tools that could help Americans compete, build, defend, learn, and rise are being restricted or gated.

That combination should concern every American.

Because if government weakens protections for the public while limiting the tools ordinary Americans need to advance, then the result is not freedom. It is a managed economy. It is an economy where the strongest players get stronger, while working people, small businesses, students, researchers, and communities are told to accept less access, less ownership, less security, and less power over their own future.

America cannot allow that.

We cannot deregulate the powerful, weaken the public, and then restrict the tools Americans need to rise.

We cannot tell small businesses to compete with corporations while denying them the same technological capability.

We cannot tell workers to adapt to automation while refusing to give them the tools, training, and protections needed to survive that transition.

We cannot tell students they are the future while placing the future behind institutional gates.

We cannot tell cybersecurity defenders to protect American systems while limiting the tools they need to find and fix vulnerabilities before hostile actors exploit them.

And we cannot claim to protect America by making Americans less capable.

That is not national security. That is national disadvantage.

There will always be real risks with powerful technology. Those risks must be taken seriously. Some capabilities require safeguards. Some systems require accountability. Some uses should be restricted. Where real physical chokepoints exist, such as advanced manufacturing inputs or specialized infrastructure, narrow controls may be enforceable and necessary.

But broad restrictions on knowledge, software, education, and general-purpose capability do not make the American people safer when other nations, criminal actors, and powerful institutions



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continue moving forward. They simply slow the people who are visible, lawful, and compliant — while leaving the actors who ignore the rules untouched.

That is the wrong path.

America's answer to technological risk cannot be to reduce the capability of its own people.

America's answer must be readiness.

Readiness means universal AI literacy, so every American understands how these systems work, what risks they carry, and how to use them safely.

Readiness means small-business access, so entrepreneurs and local companies are not locked out while major corporations receive enterprise-level tools and government access.

Readiness means worker protection, so AI is used to empower human labor, not quietly replace people without accountability, transition support, or public responsibility.

Readiness means educational access, so students in every community — not only elite institutions — can learn with the most advanced tools available.

Readiness means defensive strength, so American researchers, engineers, and cybersecurity teams can find weaknesses before attackers do.

Readiness means public oversight of private-equity capture, so the new era is not bought piece by piece by those with the deepest pockets.

Readiness means clear limits where limits can actually be enforced — not broad denial that weakens Americans while competitors advance.

This is the principle:

Capability must belong to the people, not only to capital.

The American people should not be placed beneath government-approved institutions, private-equity firms, dominant technology companies, defense contractors, banks, and the highest bidders. We should not become a nation where the public carries the risk while powerful actors own the tools.



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Technology should expand human dignity. It should help Americans build businesses, defend communities, educate children, heal patients, strengthen infrastructure, and create a more stable future.

It should not become another system of control.

The future of this country cannot be reserved for those with contracts, lobbyists, lawyers, capital access, and institutional permission. The future must be opened to the people who work, build, care, repair, teach, drive, serve, protect, invent, and hold this country together every day.

We need a national doctrine that advances Americans first.

That means no major restriction on emerging technology should be imposed without a clear public standard: What specific capability is being restricted? Is the restriction applied equally across equivalent systems? Does it protect the public or protect incumbents? Does it strengthen American readiness or weaken it? Does it advance ordinary Americans or place them further behind those who already hold power?

These are not abstract questions. They will determine whether America remains a nation of builders or becomes a managed nation of renters, consumers, and approved users.

I do not believe the American people should be managed into the future.

I believe they should be prepared for it.

I believe they should be equipped for it.

I believe they should own a meaningful stake in it.

And I believe the duty of government is not to limit the American people, but to advance them.

America must not enter this new era by weakening its own citizens.

America must not protect power at the expense of people.

America must not limit its own people while the rest of the world moves forward.

We must advance Americans — fully, fairly, and first.



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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'V. Cordova'.

Vincent Cordova

48th President of the United States,

A Member of Your Global Family

On behalf of all who refuse to surrender the future without a fight.