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# Comparison and Contrast

The US constitution, the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of human rights and France’s declaration of Man and Citizen articulates the fundamental rights and freedom. The national government and fundamental laws of America were established based on the Constitution of the United States. It guaranteed to provide basic rights to the citizens. French Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen is one of the most basic charters of human rights. The French Revolution was insured from the basic principles defined in this declaration. On December 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration. In the Universal Declaration, for the first time in history, all the countries settled on a statement that defines the unchallengeable human rights.

International human rights law has provided a significant framework that guarantees the fundamental rights of people all over the world. However, the standard of human rights cannot be enforced generally. The U.S. Constitution, United Nations’ Universal Declaration of human rights and the France’ declaration of Man and Citizen provides basic human rights, freedom of speech and freedom of religion. However, the three have some dissimilates among them.

The U.S. Constitution is based on the views and opinions of its citizens. It follows the concept of government by people, integral rights and the parting of power. The citizens have the right to rule themselves and run their affairs without being controlled by the external government (*American Declaration of the Rights And Duties of Man*, 1948). United Nations’ Universal Declaration of human rights states that fundamental human rights will be secured universally. The France’s Declaration of Man and Citizen was implemented to protect the individual and mutual rights during the French Revolution.

The France’s Declaration of Man and Citizen does not define the status of women in society. The U.S. Constitution and United Nations’ Universal Declaration of human rights both provides an insight into the role of women. Similarly, slavery has not been specified in the France’s Declaration of Man and Citizen of man and citizen. The thirteen amendments of the U.S. Constitution and Article 4 of the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of human rights mentions that no kind of slavery will be allowed.

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One of the rights that all significant three document offers is the freedom of religion. The first amendment of the U.S. constitution states that every citizen is free to practice a religion and congress shall not favor religion over another (*The Constitution of the United States*, 2015). Similarly, article 10 of the Declaration of Man and Citizen states that the right to freedom of speech is protected within the limits of public law and order. The 19th article of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that everyone has the right to believe according to their will, follow a religion, or change it if one wills to (*Declaration Of Human and Civic Rights Of 26 August 1789*, 2002). Over 80% Of people in the world follow a religion. This right protects the religious beliefs of all these people; thus, this right is inevitable.

Freedom of speech is a right provided by all three documents. U.S. constitution’s First Amendment, article 11 of The Declaration of Man and Citizen and provides everyone the freedom of speech. It is one of the most important rights as it lets the people speak up for themselves and raise voice on critical issues. This right form the basis of every other legislation.

All these documents also give legal rights to everyone under its jurisdiction. The sixth amendment of the U.S. Constitution states that people have the right to a quick trial, legal counsel when required, and confront if someone legally challenges them (*The Constitution*, 2015). The Declaration of Man and Citizen has stated in its sixth article that all the citizens are to be treated equally before the law and can take part in legislation directly or indirectly. The tenth article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that if anyone is accused of an offense, there must be a public and fair trial. The significance of legal rights is undeniable. The provision of legal rights composes a huge share of any justice system.

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