From Parchment to Present

An 8th grade podcast series from The Philadelphia School exploring the modern relevance of the U.S. Constitution

Join us for a conversation!

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

1:15-2:15 | 8th grade classrooms (off MS commons)

From Parchment to Present Coffee House offers fans and listeners in our community a chance to discuss topics covered in the podcast series & meet the podcasters.

Light refreshments will be served.

Due We Trust the Process?

Delano Kronley and Ethan Klehr

In this episode, we will look into the Fifth Amendment and its Due Process Clause to see whether or not it permits ICE deportations and detentions. We will also speak with Dr. Elie Honig, the Senior Legal Analyst at CNN and an expert on the Constitution, to dive deeper into our topic.

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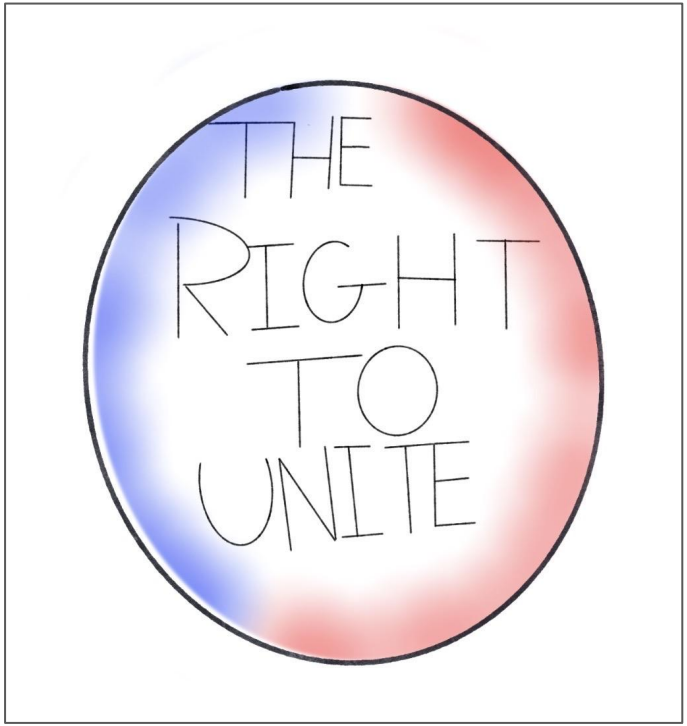
The Right to Unite

Chloe & Beckett

In this episode, you'll learn about the first amendment as it relates to protesting. We will specifically explore how to define violent vs. peaceful protests. We interview Sam Chaltain and Colleen Shanahan, experts on the first amendment.



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The Fight to Film by Jojo and Eila

In this episode, we will explore how the first amendment freedom of speech clause affects our modern world. We will look into a case where an I.C.E agent threatens a citizen to add them to a domestic database. We interviewed Eli Segal and Mike Berry to help us explore the answer to the Hilton v. Noem case.

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Privacy Unplugged

By Jessye and Sofie

We will look into the fourth and fourteenth amendments regarding digital privacy, and how I.C.E has been using technology to breach said privacy by using facial recognition, and an app that can pull up information about people. We will hear from Mrs. Leitch, who is an employment lawyer about her opinions on this matter, and the legal side of it.

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Digital Defenders.

Jai & William

In this episode, we will look into how much privacy you really have with things you do on your phone. Can the police see your location? What makes it so they can get a warrant? What can they access without a warrant? Find out on this episode, where we analyze the Carpenter. V United States case.

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Digital Drama

By Beatrice Kourkounis and Bianca Embick

In this episode, we will explore the first amendment and how it applies to social media and media privacy. We will look at a Supreme Court case dealing with a high school student's Snapchat post. We interviewed several experts on media privacy to give us their insights and opinions on this topic. Our experts are Raphael Cunniff, Alyssa Rickels, and Eli Segal.

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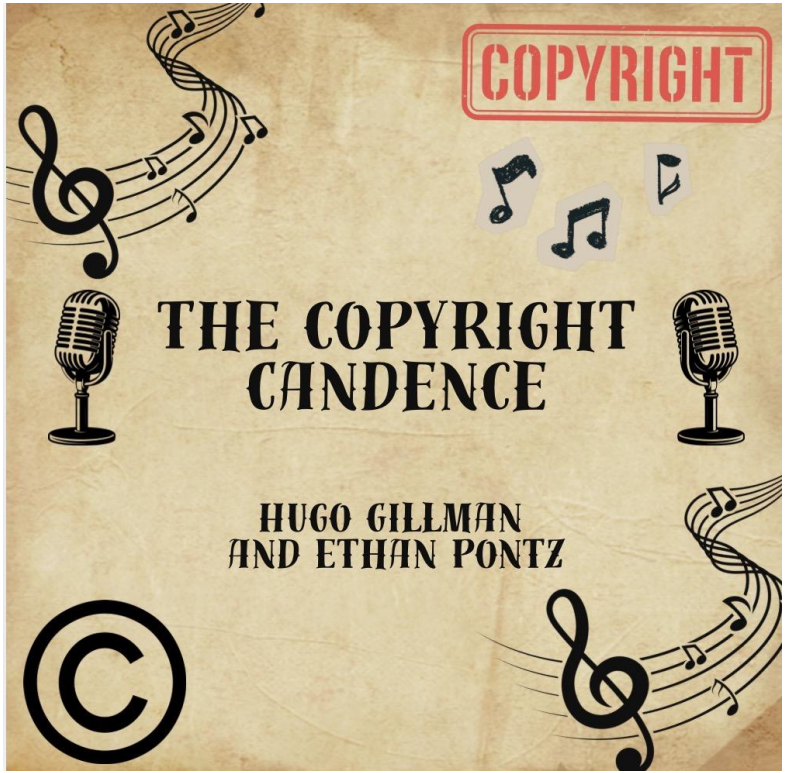
The Copyright Cadence by Ethan Pontz and Hugo Gillman

In this episode, we dive into the copyright clause and how copyright is an instrumental part of the music industry. Copyright in music is a very controversial topic. This is because people have different perspectives on what is and is not copyrighted. We will be interviewing Zahavah Levine, the first lawyer for YouTube, and she will be explaining this controversy.



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Say It or Save It?

Tiana Babiner & Nora Hossain

In this episode of the podcast *Parchment to Present*, we will explore the First Amendment of The Constitution, as well as its true applications to students, and other individuals in similar institutions. This podcast episode includes clips from several interviews we conducted: Dr. Gordon Klehr, Mrs. White, Alyssa Rickels

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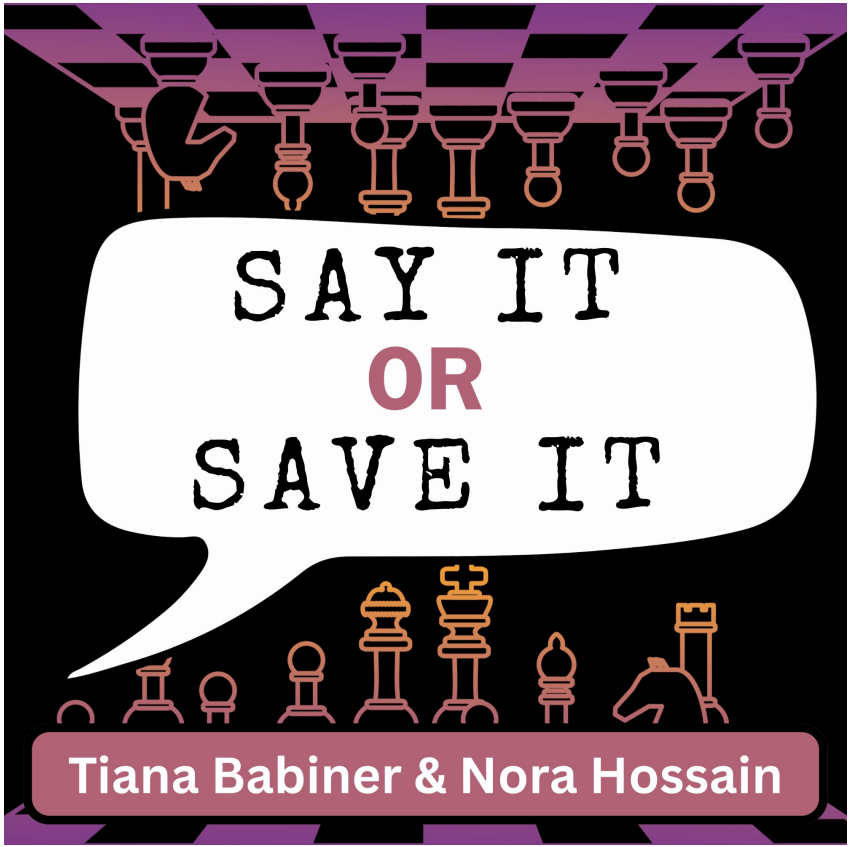
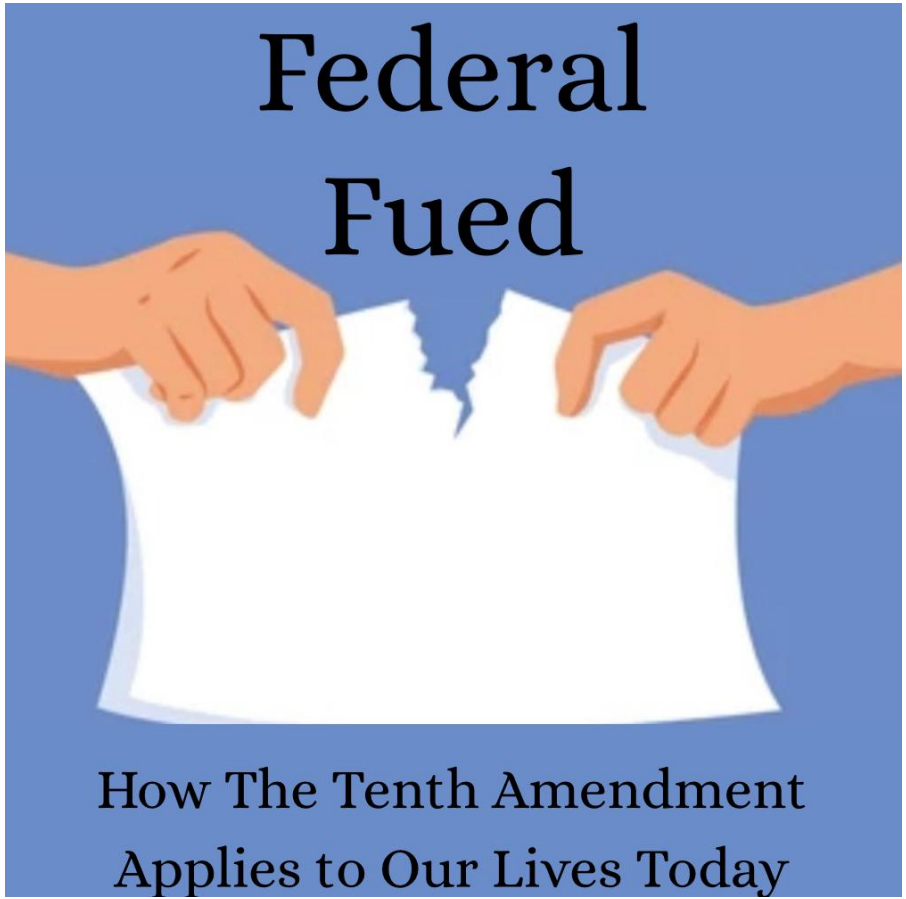


Federal Feud

By Shane Cunniff

In this episode we will take a deep dive into the Tenth Amendment and how it applies to life today. We will see how it affects ICE immigration enforcement as well as sovereignty. We will discuss operation Metro Surge and its applications in the Scotus case of Minnesota vs. Noem. We will also hear from employment attorney, Imogene Hughes to help us learn more.



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Punishment By Clause

Layla Gackou and Susana seiler

In this podcast episode, Punishment by Clause, we explore the Thirteenth Amendment and the exception clause. We see how the exception clause relates to prison labor and how some of the themes of slavery have resurfaced when creating prisons in the United States.

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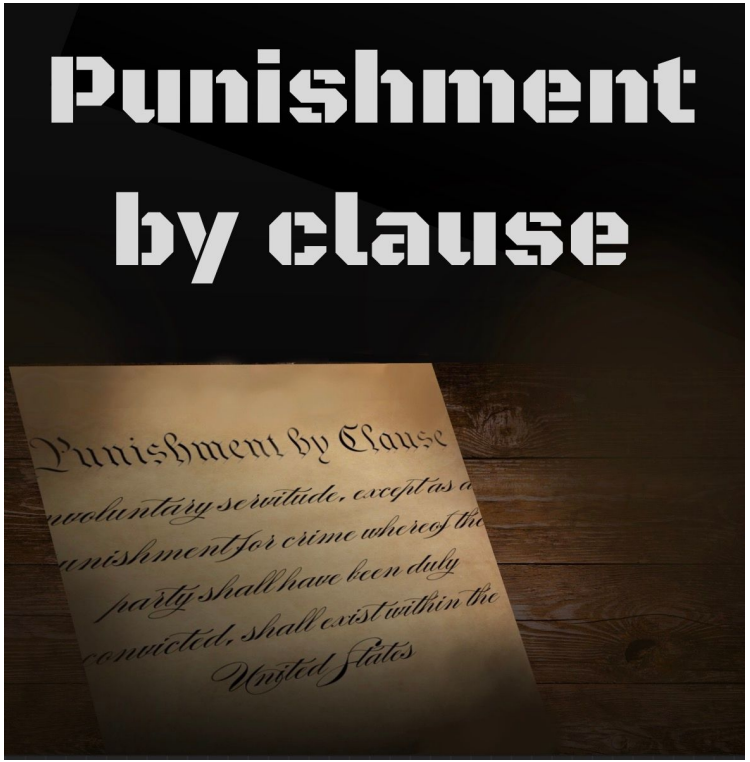

The Conflict of War Powers

Sam & Leo

In our podcast, we will talk about the recent issues of Trump's attacks on Iran, and discuss the powers of congress. Guest starring Richardson Dilworth and Laura Little.

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Taxed and Targeted

Awab & Elliott

In this episode of Parchment to Present, we will look into the 16th amendment and how it affects tax protesters today. We will listen to Bruce Luckman and Jared Susco on their insights on this matter.

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