

References for the PFJF Movement

Foundational Human Rights Documents

1. **Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)** – United Nations
 - The foundational modern statement of universal human rights, adopted by the UN General Assembly.
 - Website: [Universal Declaration of Human Rights \(UN\)](#)
 2. **United Nations Charter (1945)**
 - Founding treaty of the United Nations, emphasizing peace, human rights, and international cooperation.
 - Website: [UN Charter \(Full Text\)](#)
 3. **Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen (1789)**
 - Adopted during the French Revolution; a cornerstone of modern constitutional democracy.
 - Website: [Rights of Man \(Yale Avalon Project\)](#)
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Foundational American Documents

4. **United States Declaration of Independence (1776)**
 - Proclaims the principles of equality, natural rights, and government by consent.
 - Website: [Declaration of Independence \(National Archives\)](#)
5. **United States Constitution (1787)**
 - The world's longest-running written national constitution.
 - Website: [U.S. Constitution \(National Archives\)](#)
6. **United States Bill of Rights (1791)**
 - The first ten amendments protecting fundamental liberties.
 - Website: [Bill of Rights \(National Archives\)](#)
7. **The Federalist Papers (1787–1788)**

- Essays by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay explaining constitutional government.
 - Website: [Federalist Papers \(Library of Congress\)](#)
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Ancient Foundations of Law and Human Dignity

8. Code of Hammurabi (c. 1754 BCE)

- One of the oldest known legal codes.
- Website: [Code of Hammurabi \(Yale Avalon Project\)](#)

9. Cyrus Cylinder (c. 539 BCE)

- Associated with Cyrus the Great's policies of religious tolerance and liberation of captive peoples. Often described as an early charter of human rights, though historians debate that characterization.
- Website: [Cyrus Cylinder \(British Museum\)](#)

10. Edicts of Ashoka (3rd Century BCE)

- Promoted religious tolerance, nonviolence, and welfare of subjects throughout the Mauryan Empire.
 - Website: [Ashoka Edicts \(UNESCO\)](#)
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Medieval and Early Constitutional Documents

11. Magna Carta (1215)

- Established the principle that rulers are subject to law.
- Website: Magna Carta (British Library)

12. Golden Bull of Hungary (1222)

- Sometimes compared to Magna Carta as an early constitutional limitation on royal power.
- Website: Golden Bull of 1222 (Britannica)

13. English Bill of Rights (1689)

- Influenced later constitutional democracies.
 - Website: [English Bill of Rights \(Yale Avalon Project\)](#)
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Religious and Ethical Foundations

14. Papal Encyclical Rerum Novarum (1891)

- Pope Leo XIII's landmark document on social justice, labor rights, and human dignity.
- Website: [Rerum Novarum \(Vatican\)](#)

15. Pacem in Terris (1963)

- Pope John XXIII's encyclical on peace, human rights, and international order.
- Website: [Pacem in Terris \(Vatican\)](#)

16. Fratelli Tutti (2020)

- Pope Francis' encyclical on human fraternity, global solidarity, and peace.
 - Website: [Fratelli Tutti \(Vatican\)](#)
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International Peace and World Governance Documents

17. League of Nations Covenant (1919)

- The first major attempt to create a global organization for collective security.
- Website: [League of Nations Covenant \(Yale Avalon Project\)](#)

18. Genocide Convention (1948)

- Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.
- Website: [Genocide Convention \(United Nations\)](#)

19. Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (1998)

- Established the International Criminal Court to prosecute genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity.
- Website: [Rome Statute \(ICC\)](#)

20. Earth Charter (2000)

- A global declaration of ethical principles for a sustainable, peaceful, and just world.
 - Website: [Earth Charter](#)
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Documents Relevant to a Future Planetary Constitution

21. World Federalist Movement Declaration

- Advocacy for democratic world governance and global rule of law.
- Website: [World Federalist Movement](#)

22. World Constitution and Parliament Association – Constitution for the Federation of Earth

- One of the most developed proposed world constitutions.
- Website: [Earth Constitution Institute](#)

23. UNESCO Constitution (1945)

- Famous for the principle that "since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed."
- Website: [UNESCO Constitution](#)

24. Universal Declaration of Human Responsibilities (1997)

- Proposed by the InterAction Council as a complement to the UDHR.
- Website: Universal Declaration of Human Responsibilities