

## Is Secession Legal?

Assignment: Search the Constitution for “Yes” articles and for “No” articles. You must

1. Cite the article
2. Quote the pertinent section
3. Analyze how it applies

### Example

YES:

1. Article I Section 9
2. authorizes Congress to “call forth the militia to suppress insurrections”
3. Obviously insurrections refer to attempts to overthrow the government. There is no way to disguise “secession” as anything other than an attempt to overthrow the national government as it nullifies all national law in favor of a state law. Additionally, the 11 seceding states then proceeded to create a new nation called the Confederate States of America.

OR USING the Exact same Article

NO:

1. Article I Section 9
2. authorizes Congress to “call forth the militia to suppress insurrections”
3. Insurrection is defined as a violent overthrow of an established government. Since the South was simply stating that the North had broken the contract outlined in the Declaration of Independence and the “Social Contract” as described by Locke, Rousseau, etc.

Yes:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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No: Repeat the process and use the back for more examples