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A basic introduction to human rights, this booklet outlines their development through history, up to the present day. It also introduces the world's most important human rights documents and includes the full text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. A basic concern of the practice of a constitution is the protection of what we would now term human rights, which at another point in human history were referred to as natural rights. UK human rights law has been the subject of considerable controversy over the past few years. A new report that I have written for the British Academy Policy Centre, Human Rights and the UK Constitution, aims to clarify the central issues at stake in this debate. Human rights in the United States comprise a series of rights which are legally protected by the Constitution of the United States, including the amendments, state constitutions, conferred by treaty and customary international law, and enacted legislatively through Congress, state legislatures, and state referenda and citizen's initiatives.