

Elective? Official! Solution

Each of Cameron's plans appears on a specific day, references a specific political figure--surnames A through O--and hints to a specific amendment of the United States Constitution. This forms an Ottendorf, or book, cipher when paired with the stone MONUMENT plaque in front of the Robert Gould Shaw Civil War Memorial (in Private Eye mode, this is clued as "Mr. Shaw's monumental work" while Gumshoe mode outright says "Robert Gould Shaw" and names the monument plaque). Using the first letter of the political figure's last name tells you which line of the plaque to use, while the amendment gives you which letter to take from that line. Private Eye solvers will have to organize the entries into date order, while Gumshoes have this done for them; as a bonus clue, the dates, when viewed as A=1, B=2, etc. cipher, reveal the phrase IN ORDER TO FORM A, a portion of the Constitution.

The lines and amendment logic, sorted in date order, are as follows:

Janet Napolitano, 2nd Amendment (a horrible pun: those wearing tank tops and sundresses have a right to bare arms! Wokka wokka!): U

Dwight D. Eisenhower, 25th Amendment (Cameron frets about replacements—or a line of succession): N

Eugene Debs (my favorite!) 13th Amendment (a reference to "slaving away without pay," hinting at the amendment that abolished slavery): U

Hattie Carraway, 5th Amendment (Cam decides that forcing people to talk is unfair—that is, they have the right to remain silent): S

Lyndon B. Johnson, 9th Amendment (Cam gives their volunteers unnamed, or "natural," rights, which is what the 9th guarantees): E

Nathaniel P. Banks, 18th Amendment (Cam decides to ban alcohol from their rallies, but admits they may "change their mind later," hinting at Prohibition's repeal): D

Thomas Hobbes, 7th Amendment (Cam thinks that other volunteers should decide punishments, referencing a jury of one's peers): F

Ben Franklin, 4th Amendment (Cameron fires a security guard who unlawfully seizes and searches a woman's purse): R

Susan Livingstone, 20th Amendment (Cam dreams of "that day in January," and the 20th established that federal politicians begin their terms on January 3rd and 20th): O

Madeleine Albright, 22nd Amendment (Cameron checks their rant by reminding themselves that there are term limits for offices): M

Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez, 10th Amendment (Cam cheers that "we give the federal government power," and the 10th amendment empowers citizens): B

John F. Kennedy, 6th Amendment (Cameron promises to establish a speedy trial of a jury by peers to fighting volunteers): I

Daniel Inouye, 3rd Amendment (Cameron allows some soldiers to stay at their meeting, but won't house, or quarter, them): L

Wilma Mankiller, 8th Amendment (Cam promises to not give excessive fines or cruel and unusual punishments for crimes): L

The indexed letters spell UNUSED FROM BILL. The only law from the Bill of Rights (the first ten found in the Constitution) not mentioned in the puzzle is the **FIRST AMENDMENT**, which is this area's solution!