

# The Lodge Reservations

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Gave a lot of power back to the United States of America in control over how it interacts with other nations, and how they interact with it. Almost all of the Reservations granted the United States more authority over its place within the League of Nations, or when the League of Nations was allowed to make decisions involving the United States.

## Reservation One

The United States reserves the right to determine when it can withdraw from the League of Nations.

## Reservation Two

Nothing compels the United States to ensure border contiguity or political independence of any nation, to interfere in foreign domestic disputes regardless of their status in the League, or to command troops or ships without Congressional declaration of war.

## Reservation Three

The United States retains sole control over foreign issues.

## Reservation Four

The United States retains its right to decide which questions are within its own domestic jurisdiction and says that all political and domestic questions relating to its internal affairs (immigration, labor, coastal traffic, the tariff, commerce, the suppression of traffic in women, children, and dangerous drugs such as opium) are purely within the jurisdiction of the United States and are not to be required to be reviewed or approved by the League of Nations.

## Reservation Five

The United States is not to be questioned about the [Monroe Doctrine](#), or its interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine.

## Reservation Six

The United States reserves the right to take either side if [China](#) and [Japan](#) start a war against each other.

## Reservation Seven

Congress will elect U.S. Representatives in the League of Nations and have total control over any representatives.

## Reservation Eight

Trade between [Germany](#) and the United States can only be interfered with approval from Congress.

## Reservation Nine

The United States is not obligated to pay any money to the League of Nations.

## Reservation Ten

If the United States builds down its military might because of an order by the League of Nations, it can at any time, without warning, build up again if threatened.

## **Reservation Eleven**

The United States reserves the right to allow peoples of states which break the Treaty of Versailles who live in the United States to continue their lives in the United States.

## **Reservation Twelve**

Nothing in the Treaty of Versailles shall approve of anything illegal or compromise [the rights of U.S. Citizens](#).

## **Reservation Thirteen**

If the League of Nations is to create any future organizations, the United States is not bound to join so no matter as to how the League of Nations wishes concerning their involvement. Instead, Congress has the right to make the decision as to whether or not the United States chooses to be involved and the terms of their involvement.

## **Reservation Fourteen**

The United States will not be bound by any vote in the League of Nations in which a nation has voted twice. Neither will it be bound by a vote which concerns and affects a voting party.