

Pocket Constitutions Earn Sales Increase After Khizr Khan's Speech

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Sales of the pocket-size U.S. Constitution are booming in the wake of Khizr Khan waving it during his speech at the Democratic National Convention, according to **The Washington Post.**

Khan, father of Humayun Khan, a U.S. soldier who was killed in a suicide attack, waved the pocket Constitution in response to Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's call to ban Muslims from immigrating to the U.S.

Khan pulled out a copy of the pocket-size edition during the speech when he addressed Trump. "Have you even read the United States Constitution? I will gladly lend you my copy."

The \$1 pocket-size Constitution issued by the nonpartisan National Center for Constitutional Studies is the second bestselling book on <u>Amazon</u>, second only to J.K. Rowling's latest Harry Potter book, "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child."

The Post reports that pocket-size Constitutions were a staple of the Tea Party movement, but they were first printed in 1965, according to **Slate.**

The pocket Constitution became prominent following the Watergate scandal, when chairman of the investigation Sen. Sam Ervin, would pull out a copy during hearings.

Both Democrats and Republicans use the pocket-size version and every member of the House and Senate is issued a copy.

The American Civil Rights Union and the Cato Institute sell them on their websites and the Heritage Foundation sells a Spanish-language edition.