

Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (Day 1)



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Phase 1

- Freedom of Speech – Yes
- Due Process Clause – No
- Freedom of Press – Yes
- Exclusionary Rule – No
- Freedom of Assembly – Yes



Phase 2

- Freedom of Religion
- Double jeopardy
- Right to Petition the Government
- Cruel and Unusual Punishment
- Reserved Powers to the state



First Amendment

- Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Quote Analysis:

- “If we don’t believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don’t believe in it at all.”
 - Noam Chomsky
- “I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to death your right to say it.”
 - Voltaire



Establishment Clause

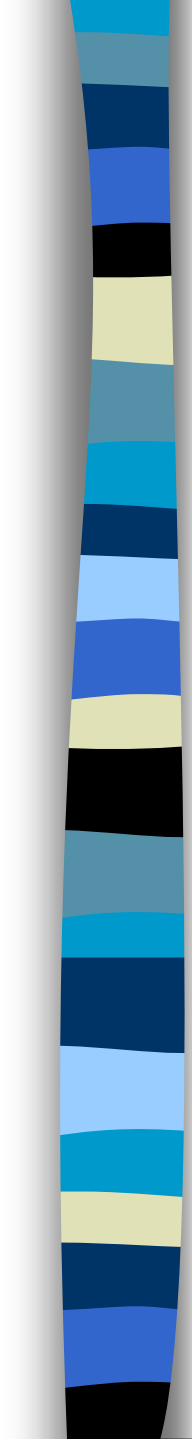
- “(The Constitution erects) a wall of separation between church and state.”
– Thomas Jefferson



How would you decide?

- Does this mean I can burn the American flag? Read the article on flag burning.
- Break up into groups and each group will be given a few minutes to read and discuss their case. Then, be ready to share with the class their verdict.





A constitutional amendment would be required to ban flag burning because that activity is currently protected by the right to

- A. due process
- B. assembly
- C. free exercise of religion
- D. protection against confiscation of private property
- E. free speech