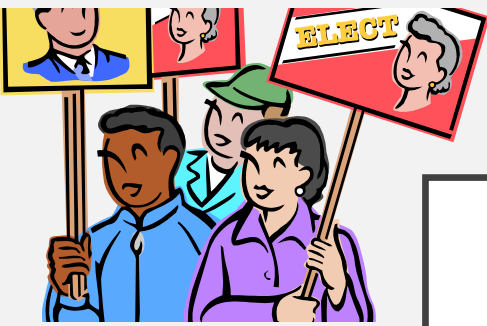


FREEDOM OF SPEECH

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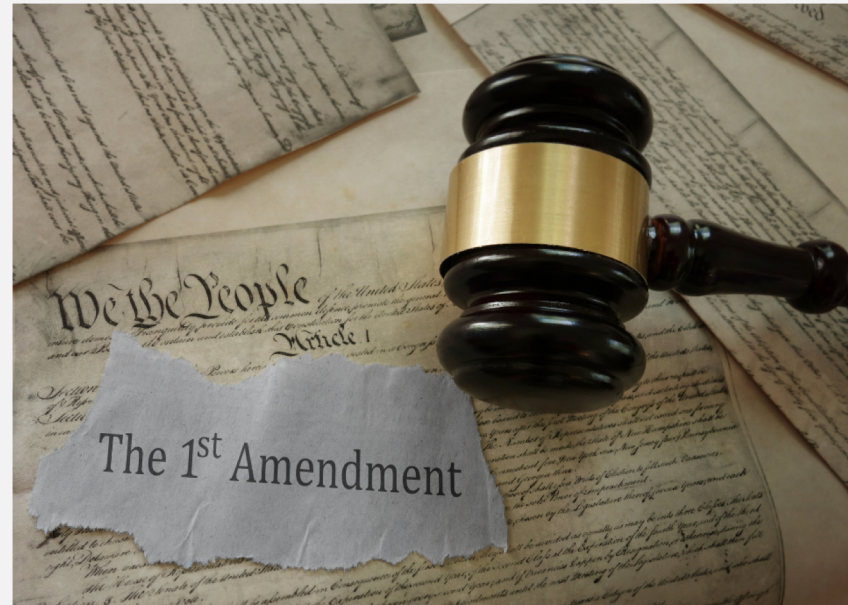
DEFINITION OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH

- The right, guaranteed by the [First Amendment](https://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/First+Amendment) (<https://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/First+Amendment>) to the U.S. Constitution, to express (say, talk, gesture, write) beliefs and ideas without unwarranted government restriction. (Unwarranted means – No good reason for.)



FREEDOM OF SPEECH INCLUDES:

- Right not to speak
- Right to be heard
- Right to talk about your religion
- Right to tell people how you feel





YOU HAVE THE RIGHT:

- To speak up or voice a complaint without fear of someone getting mad or doing something to you.
- To talk freely and openly about things that are important to you.
- To use certain offensive words and phrases (But remember this can upset others).
- To engage in symbolic speech (salute a soldier).

YOU DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT:

- To talk in a way that would harm others (e.g. Shouting 'fire' in a crowded theater).
- To make or distribute obscene materials.
- To advocate for illegal activity.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

- Respect the right of others to speak and be heard.
- Respect the views and ideas of others.