

THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT

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What are Civil Liberties?



I. THE BILL OF RIGHTS

HOW DOES THE CONSTITUTION PROTECT INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES AND RIGHTS, AND WHAT RIGHTS ARE PROTECTED BY THE BILL OF RIGHTS?

A. LIBERTIES AND THE CONSTITUTION

- Madison: opposed then got on board
- B. PROTECTIONS IN THE BILL OF RIGHTS: 9th and 10th amendments, and selective incorporation
- C. A CULTURE OF CIVIL LIBERTIES: liberty v. public interest
- D. INTERPRETING THE BILL OF RIGHTS



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 peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

II. FIRST AMENDMENT: FREEDOM OF RELIGION

What Happened to

Religious Rights in Wisconsin v. Yoder?

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A. Biographer

TO WHAT EXTENT DOES THE SUPREME COURT'S INTERPRETATION OF FREEDOM OF RELIGION REFLECT A COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY?

A. CHURCH AND STATE

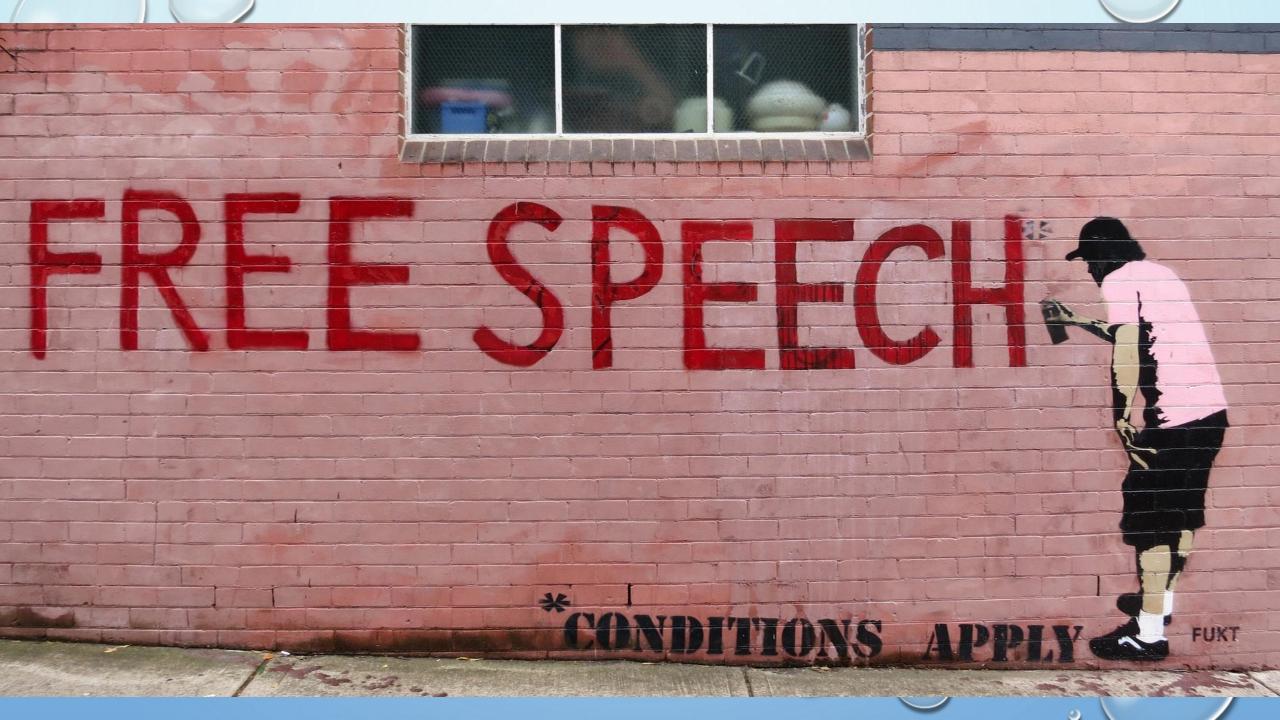
- establishment clause
- free exercise clause
- engel v. vitale
- the lemon test and excessive entanglei
- Wisconsin v. Yoder
- **B. CONTEMPORARY ISSUES**
 - public funding, vouchers, religion in public school?, religious symbols in public places?



III. FIRST AMENDMENT: FREEDOM OF SPEECH

TO WHAT EXTENT DOES THE SUPREME COURT'S INTERPRETATION OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH REFLECT A COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY?

- A. DEFINING PROTECTED SPEECH
- B. Time, place, and regulations
 - A. When is a protest free speech? When is it not?
 - B. When are actions free speech? When are they not? (symbolic speech)
 - Tinker V. Des Moines
 - C. Obscenity- Roth V. US, Miller V. California
 - D. "clear and present danger"





IV. FIRST AMENDMENT: FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

TO WHAT EXTENT DOES THE SUPREME COURT'S INTERPRETATION OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS REFLECT A COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY?

- A. FREE PRESS IN A DEMOCRACY
 - press and speech pretty much the same
 - libel, new York times v. Sullivan
 - breathing space v. malicious intent
 - no prior restraint