

SNCTC

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Initial Training Program

*Privacy, Civil Rights
& Civil Liberties*

“The Big Five” Freedoms



Module 3.1

Civil Liberties

The “Big Five” Freedoms

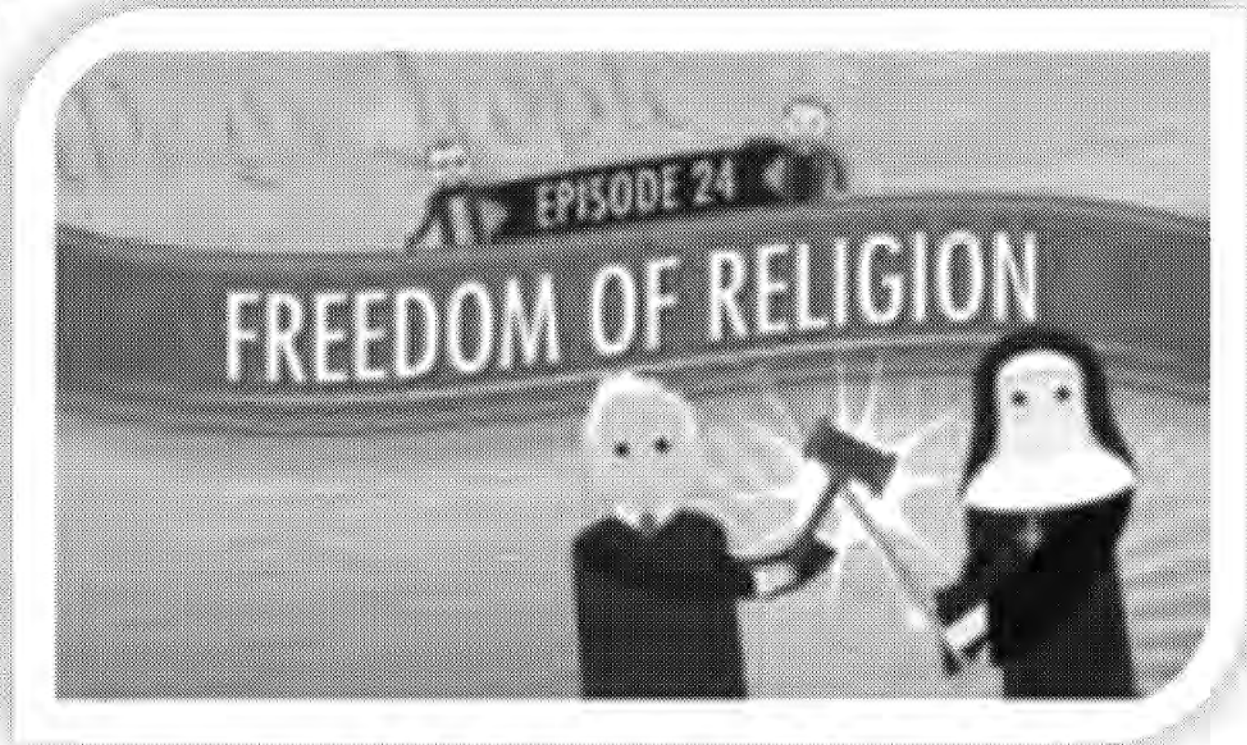
The First Amendment establish “The Big Five”

CIVIL LIBERTIES

- **Freedom of Religion**
 - “Free Exercise Clause”
 - “Establishment Clause”
- **Freedom of Speech**
- **Freedom of the Press**
- **Freedom to Peacefully Associate and Assemble**
- **Freedom to Petition for Governmental Redress of Grievances**

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“Freedom of Religion”



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First Amendment

“Freedom of Religion”

KEY PROVISIONS

Two Clauses within this First Amendment provision:

FREE EXERCISE CLAUSE

- Covers any form of worship of a deity, including right *not* to worship a deity
- Includes food, dress, facilities, conduct of services, observance of the Sabbath, raising money, proselytizing, etc.
- Requires reasonable accommodation of religious practice

ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE

- Government shall not promote religious belief, or the beliefs/interests of one religious group over others.
- Shall not provide/deny benefits to any person or group on the basis of religious belief.

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“Freedom of Speech”



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First Amendment

“Freedom of Speech”

BEDROCK PRINCIPLE:

Any effort **TO CONTROL** or **LIMIT SPEECH** on the
basis of its content or message is

PRESUMED TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

(Innocent until proven guilty / Speech is constitutional until proven not)

However, freedoms are not absolute and there can be

Restrictions on Speech

Reasonable Time, Place and Manner

Restrictions on speech on the basis of its content are not protected in
only two very narrow circumstances:

✓ “fighting words” ✓ Speech that causes a “clear and present danger”

First Amendment

“Freedom of Peaceful Assembly”

Often also called the *“Right to Associate”*

Activities are protected
when conducted
IN SUPPORT OF
or
IN OPPOSITION TO
Organizational,
Political, Religious, or
Social Causes



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“Freedom of the Press”



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First Amendment

“Freedom of the Press”

A “RIGHT TO KNOW”

what our government is doing

Critical to democracy to make the government accountable to the people.
Functions as a watchdog that can investigate and report on government wrongdoing.

EXCEPTIONS TO DISCLOSURE

materials identified as **SENSITIVE, CLASSIFIED** or **SECRET**,
or the relevance of the information to
PROTECTING THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

PROBLEMS FOR THE PRESS

✓ FAKE NEWS ✓ UNVERIFIED SOURCES ✓ PARTIAL/ALTERED VIDEOS

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