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Free Speech @ CSU System

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.
Passed by Congress September 25, 1789
Ratified December 15, 1791

WHAT IS FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND WHAT DOES IT PROTECT?

Freedom of speech is essential to a strong democracy. The First Amendment guarantees the rights of citizens to speak their minds freely without restriction. These rights include the right to:

• Express your views on public issues, even if they are unpopular or controversial.
• Express your views on government actions, even if they are unpopular or controversial.
• Express your views on the actions of other people, even if they are unpopular or controversial.
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WHEN IS SPEECH NOT PROTECTED UNDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT?

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