

## **Freedoms**

Before our freedom of speech, press, and society was granted, people fought for Americans to have freedoms, nowadays we take those freedoms for granted. We hardly ever acknowledge why these freedoms are important or what they actually mean. The freedom of speech, press, and society are all important in order for America to prosper properly under a country of democracy, thus they are essential.

The freedom of speech was established in December 15, 1791 along with the other freedoms in the First Amendment. This freedom grants humans their basic right to express their opinion, and to speak freely about any matter without government restraint. It's important because it allows for change in a society and the exchange of ideas. An example of this freedom is when high school students in Des Moines, Iowa, decided to wear armbands as a form of protesting against the Vietnam War. The principle argued the armbands were a distracting and could lead to danger, but the Supreme Court sided with the students saying that the armbands were a form of freedom speech. Like Ai Weiwei said, "Without freedom of speech there is no modern world, just a barbaric one," meaning that without this freedom we'd be striped of our basic human right leading to a government controlled world.

The freedom of press grants Americans the right to report news or circulate opinion without censorship from the government. This freedom is critical because it allows humans to release information about different matters without government restriction alerting other humans

about different subjects. For example, a news reporter can release any information, that is valid, to the public in order to notify them about a subject. Ultimately, this freedom keeps the public informed making their country safe like Thomas Jefferson said, “Where the press is free and every man able to read, all is safe.”

The freedom of society grants human the ability to live their lives freely and do as they wish. This freedom is necessary because it gives the people more freedom and allows for self-care. An example of this freedom, is that a human living under these laws can leave their house whenever they choose or can eat whatever they want. Mahatma Gandhi once said, “No society can possibly be built on a denial of individual freedom,” implicating that this freedom is important for a stable society.

In conclusion, the freedom of speech, press, and society are all important in order for the smooth function of America. The freedom of speech grants humans their basic right to express their opinion and to speak freely without government restraint. The freedom of press grants Americans the right to report news or circulate opinion without censorship from the government. And, the freedom of society grants humans the ability to live their lives freely and do as they wish. Long story short, all our freedoms help keep our country safe and our peaceful.