

First Amendment

Communications Law

Text of the First Amendment

- 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.

Cases

- Schenck v. United States (1919)
 - “Clear and Present Danger”
- Gitlow v. New York (1929)
 - Rights to the states
- Near v. Minnesota (1931)
 - Prior Restraint
- Heffron v. Int. Soc. For Krishna Consciousness (1981)
 - Time, place, manner

Not Necessarily Protected

- Libel
- Commercial Speech
- Obscenity
- Schools
- Prior Restraint
- Copyright
- Privacy
- Broadcast