

# What are some of our rights as Americans?

Freedom of assembly We are allowed to get together in a group.

Freedom of speech We are allowed to say what we want as long as we don't threaten someone else's safety.

Freedom of religion We are allowed to choose what religion we want to follow.

Freedom of press The government isn't allowed to tell the press (newspapers, websites, TV channels) what they can and can't say

Remember: Not everyone in the world enjoys these rights!

# What makes a good law?

Has a good purpose

Doesn't go against the Constitution

Doesn't have a lot of exceptions

People support the law

# What does the Supreme Court do?

They decide if laws are constitutional!

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Let's review two of our rights given by the Bill of Rights. We are going to act as Supreme Court Justices to see if laws passed in our town are unconstitutional!

1. U.S. citizens have freedom of religion.
2. U.S. citizens have freedom of speech.

What is freedom of religion? What is freedom of speech?

Law: A police officer can arrest you for voting for a different presidential candidate.

Is this Constitutional?

Law: South Carolina's new state license plates will say "Jesus is Lord" with pictures of crosses. Every new driver must have this license plate.

Is this Constitutional?

Law: You can be arrested if you say that you think that Gainesville's new mayor is doing a bad job.

Is this Constitutional?

Law: In Florida, you can only get a job if you go to church on Sundays.

Is this Constitutional?

Law: You can be put in jail if the police officer doesn't like the bumper stickers you have on your car.

Is this Constitutional?

Law: You can be arrested if a police officer doesn't like the way you look, even if you haven't broken any laws.

Is this Constitutional?

Law: A restaurant can refuse to serve you if you have a different religion than the owner of the restaurant.

Is this Constitutional?

Law: You can be arrested for sending emails in which you are directly threatening to hurt someone else.

Is this Constitutional?

Law: You can be fired for talking about your religious or political beliefs at work.

Is this Constitutional?

Law: You can be arrested for yelling "FIRE!" in a movie theater if it is a prank, and not a real fire.

Is this Constitutional?