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The Foundation of Free Expression

The U.S. Constitution's protection of freedom of expression embodies the notion that an individual's ability to express himself freely — without fear of government punishment — produces the autonomy and liberty that promote better governance. Allowing citizens to openly discuss topics of public concern results in a more transparent and representative government, more tolerant ideas and a more stable society.

History has shown that curtailing free expression by banning speech does not advance democracy. The drafters of the U.S. Constitution recognized that when governments forbid citizens from talking about certain topics, it often forces those citizens to discuss such topics secretly. By allowing individuals to express their opinions — no matter how much the government and other citizens may disagree with them — the First Amendment promotes transparency and social stability. This uninhibited public debate also forces ideas into the intellectual marketplace, where they must compete with the ideas freely expressed by other individuals.[1] This competition of ideas means that inferior or offensive ideas give way to better ones.

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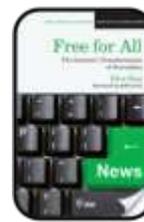
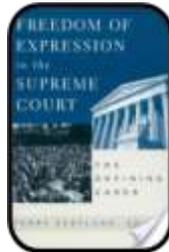


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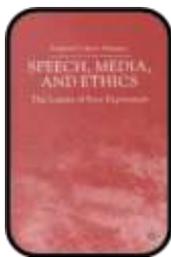
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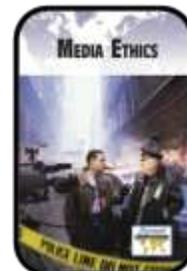
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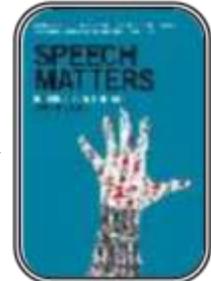
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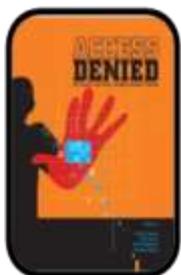
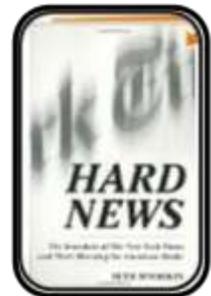
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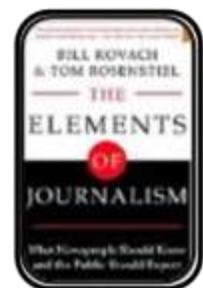
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Access Denied: The Practice and Policy of Global Internet Filtering
by Ronald J. Deibert, John G. Palfrey and Rafal Rohozinski. MIT Press, 2007.

Elements of Journalism: What Newspeople Should Know and the Public Should Expect
by Kovach, Bill; Rosenstiel, Tom. Crown Publishing Group, Incorporated; 2001.



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- **[Freedom of Information](#)** (CQ Researcher)

CQ Researcher has written reports about freedom of information topics, such press freedom and free press disputes.

- **[Encyclopedia of Civil Liberties in America](#)**

The Encyclopedia of Civil Liberties in America describes issues related to civil liberties and the people and historical events who shaped freedom of expression in the United States.

- **[Global Issues in Context](#)**

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- **[Filmmakers Library Online](#)**

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Bureau of International Information Programs (IIP)
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[Edward R. Murrow, Journalism at Its Best](#)

Books



[Handbook of Independent Journalism](#)

[IIP Book - Media Law Handbook](#)

What are the privileges and responsibilities of a free press? In Media Law Handbook, Professor Jane Kirtley, Silha Professor of Media Ethics and Law at the University of Minnesota, explores how free societies answer this question.

[Press Freedom a Human Right, Moral Necessity, U.S. Officials Say](#)

[Advice to Citizen Journalists: Tell the Truth, Be Yourself](#)

[Foreign Press Center Briefing on Digital, Media Repression 2013](#)

[Freedom of the Press](#)

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Websites



[American Press Institute \(API\)](#)

[The Committee to Protect Journalists \(CPJ\)](#)

[The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press](#)

[The Society of Professional Journalists \(SPJ\)](#)

[U.S. Department of State's Foreign Press Center \(FPC\)](#)

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[Media Making Change](#)



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Pamphlets

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Demonstrators protest during a speech by a white supremacist group leader in York, Pennsylvania. In the United States, the best way to combat offensive speech is with more speech. © AP Photo/Richard Vogel

[Freedom of Expression in the United States](#) [Freedom of Expression at a Glance](#)



Demonstrators on opposite sides of the abortion debate protest in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. In the United States, uninhibited public debate creates an intellectual marketplace where ideas compete with other freely expressed ideas. © AP Photo/Gerald Herbert

Videos



[American Life: Free Speech, Open Mic](#)

[Democracy is the Right to Dissent](#)



[Obama Address at U.N.: Protect Free Speech](#)

[Freedom's Call](#)

Directed by Breyer, Richard (Filmmakers Library, 2007) 47:23 mins.



[The Freedom Train](#)

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