

Free Speech in America v. Other Countries

Lesson Learning Standards and Objectives

Learning Objectives:

Students will be able to articulate how and why political liberties and freedoms vary across countries.

Students will be able to explain how the U.S. Constitution protects certain individual rights, including freedom of speech.

Students will be able to define legal limits on freedom of speech in the United States.

AP U.S. Government and Politics

Learning Objectives:

LOR-2.A: Explain how the U.S. Constitution protects individual liberties and rights.

LOR-2.B: Describe the rights protected in the Bill of Rights.

MPA-1.B: Explain how cultural factors influence political attitudes and socialization.

Essential Knowledge:

LOR-2.A.1: The U.S. Constitution includes a Bill of Rights specifically designed to protect individual liberties and rights.

LOR-2.A.2: Civil liberties are constitutionally established guarantees and freedoms that protect citizens, opinions, and property against arbitrary government interference.

LOR-2.B.1: The Bill of Rights consists of the first ten Amendments to the Constitution, which enumerate the liberties and rights of individuals.

LOR-2.C.3: Efforts to balance social order and individual freedom are reflected in interpretations of the First Amendment that limit speech, including:

- Time, place, and manner regulations
- Defamatory, offensive, and obscene statements and gestures

MPA-1.B.2: Family, schools, peers, media, and social environments (including civic and religious organizations) contribute to the development of an individual's political attitudes and values.



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MPA-1.B.2: As a result of globalization, U.S. political culture has both influenced and been influenced by the values of other countries.

MPA-1.B.3: Generational and life cycle effects also contribute to the political socialization that influences an individual's political attitudes.

MPA-1.B.4: The relative importance of major political events to the development of individual political attitudes is an example of political socialization.

NCSS Strands: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10

