



What Freedom of Speech Means To Me

People are punished each day for the words they speak. They face consequences for trying to express their opinion. Many Americans take freedom of speech for granted. However, I think about what freedom of speech means and does for us every day.

Freedom of speech is the freedom to participate or not participate in conversations, use forms of symbolic speech, express your opinion, and protest issues without moderation or censorship. Every human being is entitled to their own opinions on a variety of topics. I believe that anyone who peacefully expresses their ideas should be heard. Nobody should be able to deny you the right to your own opinion. Many of our modern standards and ideas come from people's opinions. If we don't listen and allow people to express their thoughts, what will happen to our society? Our communities are built from the ability to share ideas with others.

Also, the freedom of speech should be peaceful. In my opinion, it should not violate the rights of others, be libel, and incite violence. There is a certain point where we should set the boundaries for freedom of speech. One of these restrictions is not shouting, "Fire!" in a crowded theater. If we have no loose boundaries to our freedom of speech, things will become chaotic.

The freedom of speech is something I'm very fortunate to have. Because we Americans are blessed with the freedom of speech, we should spread our kindness to others. The freedom of speech and liberties we have are fought for every day inside and outside of our country, and I'm truly grateful to all those who serve in our armed forces. I believe that part of our duty is to show those outside of our country and don't have the same liberties that we do that the freedom of speech is beneficial to society. If we unite the world through the freedom of speech, we will achieve things far greater than we can imagine. That is what the freedom of speech is about to me.