What Freedom of Speech Means to me

To me, freedom of speech means the ability to speak without restriction from the government. It is the people's power to protest and speak out without government interference. But, freedom of speech is not something you can define on the spot; it's much more. It's a constitutional right that our founding fathers fought for so long ago. Freedom of speech is a privilege that the First Amendment gives American citizens, it is traced back to the Revolutionary War, where soldiers of all backgrounds came together and fought for their rights.

Americans are able to use this right for much more than just speaking. You're allowed to abstain, protest, and engage in other actions that you couldn't in some places. It is an important component in our society today. There are many people that have opinions that could be considered controversial, and it's their right to express their thoughts in public; it's the same as if you or I wanted to say something. To take away the freedom of speech is to take away a basic human right. America is blessed to have its brave soldiers fight for its rights.

However, freedom of speech is not a license to harass or abuse another person without suffering any consequences. You can say those things, but it doesn't mean there won't be any repercussions for your actions. Just because you have the right to doesn't mean you should spew hateful words. America's principles were founded on the power to express your opinion, and that is what the brave soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War strived to achieve,

Freedom of speech is much more than the First Amendment or the right to say whatever you want. It is a human right that the founding fathers of our country fought long and hard for, and it is something we should respect and honor to this day. Everytime I put my hand over my heart to sing the national anthem or say The Pledge of Allegiance, I will keep in the back of my head what freedom of speech means to me.