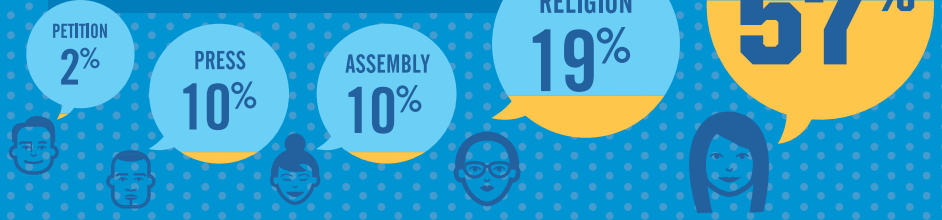


People should be allowed to record or photograph the activities of the police in public as long as they do not interfere with what the police are doing.

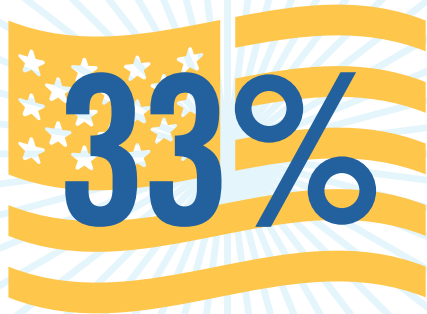
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Which of the five freedoms do Americans know best?



★★ THE 2015 STATE OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT ★★



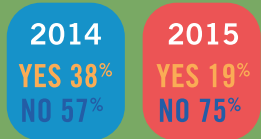
of Americans can't name any of the freedoms of the First Amendment.

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Do Americans believe the freedoms of the First Amendment "go too far"?



This year's shift in support of First Amendment freedoms can be attributed to a perceived sense of national security.

News Media = Government Watchdog



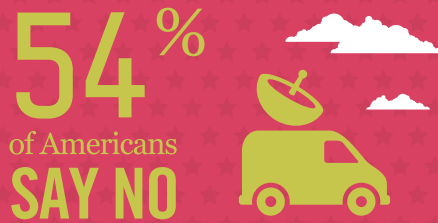
Video from police "body-cams" should be part of public record.

The news media attempt to report the news without bias.

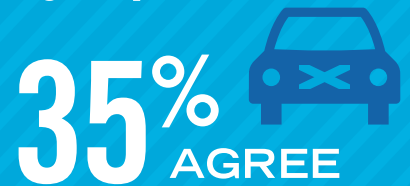


This is the highest percentage of citizens who believe the news media report with bias since the survey began in 1997. The increase is likely a reaction to recent scandals in the news industry.

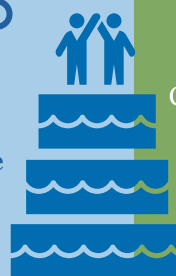
Should the government be allowed to secretly spy on private messages and phone calls in order to catch terrorists?



The government should be able to deny issuing license plates to a group that wants to display a Confederate flag on the plates.



of Americans believe that wedding businesses should be required to serve same-sex couples even if owners object on religious grounds.



Regarding religious freedom, a U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage would:



of Americans agree that the U.S. Constitution establishes a Christian nation.



that students should be able to express their opinions about teachers and administrators on social media without worrying about school punishment for what they say.



of Americans agree that cartoonists should be allowed to publish images of the Prophet Muhammad even if those images are offensive to some religions.