

# 1st Amendment Freedoms: What's a Violation?

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## **? Does this violate the 1st Amendment's freedom of religion?**

1. Your parents insist you attend church every Sunday.
2. Your private school requires you to say a certain prayer each morning, even though you have a different faith.
3. Your public school begins a sporting event with a student-led prayer over the school's PA system.
4. Your state passes a law that everyone must pay taxes to support a specific church.

## **? Does this violate the First Amendment's freedom of speech?**

1. You work in a retail store after school and weekends. Your boss tells you to stop talking so much while at work.
2. Your public school administrator suspends you for wearing a black armband in protest of a war.
3. Your public school principal says you can't come to school as long as your hair is dyed purple.
4. You do not wish to say the Pledge of Allegiance each morning, and your principal expels you.

## **? Does this violate the First Amendment's freedom of press?**

1. You work in a restaurant. Your boss treats you unfairly, and you write about it on your Facebook page. Your boss finds out what you wrote and fires you.
2. Your school newspaper is produced by the journalism class. Your public school principal objects to the content of an article and censors the newspaper.
3. Your parents won't let you have an Instagram account.
4. Police arrest a professional reporter for writing an article that criticizes the government.

## **? Does this violate the 1st Amendment's freedoms of assembly?**

1. A neighborhood store sells you an iPod that doesn't work. The cashier won't give you a refund. You decide to go back into the store with some of your friends and stand just inside the front door with signs that say "Don't Shop Here!" The store owner makes you leave.
2. A white supremacist group applies for a city permit to have a march. The city says that they cannot have the permit unless they pay for a large insurance bond. Other groups are given permits for free.
3. Your public school principal punishes you for attending an outside demonstration during school hours.