



# First Amendment

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- “About the First Amendment” by the First Amendment Center

[www.firstamendmentcenter.org/about.aspx?item=about\\_firstamendment](http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/about.aspx?item=about_firstamendment)

## Key Resources at a Glance:

- First Amendment Center  
[www.firstamendmentcenter.org](http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org)  
Provides First Amendment news, history, research, a glossary and suggested readings.
- First Amendment of the Bill of Rights to the United States Constitution (American Library Association)  
[www.ala.org/ala/oif/firstamendment/firstamendment.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/firstamendment/firstamendment.htm)  
Find First Amendment advocates, resources and court cases.

## Reference Background

- *First Amendment/Freedom of Information Bibliography*, by David Shedden of the Poynter Institute  
[poynter.org/content/content\\_view.asp?id=77627](http://poynter.org/content/content_view.asp?id=77627)
- *First Amendment Law in a Nutshell*, by Jerome A. Barron and C. Thomas Dienes (2004)
- *Freedom of the Press: A Reference Guide to the United States Constitution*, by Lyrissa Barnett Lidsky (2004)
- *Freedom of Speech: A Reference Guide to the United States Constitution*, by Keith Werhan (2005)

## Resources

### Books

- *Speaking Freely: Trials of the First Amendment*, by Floyd Abrams (2005)
- *A Court Divided: The Rehnquist Court and the Future of Constitutional Law*, by Mark Tushnet (2005)

### Journals

- *First Amendment Law Review*
- *Media Ethics*

## Search Aids

### Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- First Amendment
- Freedom of expression
- Censorship

### Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Constitutional amendments
- Assembly, Right of
- Freedom of association
- Freedom of the press
- Freedom of religion
- Freedom of speech

### Call Number

- 342.73/085 (Dewey Decimal)
- KF 4770/4774 (Library of Congress)

### Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost
- First Search
- Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature

### Library catalogs

- Your local library catalog
- SILO - State-wide catalog
- World Cat - World-wide Catalog

## Articles

- “The Decency Police,” by James Poniewozik. *Time* (March 28, 2005)
- “The First Amendment on Trial,” by Jennifer Barrett, *Newsweek* (Web Exclusive) (March 10, 2004)
- “Journalists Under Siege,” by Joe Saltzman. *USA Today Magazine* (March 2005)
- “New Generation Blasé about old Freedoms,” by Susan Llewelyn Leach, *Christian Science Monitor* (Feb. 16, 2005)

## Web Pages and Web Portals

- FindLaw: First Amendment  
[caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/data/constitution/amendment01/](http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/data/constitution/amendment01/)
- Promoting the First Amendment in Iowa  
[www.jlmc.iastate.edu/resources/webresources/firstamendment.html](http://www.jlmc.iastate.edu/resources/webresources/firstamendment.html)
- Supreme Court First Amendment Cases  
[straylight.law.cornell.edu/supct/cases/topics/tog\\_first\\_amendment.html](http://straylight.law.cornell.edu/supct/cases/topics/tog_first_amendment.html)
- Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression  
[www.tjcenter.org](http://www.tjcenter.org)
- Youth Free Expression Network  
[www.yfen.org](http://www.yfen.org)

## Multimedia Resources

- The Amendments to the Constitution. Bill of Rights and Beyond / Amendment 1 (Cambridge Educational, 1998) [DVD, VHS]
- Bill of Rights/Bill of Responsibility (Cambridge Educational, 1995) [DVD, VHS]
- The First Amendment (Cambridge Educational, 1998) [DVD, VHS]
- The First Amendment Project (Docudrama, 2005) [DVD]

\*\* You can evaluate other resources using criteria at: [www.THEpathfinderproject.org/evaluate.html](http://www.THEpathfinderproject.org/evaluate.html) \*\*

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