1. [**U.S. Constitution**](https://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/overview)

First Amendment

The First Amendment guarantees freedoms concerning religion, expression, assembly, and the right to petition.  It forbids Congress from both[promoting one religion over others](http://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/establishment_clause) and also [restricting an individual’s religious practices](http://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/free_exercise_clause).  It guarantees [freedom of expression](http://www.law.cornell.edu/anncon/html/amdt1bfrag1_user.html#amdt1b_hd2) by prohibiting Congress from restricting the press or the rights of individuals to speak freely.  It also guarantees the right of citizens to [assemble peaceably and to petition their government](http://www.law.cornell.edu/anncon/html/amdt1efrag7_user.html#amdt1e_hd17).

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.