

## What the Freedom of Speech Means to Me

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When you think of the “Freedom of Speech”, what do you think of first?

The actual ability to speak or do you think of the first amendment written in 1791? Today, I am going to tell you what freedom of speech means to me. First, I believe that no one should have to earn this right. Everyone has their own thoughts and opinions. If someone can't express their thoughts and opinions, then they would become robots having the exact same ideas as everyone else. Next, without the freedom of speech, we would all always have to agree with our government whether we agreed with them or not. Even though it is good to agree, there would never be a variety in the world. For example, there is a lawmaker who wants to ban cellphone use by anyone under the age of 21. Many people disagree with this proposed law. Freedom of speech allows people to protest and possibly prevent this bill from being passed. Without freedom of speech, he would have a more likely chance to pass this law because there would be no protest towards his opinion. Lastly, freedom of speech lets us try to persuade people to our way of thinking. It also prevents anyone from forcing their opinion on others. I am thankful to live in a country that allows people to express their opinions. We may not agree on everything but at least we can let each other know how we feel.