

Unit 5 Lesson 31: How Does the 1st Amendment Protect Freedom of Assembly, Petition, and Association?**What is the importance of the rights to assembly, petition, and association?**

- The people's freedom to assemble & petition the gov't enhances the 1st A's protection of our _____ rights.
- Freedom of Association is a related right recognized by the courts...we are free to associate with others who share our _____ i.e. political, church, professional, social, & community groups/clubs/associations/organizations.

Why were the rights of assembly and petition important to the Founders?

- Assembly & Petition were _____ law fundamental rights (English Law) beginning with the _____ 1215

How have the rights of assembly and petition been used?

- 1790's 1st Congress petitioned for back pay & benefits for American _____ soldiers and their survivors.
- 1830's petitions for ending _____ in D.C.
- Petition was key to expanding right to _____

What limitations may be placed on the right of assembly?

- The gov't is responsible for demonstrations to be " _____ " & not endanger community safety or unreasonably inconvenience the _____.

Critical Thinking pg. 167 Think-Pair-Share each of the 7 scenarios re: limiting freedom of assembly.
Examining the Issues: discuss your answers for the 3 questions for each of the 7 scenarios.

* class discussion*

What limitations has the Supreme Court placed on freedom of assembly?**S.C. "tests":**

- 1.Limit must protect a _____ gov't interest & not intended to _____ free speech or assembly.
- 2.Limits must be applied in a _____ manner. No limits on certain groups (arbitrary limits)
The right of assembly extends to meetings held in _____ forums i.e. streets, parks, and sidewalks

How is the right of association protected?

- The right is _____ by 1st Amendment rights (speech & _____) & the gov't should not interfere w/ your right to join others.

Using the website <http://www.oyez.org/>, write a brief explanation of why the case is of significant.

NAACP v Alabama (1958)-

Barenblatt v. U.S. (1959)-

Boy Scouts of Am. V. Dale (2000)-

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Board of Westside Schools v. Mergens (1990)

Use the space to the right to jot down your group argument(s) or notes for questions 1 through 4.

