

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

The Freedom That Protects All the Others

WHAT IT MEANS

Free Speech Between Citizens: You can argue, debate or even talk trash about each other. That's part of living in a free society.

Private Platforms: Businesses and social media companies can set their own rules. Removing posts or banning people is legal—they aren't the government.

The Government's Limit: The government cannot tell you what to say or punish you just because it doesn't like your words.

WHY IT MATTERS

- ✓ You can criticize leaders.
- ✓ You can speak about controversial issues
- ✓ You can push for change
- ✗ The government cannot silence you for your opinions

BOTTOM LINE

The First Amendment doesn't guarantee you a platform—but it guarantees **your voice cannot be taken by the government**