



# 1ST AMENDMENT

## FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY

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# FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY SUMMARY IN MY WORDS.

This is how i would describe freedom of assembly: If a super power is being lame or a establishment you don't agree with is being unreasonable you can revolt and "assemble" to overthrow the maggots till you can reach a peaceful agreement.

In america, rabbits, kangaroos, tigers, and pigs were tired of honey and they assembled and put an end to the root of it all. Yellow bears.

# FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY DEFINITION FOR THE SIMPLE MINDED.

Individual right to come together and collectively express, promote, pursue and defend common interests





A basic account of the Freedom to Assemble is this, in 1937 Dirk De Jonge was assembling 300 people and preaching communist governing doctrine. It was resolved by saying, people can peacefully assemble and use free speech and press. But holding meetings for peaceable political action cannot be prescribed.

This story describes the use of this amendment by, these people can assemble, as long as their not breaking the law. Which in this case would be, becoming communist in America.

This amendment is used today in

- peace strikes
- violent strikes
- basically for good or bad situations



# #1 Supreme Court Case about Freedom of Assembly

## EDWARDS V. SOUTH CAROLINA

In 1962 187 black petitioners organized a march to the South Carolina State House. Protesting the policies of segregation in their state. The march was peaceful and did not block pedestrians or flow of traffic or violate public property. Thirty cops showed up and told them to leave or be arrested. The protesters didn't leave and were arrested and charged with breach of the peace.

The Court ruled that the arrests and convictions violated the rights of the marchers. The Court said the marchers exercised the First Amendment rights in their most pristine and classic form. The evidence used to prosecute the marchers did not even remotely prove that their actions were violent. So the petitioners win.

## #2 Supreme Court Case on Freedom of Assembly

### Cox V. Louisiana

On December 15, 1961, Elton Cox led 2000 students on an anti-discrimination march to the Baton Rouge, Louisiana courthouse building. Cops told them to move out of the way so they did not interrupt traffic. By lunch hour Cox told all the students to seek service at any one of several near by segregated lunch counters. Upon hearing this the police told them to disband and pushed them away from the courthouse. The kids resisted and the police showered them with tear gas and chased them away. The next day the police arrested Cox and charged him with, "disturbing the peace."

The court ruled against Cox saying that his actions of urging free food at segregated lunch counters could potentially lead to violence. It was not a peaceful assembly and this amendment says you can peacefully assemble as long as its not violent and if the actions does not break the law.

Hague V. Committee for Industrial Organization.

On November 29, 1937, a lot of people gathered at the headquarters of the Committee for Industrial Organization (CIO) in Jersey City, New Jersey. Mayor Frank Hague ordered police to seize the groups recruitment materials and refused to allow the meeting to take place. Hague said he was enforcing a 1930 city ordinance that forbade gatherings of groups that advocated obstruction of the government by unlawful means. Hague referred to the CIO members as, "communists."

Did the the 1930 cops of Jersey City violate the CIO's right to assemble under the 1st amendment?

Yes, the actions taken by the police clearly violated the first amendment. "Citizenship of the United States would be little better than a name if it did not carry with it the right to discuss national legislation and the benefits, advantages, and opportunities to accrue to citizens therefrom."









A video on the first amendment, Freedom of Assembly.



This amendment could be further revised with a future Supreme Court case like this:

1. The case would be about, kids of a whole school, lets say a school of 800 kids. All get together and come to school like a regular day. The teachers are unaware of whats going to happen. All the kids come to school and they don't do anything. Just sit there and don't listen or do anything the teachers say or have to say. Absolutely nothing.
2. For weeks this goes on and it reaches the media, the media and the school district would get together with the parents and see what they could do. They would take it to court because think about it, you can't force someone to pay attention in a public school. And what is the admistration going to do. Expell 800 kids. I don't think so.
3. The Supreme Court would judge it like so. The kids got together peacefully and did this deed to the school. Its not violating the Freedom to Assembly because its peaceful and is not causing or incinuating violence. But the court would somehow find a way to twist and turn it around so they would make the kids work and listen to the people that are molding our minds to run the world some day.

[http://k12subjectguides.suite101.com/article.cfm/understanding\\_freedom\\_of\\_assembly](http://k12subjectguides.suite101.com/article.cfm/understanding_freedom_of_assembly)

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