

## The First Amendment

### As Written

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

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### Amplified (With Definitions of Key Words included in the text)

**Congress shall make no [ law<sup>1</sup> ] , rule of conduct or procedure established by custom, agreement, or authority [ respecting<sup>2</sup> ] , concerning or regarding to an [ establishment<sup>3</sup> ] a constituted order or system. of [ religion<sup>4</sup> ] or set of beliefs, values and practices based on the teachings of a spiritual leader or [ prohibiting<sup>5</sup> ] , forbidding by authority, preventing or precluding the free exercise thereof; or [ abridging<sup>6</sup> ] , to reduce or lessen in duration, scope, authority, etc.; diminish; curtail: the [ freedom<sup>7</sup> ] the power to determine action without restraint of [ speech<sup>8</sup> ] the faculty or act of expressing or describing thoughts, feelings or perceptions by the articulation of words or of the press, or the freedom of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a [ redress<sup>9</sup> ] compensation or satisfaction for a wrong or injury. of [ grievances<sup>10</sup> ] . a complaint or resentment, as against an unjust or unfair act**