

Which of the five freedoms do Americans know best?

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

68%

RELIGION

29%

PRESS

14%

ASSEMBLY

7%

PETITION

1%

38%

of Americans believe journalists should be forced to reveal confidential sources to make America safer.

78%

believe you should have First Amendment rights in high school.

The news media attempt to report the news without bias.

40% agree

(The number of individuals who agree with this has been around 40% since it was first asked in 2004.)



News Media = Government Watchdog

80%

AGREE



Defamatory Comments on Social Media = Same Consequences as TV and Print

69%

AGREE



Do Americans believe the freedoms of the First Amendment "go too far"?

2013

YES 34%

NO 64%

2014

YES 38%

NO 57%



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29%

of Americans can't name any of the freedoms of the First Amendment.

The Newseum Institute champions the five freedoms of the First Amendment through nationwide educational programs, thought-leadership initiatives and the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

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THERE'S MORE TO EVERY STORY.



Are You a Journalist?

Americans think you are if you ...

36%

Create stories based on fact

21%

Work for an established news operation

16%

Report by any means to an audience

14%

Get paid to gather the news

People who get the majority of news online

1997

2%

2014

33%



61%

of Americans believe that wedding businesses should be required to serve same-sex couples even if owners object on religious grounds.

MORE THAN

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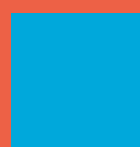
of Americans now agree that student school newspapers should be allowed to publish without the approval of school administrators.



More than half still get the majority of their news from TV.



TV 55%



INTERNET 33%



NEWSPAPERS 7%



MAGAZINES 4%



RADIO 3%

