People should be allowed to record or photograph the activities of the police in public as long as they do not interfere with what the police are doing.

88% AGREE

Which of the five freedoms do Americans know best?

- PETITION: 2%
- PRESS: 10%
- ASSEMBLY: 10%

RELIGION: 19%

SPEECH: 57%

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

- 2014: YES 38%, NO 57%
- 2015: YES 19%, NO 75%

This year’s shift in support of First Amendment freedoms can be attributed to a perceived sense of national security.

News Media = Government Watchdog

83% AGREE

Video from police “body-cams” should be part of public record.

The government should be able to deny issuing license plates to a group that wants to display a Confederate flag on the plates.

35% AGREE

Should the government be allowed to secretly spy on private messages and phone calls in order to catch terrorists?

54% of Americans SAY NO

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The news media attempt to report the news without bias.

70% DISAGREE

2004: 58%
2007: 60%
2011: 66%

This is the highest percentage of citizens who believe the news media report with bias since the survey began in 1997. The increase is likely a reaction to recent scandals in the news industry.

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38% of Americans believe that wedding businesses should be required to serve same-sex couples even if owners object on religious grounds.

1/2 of Americans agree that the U.S. Constitution establishes a Christian nation.

60% AGREE

that students should be able to express their opinions about teachers and administrators on social media without worrying about school punishment for what they say.

60% of Americans agree that cartoonists should be allowed to publish images of the Prophet Muhammad even if those images are offensive to some religions.

Regarding religious freedom, a U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage would:

- 54% Have no lasting impact
- 31% Be harmful
- 8% Be good
- 7% Don't know