The freedom to worship protects all religious groups, even those that most people would consider extreme or fringe.

Percent of U.S. adults who can name the First Amendment freedom:
- Petition: 4%
- Assembly: 12%
- Press: 22%
- Religion: 29%
- Speech: 64%

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of Religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of Speech, or of the Press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to Petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

- First Amendment to the United States Constitution

Students should be allowed to express their opinions on social media without worrying about being punished by teachers or school administrators for what they say.

72% Agree
27% Disagree

Public school students should be allowed to report on controversial issues in their student newspapers without the approval of school authorities.

64% Agree
34% Disagree

The spread of fake news and misinformation on the internet is a serious threat to our democracy.

76% Agree
34% Disagree

It is important for the news media to act as a government watchdog.

72% Agree

The news media tries to report the news accurately and without bias.

56% of Democrats
39% of Republicans

Public institutions should revoke invitations to guest speakers when the speaker:
- Would incite violence or threaten public safety: 71% Agree
- Is accused of sexual harassment: 59% Agree
- Would provoke large-scale protests: 51% Agree
- Is likely to offend: 46% Agree

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