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The First Amendment and the Freedom/Limitations of Free Speech

I. The First Amendment

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.

What **3** questions do you have about the First Amendment from an initial read?

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II. Scenarios

Read the given scenarios in the attached packet. In the space below, write your notes in regards to the scenarios. Feel free to set the notes up however you see fit.

III. Criteria (Freedoms and Limitations)

Based on the above scenarios, generate some basic criteria (4-6 criteria statements) that clearly delineates what is or what isn't free speech. In order to parse this out, I would recommend starting your statements with warranting claims. **Warrants** are statements that connect your evidence (the scenarios) to our claim (what is or is not considered free speech). In order to write your warrant, use this opener: **Speech can/cannot...**

IV. Limitations

Look at the criteria you created and the scenarios referenced. **What individuals or groups of people may be disproportionately affected by the allowances (+) or limitations (-) free speech.** In other words, how might the First Amendment be **unfair**? Can/should current understandings of "free speech" be changed?