**Freedoms worldwide**

‘First Amendment’ not guaranteed everywhere

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The circular icons below represent freedoms of assembly, press, speech, religion and petition. Green means they have that freedom, yellow means the freedom is limited and red means the country does not have the freedom.

### GERMANY

The Constitutional Court has repeatedly ruled in favor of press freedom, however, German law allows the surveillance of foreign journalists. Compared to other countries, laws regulating information access are still weak. Freedom of belief and religion are protected at the federal level, however, some parts of Germany have banned the use of headscarves for teachers and civil servants. Germany also passed legislation criminalizing hate speech in 2017. Despite these limitations, free expression is, for the most part, allowed and protected.

### OMAN

Censorship has been ubiquitous for the past 45 years. The internet is an important alternative space for public opinion, so citizen journalists often become the authorities’ targets. They are often arrested and sometimes held in solitary confinement. They were sentenced to long imprisonment for insulting the head of state or the country’s cultural practices, inciting demonstrations and disrupting public order. Islam is the state religion and that Shari’a Law is the source of legislation, but discrimination toward religion is not allowed.

### CHINA

The administration of Chinese President Xi Jinping aims to create a hegemonic news environment for China. More than 100 journalists and bloggers are currently detained. Social networking sites are banned and books and foreign films are subject to censorship. The Chinese Communist Party is officially atheist, but the government has been allowing more religious activities in the past 40 years. With the gradual development of China’s economic and social structure, the system is developing. The freedom of speech in China is limited and only offered to government seniors and Communist Party leaders.

### NORTH KOREA

News in North Korea is almost entirely provided by the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA). Radio and television are locked to government-defined frequencies. Only a handful of foreign journalists can enter limited areas each year. No matter where they go, they must be accompanied by “guardians”.

Organized religions are considered to be a potential threat to the regime. If there are reports criticizing the North Korean regime or the leadership, the person created the criticizing and his or her family might be punished and eventually end up in the political prison.

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**CYCLONE VOICE**

Grammy-nominated artist Skylar Grey, will host Iowa State’s annual singing competition tonight in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union.

**FREEDOM IN SPORTS**

We interviewed Iowa State athletes about how their First Amendment rights come to play on social media. Read our story inside.
Paul Kix to speak at Iowa State

The year is 2003; Paul Kix is a senior in journalism at Iowa State.

This is before Kix would go on to be deputy editor for ESPN magazine, write for the New Yorker, GQ, New York, Men’s Journal and the Wall Street Journal, to name a few, and eventually publish his own book.

At this time, Kix, former managing editor of Ethos magazine, had been tasked to work alongside others in the Greenlee School in planning the first Feast on the First, a day celebrating the First Amendment.

He remembers being approached to work on the event by the Iowa State Daily’s editorial adviser, Mark Witherspoon, often referred to as Spoon.

“Just the fact that Spoon and others would want me to come go far,” Witherspoon said.

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“After reading his obituary in the New York Times,” Kix said. “It was so satisfying that by the end of this year I wanna be involved with.’”

One thing Kix hopes students will take away from his lecture is the fragility of the First Amendment.

“You think of the fragility of something like free speech, free expression, freedom of the press, the ability to assemble; we think that this is something that we’ll always have ... if you take a look across other cultures and other countries, there are ways to restrict those freedoms.”

Following the lecture and Q&A session, Kix will stick around to sign copies of his book, “The Saboteur.”

“The Saboteur” tells the story of a French Aristocrat who became an anti-Nazi resistance fighter during France’s occupation during World War II.

Kix came across the story of Robert de Ka Rouchefoucauld when reading his obituary in the New York Times.

Sticking to a strict schedule of 500 words a day and spending time in France going to the landmarks of La Rouchefoucald’s life, Kix finished his first book and now is looking for his next project.

“[Writing the book] was also very liberating in the end because I was doing it and everyday, even if the new 500 words weren’t the final form they would take, I would sort of allow myself this thought that at least I’m putting 500 new words on the page,” Kix said.

“I was so satisfying that by the end of this year I wanna be able to figure out what my second book will be about.”

Witherspoon calls Kix, who was also formerly a sports editor at the Daily, one of the best writers to come out of the Greenlee School.

“Eve ever since I’ve known him, he has been an exceptional writer and when he started becoming a reporter, you knew he was gonna go far,” Witherspoon said.

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The freedom to offend
Art and the First Amendment

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A crucifix in a jar of urine. A disfigured angel outside a university library. A political symbol sculpted entirely out of plastic infants. How far can artists wade into controversial waters before they’ve gone too far?

There is no easy answer. But that is why artists depend on the protection of the First Amendment to create their art and express ideas that may offend or cause discomfort for the viewer. For the month of April, an exhibit in the ReACT Gallery provides a snapshot of the First Amendment and its implications for students in a university setting and beyond.

Though Nancy Gebhart, educator of visual literacy and learning for University Museums, says she hasn’t had any litigations or legal issues over the display of art, she did recall an incident from an exhibit in the fall of 2012.

The exhibit contained works by Andy Magee, who created highly sociopolitical pop art based on found objects. Within the exhibit was Magee’s “Baby Elephant”, a sculpture of a Republican-stylized elephant formed out of small plastic babies. Gebhart recalled a man who visited the exhibit and began a conversation with him about the surrounding art.

“When he saw that particular piece, he said ‘That goes way too far,’ walked out, and never came back to the exhibit,” Gebhart said.

Iowa State’s campus sculptures have also been threatened with petitions for removal, with Gebhart recalling two specific petitions.

“Left-Sided Angel” by Stephen DeStaebler, located outside of Parks Library, was requested to be removed shortly after its installation in 1986. Opponents claimed the sculpture was too depressing and horrifying for students to look at every day.

“Before, most of the art on campus had been the regionalist, agrarian art of Christian Petersen and Grant Wood. ‘Left-Sided Angel’ was kind of shocking in comparison to those works,” Gebhart said.

Another contested sculpture was “Border Crossing” by Luis Jiménez, and the petitioner claimed that the sculpture did not accurately represent the hardship and horror of those immigrating across the border. Neither petition for removal was successful.

However, Gebhart noted that campus art typically does not offend at such a strong level because of the nature of a university setting.

“Most of the time we’re searching for strong academic applications. We’re trying to be a support system for the learning that happens on campus,” Gebhart said.

When Gebhart sought to curate the First Amendment exhibit for the ReACT Gallery, she wanted to form partnerships with preexisting groups dealing with campus issues. She had heard about First Amendment Days from an honors student a few years earlier and decided to coordinate the exhibit with the April event.

The exhibit contains works of art that pertain to all five freedoms outlined in the First Amendment, with posters from last year’s women’s march representing speech, a sculpture of John the Baptist for religion, and a photo with a poem inspired by “Left-Sided Angel” to represent the freedom to petition.

Gebhart is never sure how people will respond to the ReACT Gallery, and this exhibit is no different than past exhibits.

“The comments have been half-and-half. Some I absolutely expected, and some are not at all what I expected,” Gebhart said. “People may respond in a different way than what I intended, which is great.”

Even the very existence of the ReACT gallery is dependent on the First Amendment. When Gebhart and University Museums conceptualized the space, they met with several legal professionals to outline potential issues and problems that could come with the space.

“The ReACT space invites people to contribute their interpretations, and in a way — anything goes,” Gebhart said.

The ReACT Gallery exhibit on the First Amendment will remain open through April 27, and is open Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
POLICE BLOTTER

4.9.18

Connor Reading, age 18, 221 Beyer Ct Unit 2681 - Ames, IA, was arrested on warrants for interference with official acts and possession of alcohol under age (Case Update).

Jake Morgan Wallen, age 22, of 2701 Fenale Ave Unit 6 - Ames, IA, was cited for non-payment of Iowa fine and out of state convictions at Marigold Dr and Dotson Dr (reported at 3:06 a.m.). An individual was given information regarding safety planning at Amrey (reported at 10:46 a.m.).

An individual reported being harassed at Geoffroy Hall (reported at 7:35 p.m.).

An officer initiated a suspicious activity investigation at Pearson Hall (reported at 8:27 p.m.).

An officer checked on the welfare of an individual at Seth Hall (reported at 9:28 p.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Wall and Farm House Ln (reported at 5:14 p.m.).

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An officer initiated a suspicious activity investigation at Pearson Hall (reported at 8:27 p.m.).

An officer investigated a person lienary collision at Welch Rd and Union Dr (reported at 11:38 p.m.).

4.10.18

Rosie Marie Manza, age 27, of 205 S 5th St Unit 806 - Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and insufficient number of headlamps at Lincoln Way and Beach Ave (reported at 1:00 a.m.).

Officers assisted another agency with a criminal investigation at 1805 Collaboration Pl (reported at 12:06 p.m.).

An officer initiated a drug related investigation at (reported at 2:15 p.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Lot 38 (reported at 5:38 p.m.).

Thomas J. May, age 18, of 245 Richardson Ct Unit 1279 - Ames, IA, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia at Birch Hall (reported at 9:32 p.m.).

Brandon Everett Williams, age 19, of 245 Richardson Ct Unit 1279 - Ames, IA, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia at Birch Hall (reported at 9:32 p.m.).
EDITORIAL

Yes, the First Amendment protects controversial speech

We live in an often polarized country, where many people want to hear only viewpoints like their own. Or further, some believe that there is no place for controversial views.

But that’s not what the First Amendment, the foundation of our democracy, is about. The First Amendment — which limits government from impeding on freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly and petition — was meant to protect controversial views and discourse.

The Newseum Institute’s State of the First Amendment from 2017 found that 43 percent of Americans felt that colleges should have the right to ban controversial campus speakers. The ISU Editorial Board believes this is dangerous. We believe in civil discourse and we believe that any kind of prejudice is harmful to society. But limiting controversial speech does not stop oppression or prejudice ideology. And, further, limiting controversial speech may set a precedent for limiting many other forms of speech.

Not all controversial views are hate speech, they just might be unpopular. At any point in history, there was unpopular opinion that turned into positive change and a better society. Imagine women’s suffrage or the civil rights movement without the protection of the First Amendment. At the time, those movements were seen as radical. That’s why it is so important that we protect radical expression because limiting hate speech could lead to limiting voices striving for equality.

Of course, the First Amendment also protects hate speech, which often does nothing to help society. According to the State of the First Amendment, 22.5 percent of participants supported the claim that the First Amendment protects free speech too far. “That’s most likely because people don’t believe that such things like prejudice comments or slurs should be allowed.

But rather than dismissing controversial and unpopular opinions, we believe we should use the best remedy that the First Amendment allows us: combat hate speech with more speech. If people speak out of ignorance and hate, 100 more people can speak out against them. That is the beauty of the First Amendment.

As Iowa State celebrates First Amendment Days, we hope that you will recognize the importance of the First Amendment and that you too will fight to protect the right to share controversial views about.
The First Amendment in sports

One kneel sparked a major discussion

BY ISD STAFF

It took a simple kneel for the First Amendment discussion to become one of the biggest discussions in sports for the past couple of years.

Former San Francisco 49ers quarterback, Colin Kaepernick, did not stand for the “Star-Spangled Banner” on August 14, 2016, in the 49ers’ first preseason game against the Houston Texans. He performed this action on Aug. 14 and then again on Aug. 20 without anyone really noticing.

Then, Kaepernick received the nod to start the third preseason game and all eyes were on him throughout the pregame. That led to the national anthem as Kaepernick sat on the bench during the song and a week later (on Sept. 5) he started kneeling.

The actions from Kaepernick have led to a back-and-forth discussion between athletes from every sport and U.S. citizens.

The discussion has continued to be brought up and it’s 2018, but it’s a prime example of First Amendment rights.

It’s not against any NFL rule to kneel during the “Star-Spangled Banner,” but it’s recommended to stand. This action of kneeling brought discussions throughout college sports, too.

Even though college football doesn’t have the teams out on the field during the national anthem, there’s been discussions about the First Amendment and how not only college football, but every college sport utilizes the First Amendment in their daily lives.

“I mean we are in a fish tank and [as athletes are] looked upon to make all these, I guess, political decisions when deep down there's some things we would like to voice our opinion on,” said redshirt senior defensive back Brian Peavy. “With me being open-minded as I am, sometimes I got to rethink about things like should I tweet this or should I say this. I definitely feel like it’s a restriction.”

The First Amendment states that “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.”

Peavy said he’s had to rethink some Twitter posts and other opinions because he knows it would reflect poorly on Iowa State football and the athletics department.

With him being one of the big faces on the team this upcoming season, he’s a role model to many children and young football players and he wants to make sure these people can look up to him.

The redshirt senior defensive back isn’t the only one that feels this pressure as an athlete. Senior outside hitter Jess Schaben also feels restricted on what she can and cannot say on social media or in public because of the spotlight on her as an athlete.

“Just being in the spotlight, you don’t want to post anything that’s unprofessional or could be controversial,” Schaben said. “You want little kids to look up to you. Even when you’re getting a job, you want people to respect you. I think it’s good to keep it professional.”

Due to the amount of spotlight an athlete receives, some players choose to shut down or freeze their social media accounts so they can focus on the season. And it’s not just athletes that are wrestling with the utilization of their First Amendment rights.

There are coaches that deal with these problems on a daily basis. The question of what to say and what not to say or how to handle a situation of a player on their team. Coaches like Iowa State volleyball coach Christy Johnson-Lynch has views on this particular topic centered around the First Amendment.

“For me personally, I approach it as I think my personal life and my personal views are separate from my professional life, so I keep them very separate,” Johnson-Lynch said.

It can be hard for an athlete or coach to show their true feelings on any matter because they know the spotlight is on them 24/7 and one wrong move or one bad tweet could lead them down a road of negativity from the public.

“For guys that may not know how to bite their tongues on certain things, they could get into a lot of trouble or it could be frowned upon for decisions that are in the First Amendment, which they should be able to say what they want to say,” Peavy said.

There needs to be a balance in the sports world and that comes with making smart decisions when out in public and when posting statuses on social media.

Johnson-Lynch said the hardest thing about social media is that you can’t take it back because it’s out there forever, so using common sense and being smart as an athlete and as a human being is the biggest step.

“I’ve always felt like some of those views are just more appropriate for your friends, your family, people that are close to you that know you,” Johnson-Lynch said. “I don’t think the whole world needs to know what I think about certain things.”

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Exclusivity in college

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College is a time of self exploration and discovery. With that, self exploration comes interest in others, leading to romance and relationships. Everyone is at a different place in their life during college, and wants something different based on their current mindset, personality and lifestyle. But what does it mean to be "exclusive" with someone?

"Exclusive means making a decision with your partner that you two will not have intimate physical or emotional relations with another person," said Hannah Fisher, senior in agriculture and society.

Ahmed Gamal Abdalla Zied, sophomore in education, and Victoria Vollema, straight graduate student in education, and Wyatt Waterbury’s Reflection

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Reflections

Four couples were chosen to come in and talk about some of their most intimate emotions and feelings about their relationships. Following the conversation, participants were provided a date to go on together.

Kari’s reflection:
When I first get the email about Daily Dates I knew that Rylee and I would be the perfect couple. We are very down to earth and I feel we are very relatable. The actual interview process was very laid back which made it less awkward for us.

As for the actual date, I honestly think it was one of the best dates we had in a while. We usually tend to do the same things we’ve always done like go to the movies or stay in a cuddle but having the chance to go to a place neither of us had been to make the date more enjoyable. I also noticed that we had more to talk about on the date because we had participated in the interview.

We reminisced about some memories, laughed about how awkward we used to be with each other, and overall just enjoyed doing something new together. I had a very good experience participating in Daily Dates and am grateful I got the chance to.

Karli Milner, gay freshman in music studies, Wyatt Waterbury's Reflection

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ARGENTINA

Argentina has many of the same freedoms of expression that the United States has, but currently lacks access to information in the form of a federal law. Argentina does, however, have freedom of petition and assembly and these rights are also effective in practice. Press freedoms have been challenged in practice, although by law they are protected. Journalists have claimed to be on the receiving end of censorship depending on how they report on government. Argentina does have federal protection of freedom of speech, religion, and expression.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

There are many of the facts of free speech within their constitution, but many of these rights are not seen or protected. The constitution states freedoms of expression and press are protected but journalists who speak critically of the government or cover assemblies can face threats of legal action or physical violence. There are protections for freedom of religion in the constitution but they required that religion register with the government. Freedoms of assembly and petition are in the constitution, but people who attend protests often find themselves on the receiving end of physical violence.

PERU

While Peru has freedom of press, assembly, petition, and speech, there are issues within the country involving free speech rights. The El Comercio media conglomerate owns nearly 80 percent of the media market. Attacks on journalists are common in Peru. Peru has also had difficulties observing the freedom of assembly in practice. According to Freedom House, police have used excessive force in attempts to reign in protests that have lead to civilian injury and death. Peru does, however, offer freedom of religion as well as open internet access and a lack of education restrictions.

UGANDA

Since 1966, Uganda has had a series of dictatorial governments. While there are freedoms of speech and expression granted by the government, they are frequently undermined. Journalists who are critical of the government have faced increasing intimidation and restriction. Freedom of religion is for the most part practiced and accepted but educators lack academic freedom. Lecturers are often subject to heavy government surveillance. Uganda has restrictions placed on assembly and petition in its constitution, but does allow for freedom of religion both in its legislation and in practice.

EGYPT

Freedom of speech, assembly, press and religion are all protected by the constitution, but in practice these freedoms are less than absolute. It is illegal for authorities to ban or break up demonstrations and protests held with more than 10 people. Egypt requires that police be informed of a protest three days in advance and one cannot organize a demonstration in front of a place of worship. Many schools have state-controlled curricula. There have been examples of censoring the press. While there is freedom of religion in the constitution, religious minority groups have experienced persecution.

South Africa has freedom of expression and press written into its constitution, but faces some restrictions of freedom of speech. While these freedoms are respected, some apartied laws are utilized to restrict reporting on institutions defined as being important to national interest by authorities. The constitution does protect the right to access information. Freedom of religion is written into the constitution and supported the government as a whole. South Africa also has freedom to assembly and petition both present in its constitution.

INDIA

Prosecutors retaliate against journalists who criticize the government. Some prosecutors cited article 124a of the Penal Code. According to this section, “sedition” will be sentenced to life imprisonment. No journalist has so far been convicted to this, but the law certainly promotes self-censorship. The government has also created laws and regulations to limit international media influence. The coverage of sensitive regions (such as Kashmir) is still difficult, and there is no protection mechanism for journalists. Every citizen of India has a right to practice and promote their religion peacefully.

AUSTRALIA

Australia has strong public media, but its print media ownership is very concentrated. Two media groups—News Corporation and Fairfax Media—are responsible for 85 percent of newspaper sales. In general, the media enjoys great freedom, although the source of protection for journalists varies from state to state. Australia’s constitution does not have freedom of speech regulations. Citizens have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, and they have the right to peacefully assemble protests.

CANADA

Canada offers many of the same freedoms that the United States does; however, there are some key differences from the United States’ First Amendment. Canada offers freedom of expression in the form of section 2b of their Charter of Rights and Freedoms. This section protects freedom of belief, religion, thought and opinion, including freedom of the press. Limitations to these rights include a lack of protection for anything considered hate speech, laws that regulate signage, and rules regarding locations for assembly and protest. Canada also offers legislative protection to freedom of religion.

MEXICO

Some limitations of speech are attacks on a third party or morality, disturbances to public order, and provocation of crimes. Freedom of the press in Mexico, while allowed by the government, has been censored by the stronger drug cartels of the country. Mexico is one of the most dangerous places to be a journalist, according to Freedom House. Freedom of assembly, petition, and religion are all legally protected and largely respected in practice throughout Mexico.

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