

# **FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION**

- 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.

“If there is a bedrock principle underlying the First Amendment, it is that the government may not prohibit the expression of an idea simply because society itself finds the idea offensive or disagreeable.”

Justice William Brennan