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## Freedom of Speech & Press

#### Right for Free Expression

Words do have consequences & expose you to danger, deny a job, or even criminal behavior

You have the right to have your say & be heard, but you cannot infringe on others rights

Libel- The false & malicious use of printed words to harm someone

Slander- False & malicious use of spoken words to harm someone

# Sedition- Crime of government Seditious Speech to behavior

### **Seditious Speech**

**Sedition-** Crime of attempting to overthrow the government by force

**Seditious Speech** is the advocating or urging of that behavior

Alien & Sedition Acts were once created to make "any criticism of the government" a crime

**Sedition Law of 1917- Crime to encourage**disloyalty or interfere with the war draft

Smith Act of 1940- Crime to advocate the violent overthrow of the government or belong to a group that wants to

# 1st Amendment & Symbolic Speech

Symbolic Speech- Expression by conduct by using facial expressions, body language, signs, or armbands

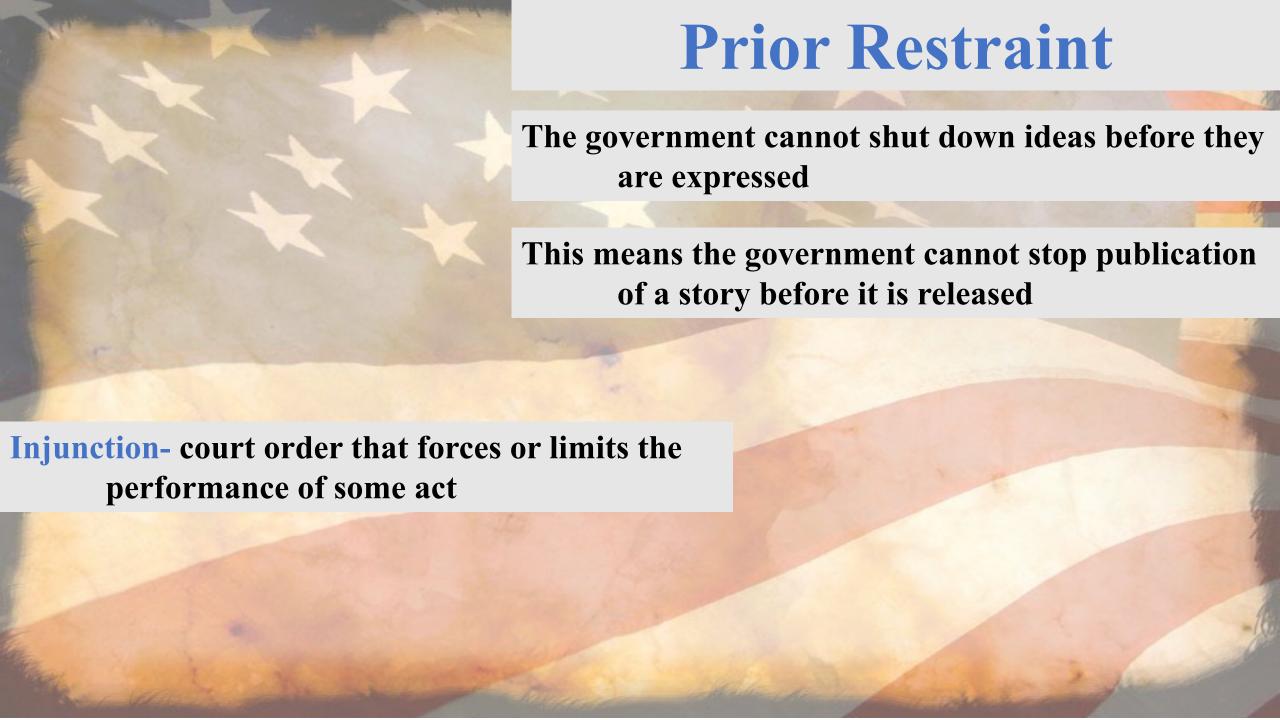
Picketing- Patrolling of a business site by workers who are on strike

Picketing can be a crime for some instances such as for violence

Some acts can be reviewed for symbolic speech such as burning draft cards







### Media in a Free Society

How much can the media report or print materials before it needs to be regulated?

Shield Laws- Protection to reporters to not speak about sources or reveal confidential info.

What are some limits in media today?

What is obscenity?