

I CAN'T BELIEVE OUR CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN AMENDED ONLY 27 TIMES IN OVER 200 YEARS!

1ST AMENDMENT
Freedom of Religion
Freedom of Speech
Freedom of the Press
Freedom to Peaceably Assemble
Freedom to Petition the Government

IT IS AMAZING, SCORPY! LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE FIRST AMENDMENT.

IT ENSURES SOME OF OUR MOST BASIC FREEDOMS, SUCH AS FREEDOM OF RELIGION.

THIS AMENDMENT FORBIDS THE GOVERNMENT FROM STARTING OR ENDORSING A RELIGION. OUR NATION'S FOUNDERS KNEW IT WAS IMPORTANT TO KEEP RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT SEPARATE.

THAT'S WHERE WE GET THE TERM "SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE!"

ANOTHER PART OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT ALLOWS EVERYONE TO ATTEND THE CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE, TEMPLE, OR MOSQUE OF THEIR CHOICE - OR EVEN CHOOSE TO NOT ATTEND. THESE RELIGIONS ARE FREE TO PRACTICE THEIR OWN BELIEFS AND FORMS OF WORSHIP.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE ROCKS!!

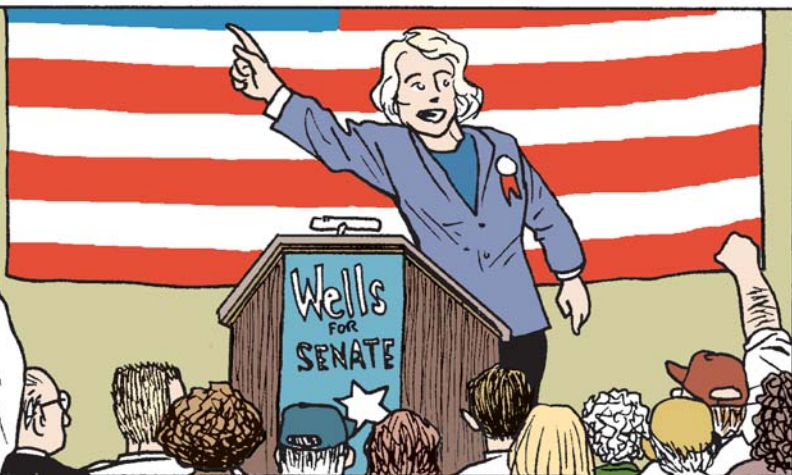
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

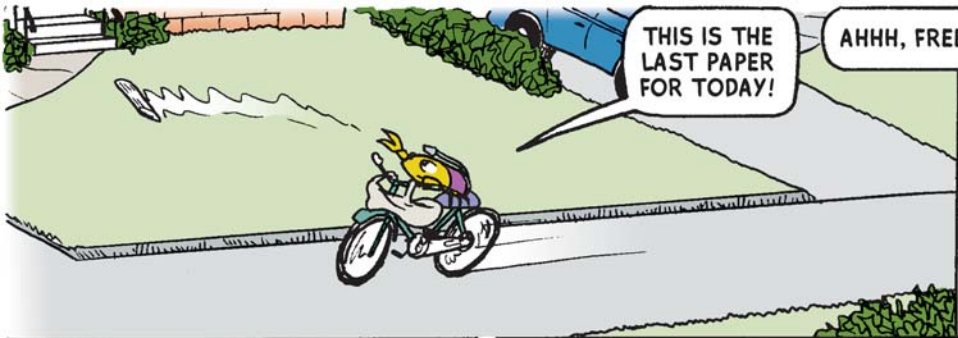
AGUDATH SHOLOM SYNAGOGUE

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THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION ALSO PROTECTS THE RIGHT OF AMERICANS TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS. THIS IS FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

DOES THAT MEAN I CAN SAY ANYTHING I WANT?





THIS IS THE
LAST PAPER
FOR TODAY!

AAAAH, FREEDOM OF THE PRESS!



FREEDOM OF THE PRESS ENSURES US THAT WE CAN HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION THAT IS FREE OF GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT. THE NEWSPAPER IS NOT OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT, SO IT CAN REPORT ON OUR FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS THAT ARE GOOD AND BAD.

YES, AND TODAY "THE PRESS" INCLUDES TELEVISION, RADIO, THE INTERNET, AND PRINTED MATERIALS LIKE MAGAZINES. THERE ARE ALSO CERTAIN LIMITS ON THE PRESS IN ORDER TO PROTECT INDIVIDUALS AND NATIONAL SECURITY.

WE CAN HOLD OUR LEADERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS AND DECISIONS WITH FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AS WELL AS SEEK FAIR AND JUST TREATMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE, TOO!



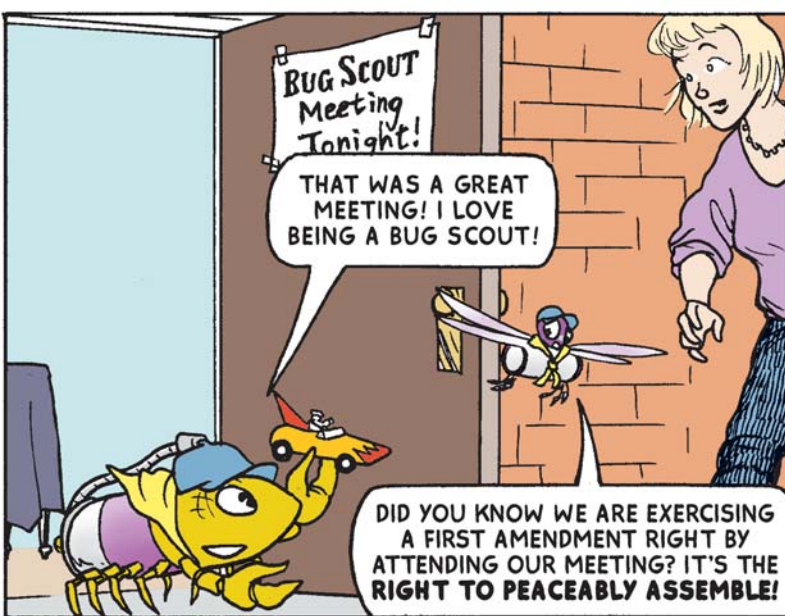
I GET IT NOW - IT'S CALLED FREEDOM OF THE PRESS BECAUSE NEWSPAPERS ARE PRINTED ON PRESSES!



WOW, THAT'S A LOT OF PRESS-URE.



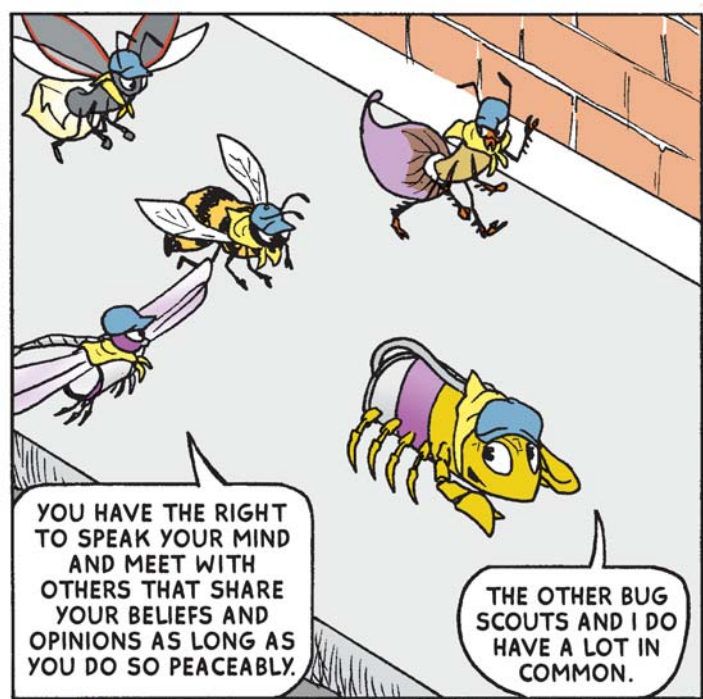
THAT'S AWESOME! I KNOW I LIKE THE FIRST AMENDMENT!



BUG SCOUT Meeting Tonight!

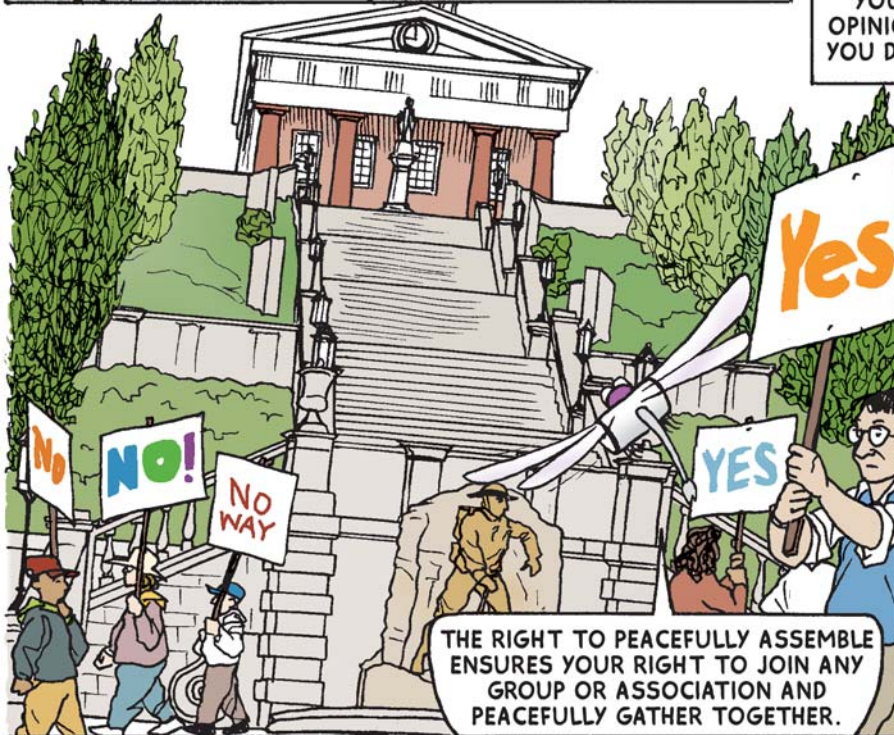
THAT WAS A GREAT MEETING! I LOVE BEING A BUG SCOUT!

DID YOU KNOW WE ARE EXERCISING A FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT BY ATTENDING OUR MEETING? IT'S THE RIGHT TO PEACEABLY ASSEMBLE!

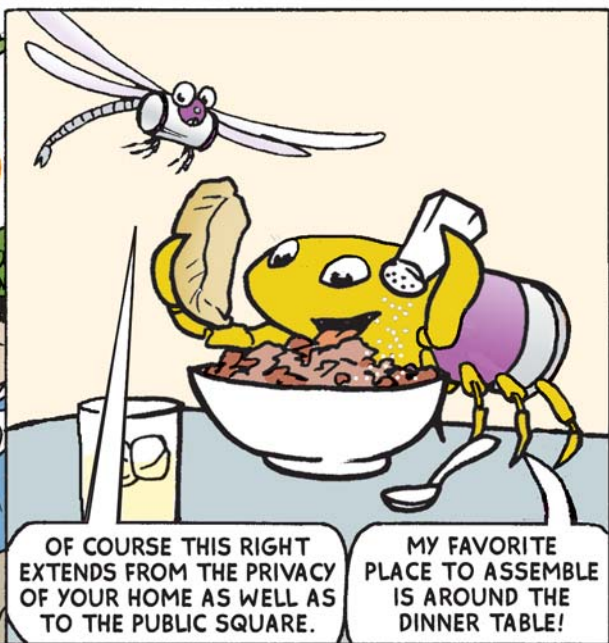


YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK YOUR MIND AND MEET WITH OTHERS THAT SHARE YOUR BELIEFS AND OPINIONS AS LONG AS YOU DO SO PEACEABLY.

THE OTHER BUG SCOUTS AND I DO HAVE A LOT IN COMMON.

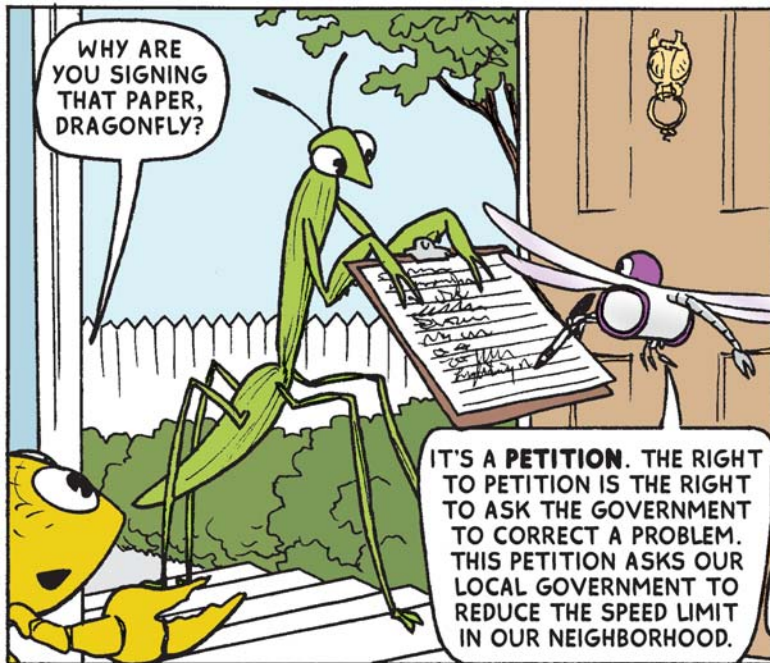


THE RIGHT TO PEACEFULLY ASSEMBLE ENSURES YOUR RIGHT TO JOIN ANY GROUP OR ASSOCIATION AND PEACEFULLY GATHER TOGETHER.



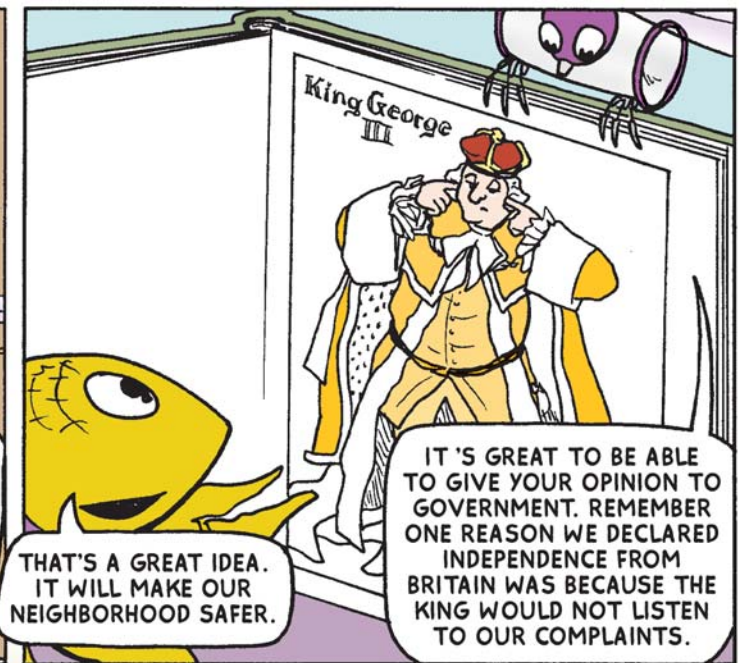
OF COURSE THIS RIGHT EXTENDS FROM THE PRIVACY OF YOUR HOME AS WELL AS TO THE PUBLIC SQUARE.

MY FAVORITE PLACE TO ASSEMBLE IS AROUND THE DINNER TABLE!



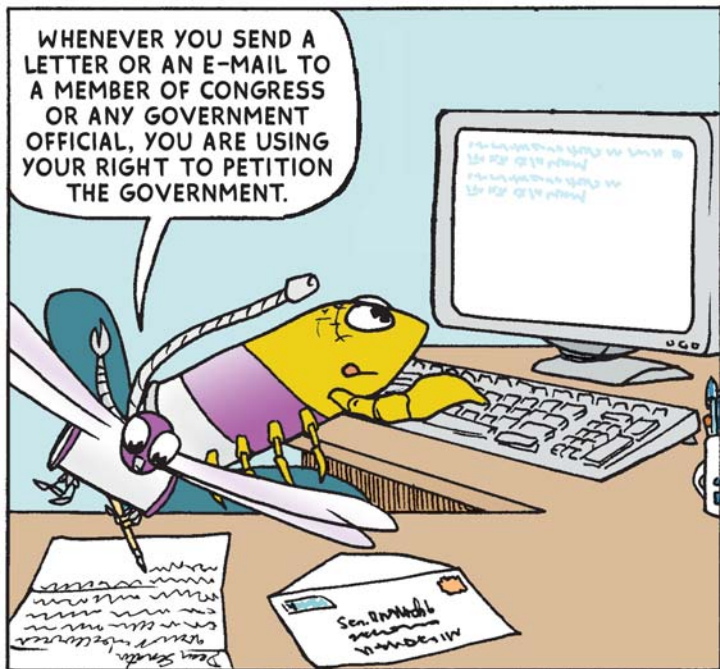
WHY ARE YOU SIGNING THAT PAPER, DRAGONFLY?

IT'S A **PETITION**. THE RIGHT TO PETITION IS THE RIGHT TO ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO CORRECT A PROBLEM. THIS PETITION ASKS OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

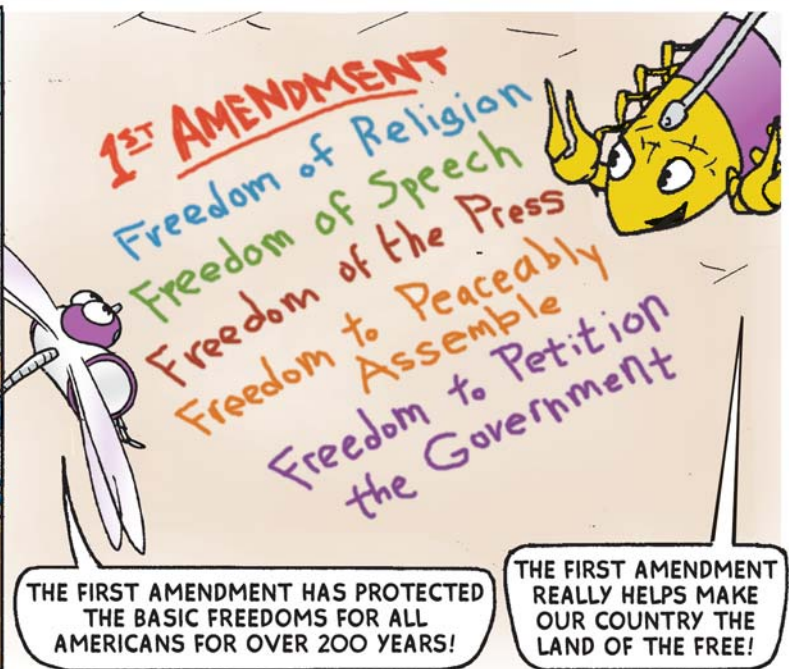


THAT'S A GREAT IDEA. IT WILL MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFER.

IT'S GREAT TO BE ABLE TO GIVE YOUR OPINION TO GOVERNMENT. REMEMBER ONE REASON WE DECLARED INDEPENDENCE FROM BRITAIN WAS BECAUSE THE KING WOULD NOT LISTEN TO OUR COMPLAINTS.



WHENEVER YOU SEND A LETTER OR AN E-MAIL TO A MEMBER OF CONGRESS OR ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, YOU ARE USING YOUR RIGHT TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT.



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THE FIRST AMENDMENT REALLY HELPS MAKE OUR COUNTRY THE LAND OF THE FREE!