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First Amendment, U.S. Constitution, 1791

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.

Critical Thinking Question

1. What is the role and importance of First Amendment liberties in maintaining government by consent?