

CASE II

Freedom of Speech: *Easier*

The Supreme Court rules: You cannot lie about someone else in a speech or in a newspaper. This is called “libel.”

A reporter wrote in the newspaper that a man had lied in the courtroom. The reporter said reporters have freedom of speech to write information in a newspaper. The man said: “You have freedom of speech but you must write what really happened not what you think happened.”

The Supreme Court agreed with the man. It did not agree with the reporter.