

this statute—picketing and parading—is subject to regulation even though intertwined with expression and association. The examples are many of the application by this Court of the principle that certain forms of conduct mixed with speech may be regulated or prohibited.”¹⁴⁸⁵

The Court must determine, of course, whether the regulation is aimed primarily at conduct, as is the case with time, place, and manner regulations, or whether instead the aim is to regulate the content of speech. In a series of decisions, the Court refused to permit restrictions on parades and demonstrations, and reversed convictions imposed for breach of the peace and similar offenses, when, in the Court’s view, disturbance had resulted from opposition to the messages being uttered by demonstrators.¹⁴⁸⁶ Subsequently, however, the Court upheld a ban on residential picketing in *Frisby v. Shultz*,¹⁴⁸⁷ finding that the city ordinance was narrowly tailored to serve the “significant” governmental interest in protecting residential privacy. As interpreted, the ordinance banned only picketing that targeted a single residence, and it is unclear whether the Court would uphold a broader restriction on residential picketing.¹⁴⁸⁸

In 1982, the Justices confronted a case, that, like *Hughes v. Superior Court*,¹⁴⁸⁹ involved a state court injunction on picketing, although this one also involved a damage award. *NAACP v. Claiborne Hardware Co.*¹⁴⁹⁰ may join in terms of importance such cases as *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan*¹⁴⁹¹ in requiring the states to observe enhanced constitutional standards before they may impose liability upon persons for engaging in expressive conduct that implicates the First Amendment. The case arose in the context of a protest against racial conditions by black citizens of Claiborne County, Mississippi. Listing demands that included desegregation of public facilities, hiring of black policemen, hiring of more black employees by local stores, and ending of verbal abuse by police, a group of several hundred blacks unanimously voted to boycott the area’s white merchants. The boycott was carried out through speeches and non-violent picketing and solicitation of others to cease doing business

¹⁴⁸⁵ 379 U.S. at 563.

¹⁴⁸⁶ *Edwards v. South Carolina*, 372 U.S. 229 (1963); *Cox v. Louisiana*, 379 U.S. 536 (1965); *Gregory v. City of Chicago*, 394 U.S. 111 (1969); *Bachellar v. Maryland*, 397 U.S. 564 (1970). *See also* *Collin v. Smith*, 447 F. Supp. 676 (N.D.Ill.), *aff’d*, 578 F.2d 1197 (7th Cir.), *stay denied*, 436 U.S. 953, *cert. denied*, 439 U.S. 916 (1978).

¹⁴⁸⁷ 487 U.S. 474 (1988).

¹⁴⁸⁸ An earlier case involving residential picketing had been resolved on equal protection rather than First Amendment grounds, the ordinance at issue making an exception for labor picketing. *Carey v. Brown*, 447 U.S. 455 (1980).

¹⁴⁸⁹ 339 U.S. 460 (1950).

¹⁴⁹⁰ 458 U.S. 886 (1982).

¹⁴⁹¹ 376 U.S. 254 (1964).