

the United States Supreme Court endorsed Holmes' view.¹⁴⁰⁶ Years later, beginning with *Hague v. CIO*,¹⁴⁰⁷ the Court reconsidered the issue. Justice Roberts wrote in *Hague*: "Wherever the title of streets and parks may rest, they have immemorially been held in trust for the use of the public and, time out of mind, have been used for purposes of assembly, communicating thoughts between citizens, and discussing public questions. Such use of the streets and public places has from ancient times, been a part of the privileges, immunities, rights, and liberties of citizens." Although this opinion was not itself joined by a majority of the Justices, the Court subsequently endorsed the view in several opinions.¹⁴⁰⁸

The Roberts view was called into question in the 1960s, however, when the Court seemed to leave the issue open,¹⁴⁰⁹ and when a majority endorsed an opinion by Justice Black asserting his own narrower view of speech rights in public places.¹⁴¹⁰ Later decisions restated and quoted the Roberts language from *Hague*, and that is now the position of the Court.¹⁴¹¹ Public streets and parks,¹⁴¹² including those adjacent to courthouses¹⁴¹³ and foreign embas-

¹⁴⁰⁶ *Davis v. Massachusetts*, 167 U.S. 43, 48 (1897).

¹⁴⁰⁷ 307 U.S. 496 (1939). Only Justice Black joined the Roberts opinion, but only Justices McReynolds and Butler dissented from the result.

¹⁴⁰⁸ *E.g.*, *Schneider v. Town of Irvington*, 308 U.S. 147, 163 (1939); *Kunz v. New York*, 340 U.S. 290, 293 (1951).

¹⁴⁰⁹ *Cox v. Louisiana*, 379 U.S. 536, 555 (1965). For analysis of this case in the broader context, see Kalven, *The Concept of the Public Forum: Cox v. Louisiana*, 1965 SUP. CT. REV. 1.

¹⁴¹⁰ *Adderley v. Florida*, 385 U.S. 39 (1966). *See id.* at 47–48; *Cox v. Louisiana*, 379 U.S. 559, 578 (1965) (Justice Black concurring in part and dissenting in part); *Jamison v. Texas*, 318 U.S. 413, 416 (1943) (Justice Black for the Court).

¹⁴¹¹ *E.g.*, *Shuttlesworth v. City of Birmingham*, 394 U.S. 147, 152 (1969); *Grayned v. City of Rockford*, 408 U.S. 104, 115 (1972); *Carey v. Brown*, 447 U.S. 455, 460 (1980).

¹⁴¹² *Hague v. CIO*, 307 U.S. 496 (1939); *Niemotko v. Maryland*, 340 U.S. 268 (1951); *Kunz v. New York*, 340 U.S. 290 (1951); *Shuttlesworth v. City of Birmingham*, 394 U.S. 147 (1969); *Coates v. City of Cincinnati*, 402 U.S. 611 (1971); *Grayned v. City of Rockford*, 408 U.S. 104 (1972); *Greer v. Spock*, 424 U.S. 828, 835–36 (1976); *Carey v. Brown*, 447 U.S. 455 (1980).

¹⁴¹³ Narrowly drawn statutes that serve the state's interests in security and in preventing obstruction of justice and influencing of judicial officers are constitutional. *Cox v. Louisiana*, 379 U.S. 559 (1965). A restriction on carrying signs or placards on the grounds of the Supreme Court is unconstitutional as applied to the public sidewalks surrounding the Court, since it does not sufficiently further the governmental purposes of protecting the building and grounds, maintaining proper order, or insulating the judicial decisionmaking process from lobbying. *United States v. Grace*, 461 U.S. 171 (1983).