**First Amendment Rights in Communications Media**

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The first amendment is perhaps the most important and influential law that our government has. Communications media, however, has vastly changed the way we communicate and thus changed the way we interpret the first amendment. Throughout this chapter Baase explores the ways that different communication mediums such as print, television, radio, and telephone, have blurred the lines as to what is legal speech. Furthermore, the reader is asked to question whether publishers of different mediums, should be held responsible for what it's users post. Several times Baase brings up the fact that this would limit what users could say, due to censorship, but it would also make for friendlier communication mediums. According to the chapter, censorship is something that the government has been pushing for, for quite some time now. Just look at the Youtube comments on any video, wouldn't it be nice if they were actually constructive criticism for the content creator, rather than racist, homophobic, or sexist remarks? It's definitely clear that freedom of speech comes at a cost.

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