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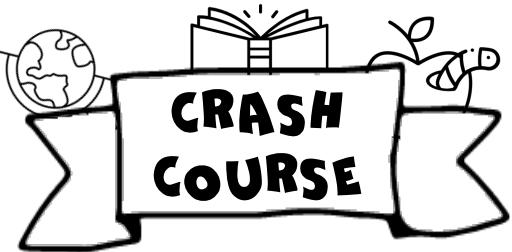
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US GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS #25 FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Directions: While watching the video, fill in the blanks.

private	amendments	hate	symbolic	employers
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