

Shreya Singhal v. Union of India (2015)

Court: Supreme Court of India

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Facts:

Two students were arrested for Facebook posts under Section 66A of the IT Act. A batch of petitions challenged the section as vague and chilling free speech.

Issues:

Whether Section 66A violated Article 19(1)(a) and could be saved by reasonable restrictions.

Holding:

Section 66A was struck down as unconstitutional for vagueness and disproportionate infringement on free speech.

Significance:

Major victory for online expression; affirmed constitutional commitment to free speech in the digital age.