

## How the Constitution Preserves My Freedom

The Constitution preserves my freedom in many ways. I think the most common one is in the amendments. For example, in the First Amendment it protects my freedom of speech, so I can speak out against the government and express my opinion just like Gregory Watson, but in my own way. The First Amendment also protects my freedom of religion. I, myself, am a non-denominational Christian which means I'm not apart of any denomination like Catholics or Anglicans. The First Amendment protects my freedom to practice my religion in any space without being persecuted for it. This amendment also defends my freedom to assemble. It ensures that I can gather with other people to advocate for causes, beliefs, movements, or protests like the anti-racist assemblies. My freedoms are also protected in the Fourth Amendment. This amendment preserves my freedom and other's freedom to keep their private things to themselves. Officers and government employees can't confiscate my private things without a specific warrant or a just cause, so government employees cannot just take my or my parents money without a just reason. Amendment Four is so important because it protects citizens and immigrants from illegal search and seizure. There is one more important amendment that I believe is very important to me. It is the Eighth Amendment and it protects people all around America from cruel and unusual punishment. It protects my older brother from getting fined a ludicrous amount of money for a speeding ticket or reckless driving, but it does not protect me from civil forfeiture. Civil forfeiture is one thing I would like to change. Officers should not be able to take my private things because they alledge it to be part of a crime. This is the first thing I would try to change if I ever got the chance. These amendments are all important of me because life would be much worse without them. Without the First Amendment we might not have the freedom to practice any religion or no religion at all. Without the Fourth Amendment government employees could just come in my house arrest me for no reason and take my things. Without the Eighth Amendment my brother could get fined half a grand for being ten miles over the speed limit. The constitution protects so many of my freedoms and I think it makes life so much better than if we did not have it.