

How does the Constitution preserve my freedom and why is this important to me?

As an American, the Constitution protects my rights. Some of these rights are the freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of the assembly, freedom of petition, and the freedom of religion (those freedoms are listed in the first amendment). During COVID in 2019-2023 our government took those freedoms away from us, we could not assemble, we could not have free speech, and we could not have religious freedom. Voting is so important because voting is my say in what I think needs to be changed or who I think should be elected. My future vote could be the tie breaker for an election. A lot of Americans don't vote because they don't think their vote will make a difference or they don't think their vote will matter, every vote matters. If voting was not allowed in America, or nobody in the United States of America voted, our government would fall apart, and the United States of America would not be a country anymore, or the United States of America would either become a dictatorship or a communist country. The United States of America is not an autocracy, a dictatorship, or a communist country; we are a democratic republic. That means that as an American I can vote when I'm older, I can believe in whatever religion I want to, I can petition the government, I can say whatever I want to say, and I can get together when and where I want to get together. These rights should not be taken for granted. It is such a huge privilege to be an American and have these rights. Some Americans don't see how critical it is to have these rights, some people live in communist countries and some people live in a dictatorship where most people don't have a say in their government. As an American I am so privileged to have all of the rights I am privileged with. Having a say in your government is such a huge blessing whether you think so or not. The constitution gives me rights to many things which is such a privilege because if I didn't have those rights, America would be a dictatorship or a communist country and I would have very few rights.