

**AP United States Government**  
**Chapter 4 Study Guide – Civil Liberties and Public Policy**

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**Vocabulary:** On index cards, define the terms from the Website.

**Key Cases:** On index cards, identify the importance of the cases listed on the Website.

**Questions:** Complete the following as you read chapter 4 in your textbook.

1. What was the most important difference between the Supreme Court's decision in *Barron v. Baltimore* and the one in *Gitlow v. New York*?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Explain the importance of the Fourteenth Amendment.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. List four Supreme Court cases concerning the establishment clause and comment on the significance of each.
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4. Compare and contrast the Supreme Court case of *Employment Division v. Smith* (1990) with the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993.

5. List and explain the significance of three Supreme Court cases concerning free speech and public order.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
6. What is a shield law?
7. How did the Supreme Court define obscenity in the case of *Miller v. California*?
8. How are the standards for winning libel lawsuits different for public figures and private individuals?
9. Who regulates commercial speech?
10. What is the function of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC)?
11. Explain two facets of the freedom of assembly.
  - a.
  - b.
12. Explain the Supreme Court ruling in *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008).
13. Draw a diagram of the criminal justice system as a series of funnels.

14. How are the following terms interrelated: probable cause, unreasonable searches and seizure, search warrant, and exclusionary rule?
  
15. What are the three guidelines for police questioning of suspects as set forth in *Miranda v. Arizona* (1966)?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  
16. What is the significance of the Supreme Court case of *Gideon v. Wainwright* (1963)?
  
17. What are the pros and cons of plea bargaining?
  
18. List and explain the importance of three Supreme Court cases concerning the death penalty.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  
19. Explain how the Constitution implies a right to privacy.
  
20. List and explain the importance of four Supreme Court cases concerning abortion.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  
21. In your opinion, are the rights guaranteed in the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Amendments more beneficial to criminals or the society at large? Why?
  
22. In what ways do civil liberties limit the scope of government? In what ways do they expand the scope of government?