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Translation:

The First Amendment protects freedom of speech, press, religion, and your right to gather with other people. It covers the right to demonstrate, pass out leaflets, and state your opinions.

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