



Is It Illegal To Burn the American Flag? - Quiz

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Q1. Is flag burning considered protected speech in the United States?

- A. Yes, under the First Amendment
- B. No, it is always illegal
- C. Only if done on private property
- D. Only during protests

Q2. Which Supreme Court case established that flag burning is protected speech?

- A. Street v. New York
- B. Spence v. Washington
- C. Texas v. Johnson
- D. U.S. v. Eichmann

Q3. What was the outcome of the Texas v. Johnson case?

- A. Flag burning was banned nationwide
- B. Flag burning was ruled as symbolic speech protected by the First Amendment
- C. Only verbal criticism of the flag was protected
- D. The case was dismissed

Q4. What did the Flag Protection Act of 1989 aim to do?

- A. Protect the flag from being stolen
- B. Criminalize flag desecration
- C. Promote flag education in schools
- D. Require flags to be flown at government buildings

Q5. Was the Flag Protection Act ever enforced?

- A. Yes, it is still in effect today
- B. No, it was struck down as unconstitutional
- C. Only in certain states
- D. Only for federal property

Q6. Can states pass their own laws banning flag desecration?

- A. Yes, if approved by the Supreme Court
- B. No, federal protections override state laws
- C. Only if the state constitution allows it
- D. Only during times of war

Q7. What was the Supreme Court's ruling in Spence v. Washington?

- A. Flag alteration was not protected speech
- B. Flag alteration was protected as an act of protest
- C. Only verbal protests were protected
- D. The case was dismissed

Q8. What could someone be charged with if burning a flag damages property?

- A. Flag desecration
- B. Vandalism or property damage
- C. Treason
- D. Hate speech

Q9. Why did the Supreme Court overturn Sydney Street's conviction in *Street v. New York*?

- A. Because he did not actually burn a flag
- B. Because his spoken words were protected by the First Amendment
- C. Because the flag was his property
- D. Because the law was too vague

Q10. What has been the trend in public support for flag burning laws in recent years?

- A. Support has increased
- B. Support has remained the same
- C. Support has waned
- D. Support is only high among veterans

Answer Key

1. Q1: A
2. Q2: C
3. Q3: B
4. Q4: B
5. Q5: B
6. Q6: B
7. Q7: B
8. Q8: B
9. Q9: B
10. Q10: C