The Religious Freedom Act

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What is the Religious Freedom Act?

The Religious Freedom Act was passed on November 16th, 1993. This act is a federal act that ensures interests in religious freedom are protected. Basically meaning it prevents the government from making restrictions on how you practice your religion. The law was passed under Bill Clinton's presidency, and was **amended** in the wake of the City of Boerne v. Flores case in 1997.



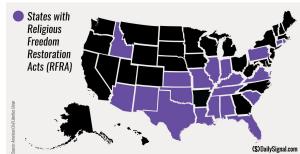
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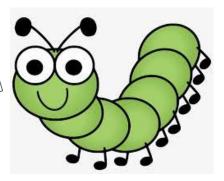
Congress passed the Religious Freedom Act (RFRA) to **mandate** a compelling interest test. There are many parts to this act but all of them protect your religious freedoms. This act is similar to the first **amendment** of the U.S. Constitution, which included freedom of religion, speech and freedom of the press. Although they might be similar, the Religious freedom act should not be interpreted to be the First Amendment in any way. The Religious Freedom Act was amended in 1997, and it was decided that it would only apply to federal laws. Because of this decision, many states developed their own versions of the RFRA that fit their own state laws.



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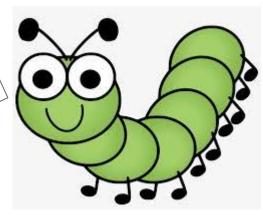
Why does this help us?

The Religious Freedom Act helps us because it gives us religious freedom. Religious Freedom is the right for you to choose whatever religion you want without **interference** from others. A person can object a law on the RFRA for several reasons, this includes if they need to wear certain things, or are not able to cut their hair or eat certain foods. For example, if someone wants to be a police officer or a doctor and is required by their religion to wear a **yarmulke** or a **hajib** and the company refuses, that person can sue the company under the RFRA because they refused to let them participate in their spiritual beliefs.





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Words you should know!

Amended- To modify a legal document or legislative bill formally.

Amendment- An article added to the U.S. Constitution.

Hajib- A Hajib is a veil worn by some women of the Muslim religion.

Interference- The action of interfering or the process of being interfered with.

Mandate- An official order to do something.

Yarmulke- A Yarmulke is a skullcap worn in public by men of the Orthodox Jewish faith during prayer by other Jewish men.