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“The one thing that’s worse than hearing about all that violence and all that bad news on television is not being permitted to hear it.”

Charles Kuralt, *1955 graduate, UNC’s School of Journalism and Mass Communication*

“The government is not a fungus and can thrive in the sunlight.”

U.S. Rep. Patricia Schroeder, 1984

“Without a free press there can be no free society ... Without a lively sense of responsibility a free press may readily become a powerful instrument of injustice.”

Justice Felix Frankfurter, in *Pennekamp v. Florida*, 1946
U.S. Supreme Court

“Never do anything in secret or anything that you would wish to hide. For the desire to hide anything means that you are afraid, and fear is a bad thing and unworthy of you ... Privacy, of course, we may have and should have, but that is a very different thing from secrecy.”

Jawaharlal Nehru

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“I do not believe also in the abolition of free inquiry, or that the ideas represented by ‘freedom of thought,’ ‘freedom of speech’ and ‘free assembly’ are just rhetorical myths. I believe rather that they are among the most valuable realities that men have gained, and that if they are destroyed men will again fight to have them.”

Thomas Wolfe, *1920 graduate, University of North Carolina graduate*

“If the First Amendment means anything, it means that a state has no business telling a man, sitting alone in his own house, what books he may read or what films he may watch. Our whole constitutional heritage rebels at the thought of giving government the power to control men’s minds.”

Thurgood Marshall, in *Stanley v. Georgia*, 1969

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

First Amendment, U.S. Constitution

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“We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression—everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way—everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want...The fourth is freedom from fear.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt, *message to Congress*, 1941

“If the First Amendment will protect a scumbag like me, it will protect all of you.”

Larry Flynt, in the film *People vs. Larry Flynt*, 1996

“There are laws to protect the freedom of the press’s speech, but none that are worth anything to protect the people from the press.”

Mark Twain, *License of the Press*, 1873

“Freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own one.”

A. J. Liebling, writer *The New Yorker*

“Censorship ends in logical completeness when nobody is allowed to read any books except the books nobody reads.”

George Bernard Shaw