

FIRST AMENDMENT AUDITORS AND CITIZEN JOURNALISTS

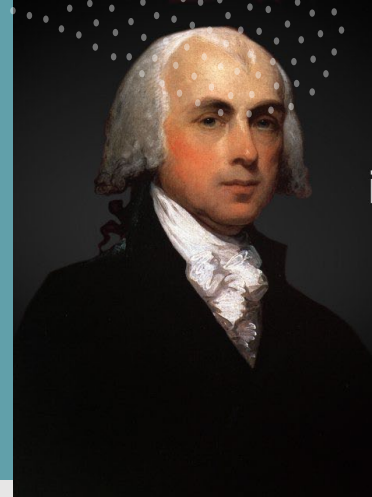
A Primer on Remaining Calm and Pleasant

We the People
insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Article I

What is the First Amendment?

(seriously...?)



The purpose of the **Constitution** is to restrict the **majority's ability** to **harm a minority**.

– *James Madison*

AZ QUOTES

- A small document...big impact
- History lesson on the First Amendment
- How does this operate in real life?
- What was the legislative intent?
- Benjamin who?

Who are these people?



Self proclaimed journalists

Colonists

Photo hobbyists?

Activists

AUDITORS!

There are currently over 50,000 self-proclaimed First Amendment Auditors

What is their goal? What do they want?

- Unabridged rights
- THE TRUTH!!!!!!
- Public Officials should be fired if they do not comply
- This is MY Courthouse
- NO RULES





What do the Auditors do?
Wait...Are they really auditors?

- Uninvited visits to areas that are restricted
- Enter facilities with cameras running
- Enter facilities with mouths running
- Refuse to identify themselves
- Threaten legal action or to “*have your job*”

How to React to First Amendment Auditors



WTH??

**NOT OUR FIRST
RECOMMENDATION**

How to React to First Amendment Auditors

- Remain calm
- Remain professional
- Remember that videography is permitted in public places
- Does everything qualify as public places?
- Watch body language
- Law enforcement if necessary



How NOT to
react...

- Don't lie
- Don't try to block them or get physical in any way
- Don't threaten or use profanity
- I know...it's difficult





What are the risks with
First Amendment
Auditors?



Summary

