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Our Rights, Our Fight

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." - James Madison. When James Madison wrote this segment of the First Amendment, he meant that this amendment protects those who live in the United States the freedom of religion. According to the quote, this means that the government can't force anyone to believe in a particular religion, and lets citizens practice whatever religion they desire. This freedom has shaped the United States into the nation that is today. However, this freedom has been under attack for a long time.

Today, people who are against Christianity are not only discriminating others, but are robbing them the freedoms of religion are Founding Fathers established. These people are doing this because they think that by saying and doing things that shows your religion, you are offending and forcing people to accept a certain religion. A few years ago, an Air Force Cadet in Colorado wrote down a bible verse on a whiteboard which he posted on his door. This was erased because it was considered offensive. Attacks on our liberties like these show that our rights are gradually slipping away.

We must help defend our freedoms to the best of our abilities. Even though most citizens can't directly help, we can still make an impact. When businesses banned their employers from using the phrase "Merry Christmas," a Jewish person posted a video saying that we should still accept Christmas as a holiday, even if we aren't christians. Just like that Jew, we can still make our voices heard through many different ways. Actions such as writing letters to those in power, running for an office, or even just donating to organizations that protect our rights are only a few ways we can help steer this problem in the right direction. No matter who you are, we the citizens of the United States must stand up against these attacks for liberty and justice for all.