

Civil Liberties Crib Sheet

Useful Definition: freedoms that protect the individual from government **to a certain extent**; limitations that prevent government from abusing its power.

What is the difference between Civil Liberties and Civil Rights?

Civil Rights involves privileges bestowed by nations on those within their territorial boundaries; especially the universal application of those rights.

Common civil liberties

freedom of association
freedom of assembly
freedom of religion
freedom of speech
due process
fair trial
property ownership/control
privacy

Controversial examples

reproductive rights
same-sex marriage
possession of guns/arms
use of certain drugs
wartime suspension

Liberties

Broad
Basic Freedoms
Control Government Power
Bill of Rights
Religion
Speech
Due Process
Assembly
14th Amendment
Universal
Removable for compelling reason

Rights

Equal Treatment
No special treatment
Avoid tyranny of majority
Subject to Government Authority