



Minerva Free Library
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Freedom to View

The FREEDOM TO VIEW, along with the Freedom to Speak, to Hear and to Read, is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. In a free society, there is no place for censorship of any medium of expression. Therefore these principles are affirmed:

1. To provide the broadest possible access to film, video and to other audiovisual materials because they are a means for the communication of ideas. Liberty of circulation is essential to insure the constitutional guarantee of freedom of expression.
2. To protect the confidentiality of all individuals and institutions using film, video and other audiovisual materials.
3. To provide film, video and other audiovisual materials which represent a diversity of views and expression. Selection of a work does not constitute or imply agreement with or approval of the content.
4. To provide a diversity of viewpoints without the constraint of labeling or prejudging film, video and other audiovisual materials on the basis of the moral, religious or political beliefs of the producer or film maker or on the basis of controversial content.
5. To contest vigorously, by all lawful means every encroachment upon the public's freedom to view.

Board of Directors- Sherman Minerva Free Library

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The Minerva Free Library reserves the right to modify this policy at any time.