American Government: Stories of a Nation for the AP® Course Guided Reading

Section 8.6: Privacy and Other Rights

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Before you read

Before reading this section, take a moment to read the Learning Target.

Learning Target: Discuss the Supreme Court's affirmation of the right to privacy.

While you read

Use the following table to take notes as you read the section.

Supreme Court decisions/ Amendments	Protections of privacy	Impact on politics

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Once you've finished reading the section, answer the following questions.

- 1. The Supreme Court holds that consenting adults generally:
 - A. have a reasonable right to privacy.
 - B. have the right to keep their personal lives private from the government.
 - C. can make their own choices regarding contraceptives.
 - D. can settle their own issues regarding abortion and sexuality.
- 2. What is the main idea behind reading the First, Third, Fourth, and Ninth Amendments together?
 - A. They all prevent the national government from infringing on the people.
 - B. They all support the idea that there is a right to privacy within the Constitution.
 - C. They all allow for the people to express themselves freely.
 - D. They all provide similar protections against infringement from the federal government.
- 3. The right of consenting adults to express their sexuality in private without government interference was justified using the concept of:
 - A. freedom of intimate contact.
 - B. autonomy of self.
 - C. penumbra.
 - D. free expression.
- 4. Which statement BEST describes the Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade?*
 - A. A woman will be permitted to seek an abortion within the first two trimesters of her pregnancy.
 - B. A woman's right to terminate a pregnancy is not protected under the Constitution.
 - C. A woman's right to terminate a pregnancy is protected as a right to privacy.
 - D. A woman may not seek an abortion following one week of pregnancy.
- 5. Nathaniel is a delegate in the Constitutional Convention and has concerns that the rights listed in a bill of rights might actually limit fundamental liberties. Nathaniel would MOST likely be in favor of the:
 - A. Eighth Amendment.
 - B. Ninth Amendment.
 - C. Tenth Amendment.
 - D. Twelfth Amendment.