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- Can the government forbid handing out leaflets on public property such as streets or parks? (Hague v. CIO, 307 U.S. 496 (1939))
- Can the government require that groups looking to hold a parade, protest, or other public gathering apply in advance for a permit? (Cox v. New Hampshire, 312 U.S. 569 (1941))
- Can the government require that protesters outside an abortion clinic stay outside a "buffer zone" around the clinic? (*McCullen* v. *Coakley*, 134 S.Ct. 2518 (2014))
- Can the government prohibit large protests, such as Occupy Wall Street, from sleeping overnight in public spaces such as parks? (*Clark v. Community for Creative Non-Violence*, 468 U.S. 288 (1982))
- Can the government require a privately-organized St. Patrick's Day parade to include an organization of LGBTQ Irish-Americans if it does not want to? (*Hurley v. Irish-American Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Group of Boston,* 515 U.S. 557 (1995))
- Can the government prevent a private club or organization from discriminating against women or LGBTQ individuals? (Roberts v. United States Jaycees, 468 U.S. 609 (1984), Boy Scouts of America v. Dale, 530 U.S. 640 (2000))
- Can the government prevent someone from speaking because it fears that others will become so inflamed and outraged by their words that they will turn to violence? (*Terminiello* v. City of Chicago, 337 U.S. 1 (1949))