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## **2017 DEBATE GUIDE**

Freedom Day events are meant to be an examination of our essential American freedoms. We encourage your group, whether it is 5 or 50 people, to customize your Freedom Day activities to best suit your needs. We suggest events be held in conjunction with viewing the live stream of our event from 4:30 – 7:30 PM EST at [constitutioncenter.org/freedom-day](http://constitutioncenter.org/freedom-day).

Below are motions from recent National Constitution Center debates that can be used to host a Freedom Day Debate:

- ▶ Resolved: Citizens United was wrongly decided
- ▶ Resolved: The Second Amendment protects the individual's right to own and carry a gun
- ▶ Resolved: NSA Mass phone data collection is a violation of the Fourth Amendment
- ▶ Resolved: U.S. Supreme Court Justices should be subject to term limits
- ▶ Resolved: State Voter ID Laws are Unconstitutional
- ▶ Resolved: Members of the United States Congress should be subject to term limits

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## **FREEDOM DAY MISSION STATEMENT**

The United States was founded upon the belief that certain freedoms are unalienable. The belief in these freedoms inspired the Declaration of Independence, led to the Bill of Rights, enabled the Civil Rights movement and many other areas of the world admire and work to emulate American freedoms.

Yet few Americans take time to contemplate their freedoms and how valuable they are. John Adams said, "Liberty cannot be preserved without general knowledge among the people." Some feel that certain freedoms are being curtailed, battles over others are one reason America has become more polarized.

The National Constitution Center is a place where people across America and around the world can come together to celebrate and learn about the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. The goal of Freedom Day is to bring Americans together for a conversation about and celebration of freedom.

**TAKEAWAY:** Please send the outcome of your debate to Bianca Cavacini at [bcavacini@constitutioncenter.org](mailto:bcavacini@constitutioncenter.org).

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