

IELTS Writing Task 2

Q-Is freedom of speech necessary in a free society?
Give reasons for your answer.

Sample answer

The importance of free-speech in a free society has been much debated in the previous decade. Some people are against complete freedom of expression. Others argue that free expression is the fundamental political right that individuals have in a civilized society. While I feel there are compelling arguments on both sides, I believe that freedom of expression should be preserved in all save the most severe cases.

At all levels of society, freedom of expression is vital. Governments, on the other hand, require it. A government that does not understand how its citizens feel and think is in dangerous territory. In the 1980s, communist regimes in Eastern-Europe were overthrown in this manner. The same thing is happening in other-parts of the world right now. Governments that stifle free speech run the danger of inciting their citizens to act destructively or rebel.

Furthermore, no political activity is conceivable without free speech, and no opposition to injustice and oppression is possible. Elections would be meaningless without freedom of expression. Only via free address do contestants' policies become known to the public and respond to public opinion. Between elections, voters' openly voiced opinions aid in the restraint of repressive regimes. It isn't brilliant to expect political or, by extension, economic independence without this freedom.

Finally, free speech is a vital and beneficial quality of a free society that should not be overlooked. However, allowing for a diversity of opinion may be difficult for society.

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