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Evidence-based Argumentative Writing: Freedom

The first amendment endorsed on December 15, 1791 along with the other amendments or Bill of Rights (10 amendments). The first amendment, written by James Madison, gives everyone the privileges to practice any religion, to speak out for yourself, the freedom of press, to meet, and the privilege to petition. The most important freedom of the ones mentioned, is the freedom of speech. This freedom allows us to speak out for yourself and address the government or anyone you want without getting into any trouble. Just imagine if you had to limit your freedom to speak, how would others know what you are thinking or your ideas? Sometimes what we say might not be the right thing to say but we still have the right to speak for ourselves. No one should be put in jail for what they addressed to the government, but a man of good was. According to CNN politics, he said that a man got arrested for saying something critical about the President Lyndon B Johnson during the Vietnam War. No one should be arrested when they have the privilege to express themselves for three reasons, the first amendment, the right to say what you want to say, and human rights.

The first reason why the man shouldn't be arrested is because of the first amendment. Many times, people have been arrested for doing the same thing as this man, but should they really be arrested? According to an article titled, "Legal Information Institution," it states, "It guarantees freedom of expression by prohibiting Congress from restricting the press or the rights of individuals to speak freely." This is what the first amendment states. Everyone should have the right to say what they want, even the first amendment states it, but others don't take things as

a joke at times. When the man addressed to the president he was saying it as a joke and everyone that heard him laughed along with him. But it seems that others that were at the speech during the war, didn't take it as a joke and had him arrested. Even though the man ended up getting arrested and it already happened, this shouldn't be happening right now. Everyone has the right to say what they feel. As stated in an article called, "Legal Dictionary," "The right guaranteed by the First Amendment to the US Constitution, to express beliefs and ideas without unwarranted government restriction." No one should have the fear of getting arrested if they say something others don't like because everyone has the right to express themselves freely. No matter how bad what you say is, you still have the right to say it according to the first amendment. Everyone is supposed to have this freedom equally no matter what. The man and everyone in the world has the right to say whatever they want.

The second reason why the man shouldn't be arrested is because of his own right to say what he wants. In an article titled, "You Have The Right To Say What You Want, But You Also Have The Responsibility For How It's Heard," it states, "Words are all-powerful: in order to know if something is offensive to you or not, you must first read or hear it." This means that the man had the right to say this because if the person who gave him to the police thought what the man said was offensive then that is his problem and not the man's. No one can just presume that what they heard was offensive they have to be there to know if what they heard is critical or not. Everyone has the right to communicate freely with others without the government or Congress getting in the way. In the "Irish Examiner," it states, "The free communication of ideas and of opinions is one of the most precious right of man. Any citizen may therefore speak, write, and publish freely, except what is tantamount to the abuse of this liberty in the cases determined by

law.” Even though the government might be correct in arresting the man, they are still overseeing his own rights, they should let him explain himself of what he meant to say. The man has his own right and human rights.

The final reason why the man shouldn't be arrested is because he has human rights. According to an article called, “ United Nations: Human Rights,” it states, “ Human rights are rights inherent to all humans beings, whatever our nationality is, place of residence, sex, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, language, or any other status.” We are all human beings, we all make mistakes, but is what the man did really a big mistake that everyone make a big deal out of? The man had the right to use his human right of language. Everyone should now know that even though they take away all our other rights, we will always have the human rights. In “United for Human Rights,” it states, “Yet many people, when asked to name their rights, will list only freedom of speech and belief and perhaps one or two others. There is no question these are important rights, but the full scope of human rights is very broad. They mean choice and opportunity. They mean the freedom to obtain a job, adopt a career, select a partner of one's choice and raise children. They include the right to travel widely and the right to work gainfully without harassment, abuse and threat of arbitrary dismissal. They even embrace the right to leisure.” Without many knowing what freedoms we have, others take their freedoms away without the person noticing. We all have the right to know what our freedoms are no matter what. Maybe the man didn't know all his human's rights and that is why they had him arrested.

In conclusion, the man shouldn't of been arrested for three reasons, the first amendment, the right to say what you want to say, and human rights. These are all good reasons for the man not to be arrested. We all have the rights mentioned above and that is including the man. We all

have the right to express ourselves about the government whether good or bad, we still have the right to express ourselves. The man like any other had the right to say what he wanted and even if many don't agree with this it's the truth.