

Crash Course U.S. Government - Day 35

Word Bank

civil liberties

civil rights
procedural

discrimination
substantive

personal freedoms

1. Use the word bank to complete the sentences below.

_____ are limitations placed on the government. These are intended to stop the government from interfering with your _____.
_____. Curbs placed on the power of majorities to protect the rights of some at the expense of others are called _____.
These are intended to guarantee equal citizenship and protect against _____.
_____ liberties are limits on what the government can do. In contrast, _____ liberties are restraints on how the government must act.

2. Give an example of a **substantive liberty**.

3. Give an example of a **procedural liberty**.

Answers

1. **Civil liberties** are limitations placed on the government. These are intended to stop the government from interfering with your **personal freedoms**. Curbs placed on the power of majorities to protect the rights of some at the expense of others are called **civil rights**. These are intended to guarantee equal citizenship and protect against **discrimination**. **Substantive** liberties are limits on what the government can do. In contrast, **procedural** liberties are restraints on how the government must act.
2. The example given in the video was that the government is not allowed to establish a national religion.
3. The example given in the video is that courts must treat anyone accused of a crime as though they are innocent until proven guilty.