

## U.S. Supreme Court Rulings on Religious Freedom

Each of the U.S. Supreme Court cases listed below involved a claim to not follow a generally applied law on religious grounds. Complete the chart as you learn about each case. Use columns 2 and 3 to identify the opposing interests (values, rights, beliefs) in each case. Then circle the one making a case on religious freedom grounds. In column 4, summarize the legal question before the Court. In column 5, use a Y/N to indicate how the Court answered that question. Finally, determine if the Court ruled in favor of religious freedom.

Supreme Court Case	Interest A	Interest B	Legal Question*	Court Ruling (Y/N)	Were arguments for religious freedom upheld? (Y/N)
<i>Reynolds v. United States</i> (1878)					
<i>Sherbert v. Verner</i> (1963)					
<i>Wisconsin v. Yoder</i> (1971)					
<i>Employment Division v. Smith</i> (1990)					
<i>Burwell v. Hobby Lobby</i> (2014)					

\*Note: All of these questions are drawn from the Oyez Project ([www.oyez.org](http://www.oyez.org)) at Chicago-Kent College of Law at Illinois Institute of Technology.