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## Freedoms Essay Final Draft

Those who live in the U.S has the ability to five freedoms and they are all defended by the first ammendment. In which students at Christian Burg Highschool decided to take action. The articles both titled“Virginia Highschool Suspends Students Who Wore Confederate Flag Clothing” explains the entire story of this whole situation. By law, the students should have the right to wear and express the confederate flag. This is based upon that they were not trying to start violence, they were expressing their freedom of speech against the school policy, as well as trying to raise their point of views on their thoughts of the confederate flag.

Starting off, the pupils who participated in this event were not trying to begin mishap and there wasn't any traces of harmful behavior. An example is shown where the author explains saying “A peaceful demonstration”. It is unfair for them to get suspended if the march they presented was meant to be seen as calm. Another example occured once again where one of the students stepped up to voice his opinion claiming “ We set out to accomplish something today and we way over acheived it”. If they weren't commencing any issues then the school should have first let them give their opinions first. In addition, if the freedom isn't being misused then the people may express as they please. For example, if my family were being forbidden to wear their country's flag even though they might've showed it peacefully then they have the right to express their opinions. So its unfair that the school is discriminating their opinions even though their demonstration was meant to be calm. However this then leads to their cause behind their protests.

Relevant to the first idea, the students were protesting the dress code. One of the students who spoke described the school policy saying “Everyone can wear whatever shirts they want but we’re not”. Regarding this, it was supposed to be a peaceful demonstration but the school wouldn’t accept it which is “violating their free speech” claims the pupils. All they wanted to accomplish was being to protest against the school policy. But even then where the staff who work there feels biased in towards that they shouldn’t have this ability to their rights. But concluding that both situations and overall situation is unfair.

Lastly, the final situation that should be addressed as to why these students should have the ability to wear the flags is due to the fact that they were trying to set a point across that the flag wasn’t racist. The school was aware of their rights but they still prohibited them from being said by the participants of the event. Previously, it was explained that students were protesting the dress code. They did this because of what Zach Comer claimed as “It unfairly targets the Confederate battle flag and those who fly it”. They wore this flag in the first place to set things right in terms of helping to prove their opinions. If the school could see this then hopefully they would allow them to wear the flag. A similar situation occurred to a student by the name of Dalton Reedy. He believed that the school system was unfair where he later said “Most people look at me like I’m a racist”. The school had no judgement to commit this act.

Overall, while the symbol the students were expressing have a lot of controversy whether it should be admired or not. This does not take away their right to stand by their decision and to have a voice about it. There are still questions if schools should still tolerate this behavior. Or perhaps even permanently banning this from schools. But even then it does not take away the freedoms that the people have today.

