

Cry Fire

### Headline

It IS your right to cry "Fire", in a crowded movie theatre.

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Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes raised this matter in 1919 when deliberating the First Amendment case in the Supreme Court. His statement generally claimed that it was not your right to yell fire in a crowded movie theatre. And through the years this statement has become synonymous with First Amendment arguments.

The "limits" of free speech has, and always will be a matter of much serious debate. Right now, this issue is a hot topic in the news nationally because of the Jimmy Kimmel statement and locally, here in Wyoming, after a comment about "hanging" judges. In both of those cases those individuals had the right to say what they said. I would disagree with Holmes. You can erroneously scream "fire" in a crowded movie theatre, causing a stampede where people are hurt or killed. You can make a statement, like Kimmel, that implies joy over the President of the United States being assassinated.

But... You must be ready to suffer the consequences for your speech. If you cry "fire" and people are killed, then you probably need to go to court to defend your actions as to why you thought it was a good idea to put people at unnecessary risk. If you unsympathetically and irresponsibly join the current rhetoric that could possibly incite the "great unwashed" to riot and/or kill the President, then you should suffer the economic and social repercussions.

Kimmel is evil, shallow and inhumane at times. It's his right to not be funny. Don't watch his show. Don't buy the products that sponsors advertise on his broadcast. Say something to somebody about it. I find it almost laughable that people complain that Walmart only has "Chinese" products on its shelves and then go there and buy those products. Don't go there.

We the people have an enormous power of the purse and opinion. Use it.

The only thing necessary for evil to flourish is for good people to say, and do, nothing.

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