



Examples of Laws Limiting Freedom

Focus only on the laws below that match the number one categories you chose in response to the question, "What do you most need to lead a free and happy life?"

Communication The Corporation Commission is hereby vested with power and authority to require telephone companies...to maintain separate booths for white and colored patrons when there is a demand for such separate booths. (Oklahoma)

Education The schools for white children and the schools for negro children shall be conducted separately. (Florida)

Education Books shall not be interchangeable between the white and colored schools, but shall continue to be used by the race first using them. (North Carolina)

Family It shall be unlawful for a white person to marry anyone except a white person. Any marriage in violation of this section shall be void. (Georgia)

Nutrition It shall be unlawful to conduct a restaurant or other place for the serving of food in the city, at which white and colored people are served in the same room, unless such white and colored persons are effectually separated by a solid partition extending from the floor upward to a distance of seven feet or higher, and unless a separate entrance from the street is provided for each compartment. (Alabama)

Health There shall be maintained by the governing authorities of every hospital...separate entrances for white and colored patients and visitors, and such entrances shall be used by the race only for which they are prepared. (Mississippi)

Health No person or corporation shall require any white female nurse to nurse in wards or rooms in hospitals, either public or private, in which negro men are placed. (Alabama)

Housing Any person...who shall rent any part of any such building to a negro person or a negro family when such building is already in whole or in part in occupancy by a white person or white family...shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars or be imprisoned not less than 10, or more than 60 days, or both... (Louisiana)



Examples of Laws Limiting Freedom (continued)

Hygiene	No colored barber shall serve as a barber [to] white women or girls. (Georgia)
Leisure	It shall be unlawful for any amateur colored baseball team to play baseball in any vacant lot or baseball diamond within two blocks of any playground devoted to the white race. (Georgia)
Leisure	It shall be unlawful for colored people to frequent any park owned or maintained by the city for the benefit, use and enjoyment of white persons... (Georgia)
Leisure	Every person...operating...any public hall, theatre, opera house, motion picture show or any place of public entertainment...which is attended by both white and colored persons, shall separate the white race and the colored race and shall set apart and designate... certain seats...to be occupied by white persons and a portion...to be occupied by colored persons. (Virginia)
Safety	No organization of colored troops shall be permitted where white troops are available, and...colored troops shall be under the command of white officers. (North Carolina)
Transportation	The conductors or managers on all...railroads shall have power, and are hereby required, to assign to each white or colored passenger his or her respective car, coach or compartment. If the passenger fails to disclose his race, the conductor and managers...shall be the sole judges of his race. (Virginia)
Freedom to express opinions	Any person...who shall be guilty of printing, publishing or circulating printed... matter...or general information, arguments or suggestions in favor of social equality or of intermarriage between whites and negroes, shall be...subject to fine...not exceeding five hundred (500.00) dollars or imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months or both. (Mississippi)

SOURCE: Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia, "Examples of Jim Crow Laws," <https://www.ferris.edu/htmls/news/jimcrow/links/misclink/examples.htm>.