

Freedom of Religion

Free Exercise Clause



What applies in Cheema v Thompson?

Citizens may practice their religious beliefs, but remember....

- 1. A substantial burden must be involved if a complaint is made.**

(The person with these beliefs will really suffer if they cannot continue this practice, they must be very sincere in their beliefs)

AND.....

- 2. Compelling state interests must be considered.**

(Government concerns must be investigated. is this safe for others, does this cause serious problems for citizens?)

AND.....

- 3. “Least restrictive” means must be used to solve the issue.**

(The problem should be solved with as small amount of change as possible. Is there a way to solve this problem without breaking the rules of the religion?)