

THE FOUR FREEDOMS



FREEDOM OF
SPEECH



FREEDOM OF
WORSHIP



FREEDOM FROM
WANT



FREEDOM FROM
FEAR

On January 1, 1941, as the Great Depression waned and the United States' agonized over the war in Europe, President Roosevelt outlined four freedoms in his State of the Union address. The purpose was to establish the reason for civilization; to establish the foundational freedoms that drive governance and our civil interactions. As Clyde Klockhohn opined: "No nation can exist for long as a nation unless there is some discoverable core of common purpose."

In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential freedoms.

The first is freedom of speech and expression – everywhere in the world.

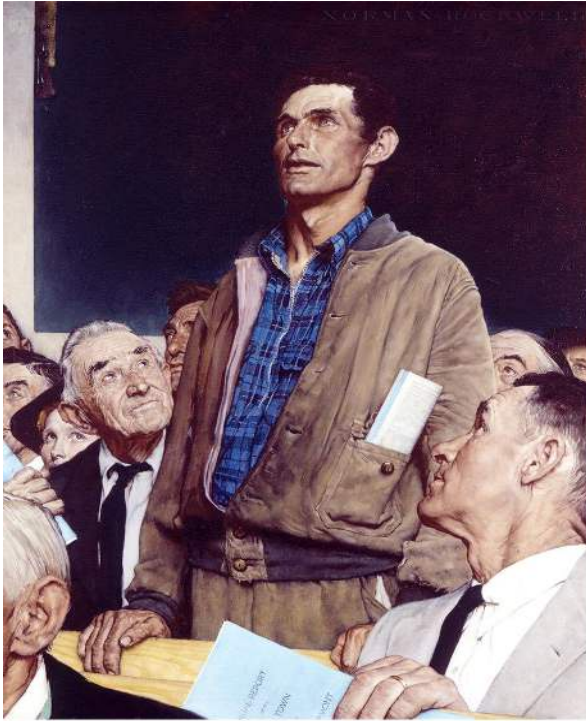
The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way – everywhere in the world.

The third is freedom from want, which, translated into world terms, means economic understandings, which shall secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants – everywhere in the world.

The fourth is freedom from fear, which, translated into world terms, means a worldwide reduction in armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor – anywhere in the world.

As Floridians travel through the 21st Century, the economic, social and physical setting will continue to change dramatically as our destiny is determined. In this dynamic time, the foundational elements of society need to continue to be acknowledged and honored. Roosevelt's expression of the four freedoms are foundational for the solidarity and purpose of our State.

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From **Norman Rockwell, 1943**. The Four Freedoms are now part of the permanent collection of Norman Rockwell Museum and reside in their own specially designed gallery space, inviting visitors to reflect on their inspiring message.