

## Franklin D. Roosevelt, Message to Congress, January 6, 1941 (excerpt)

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"In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human 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 will 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 world-wide reduction of 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."

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For each freedom, list the situations that existed for African Americans in the early 1940's that threatened these freedoms on a daily basis.

Freedom	Situation for African Americans
Freedom of speech and expression	
Freedom to worship as one chooses	
Freedom from want	
Freedom from fear	