* [https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/supreme-court-justices-felt-the-emotion-of-military-funeral-protest-case (Links to an external site.)](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/supreme-court-justices-felt-the-emotion-of-military-funeral-protest-case)
* **Resources for understanding the case**
* [https://www.uscourts.gov/educational-resources/educational-activities/facts-and-case-summary-snyder-v-phelps (Links to an external site.)](https://www.uscourts.gov/educational-resources/educational-activities/facts-and-case-summary-snyder-v-phelps)
* [https://www.oyez.org/cases/2010/09-751  (Links to an external site.)](https://www.oyez.org/cases/2010/09-751)    On the oyez site look in the blue block on the left. You will find an recording of oral arguments and a recording of announcing the majority decision from the bench.

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**TEMPLATE**

**Snyder v Phelps (2011)**

1. **Facts: Include what happened that brought the case to court.  Be sure to include a description of both sides--Snyder and Phelps.**

Procedural History

Snyder filed a civil suit for damages in a U.S. District Court, not a state court.  A jury in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland agreed with Snyder and awarded him a total of $10.9 million (which the judge lowered to $5 million). The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the judgment, holding that Phelps' speech was protected by the First Amendment.

Constitutional Question:   Does the First Amendment protect protesters at a funeral from liability for intentionally inflicting emotional distress on the family of the deceased?

1. **Oral Argument--what happened in Court.  Include research and explain concepts: public or private person ; matters of public concern; private targeted speech**

Finding:  The protesters actions are protected speech under the First Amendment.

1. **Majority Opinion: Summary of the Majority Opinion.  (This is the legal reasoning for the ruling of the Court.)**
2. **Concepts of Free Speech:  Include: Obama’s reasoning in defense of free speech.  Free Speech Overview”. protection of speech, instinct to censor, impact on society, etc.**