

Warren Court Decisions (1953-1969):

Liberal Ideals such as expanding democracy and individual freedoms were realized in decisions of the Supreme Court.

Brown vs. Education (1954): declared state laws establishing separate public schools for black and white students to be unconstitutional and overturned the Plessy v. Ferguson separate but equal decision (1896).

Gideon vs. Wainwright (1963): If you cannot afford an attorney then one must be appointed for you.

Yates v. US (1957): the 1st amendment does protect radical/revolutionary speech, so communists are protected under the 1st amendment

Mapp v. Ohio (1961): illegally seized evidence cannot be used in court so it protects people accused of a crime

Engel v. Vital (1962): Can't require prayer in public schools (it violates the 1st amendment)
Separation between church and states

Griswold v. Connecticut (1965): A citizen has the right to privacy, thus birth control cannot be prohibited

Miranda v. Arizona (1966): right to remain silent and speak with attorney (your Miranda rights)

Critics: Many conservatives did not like these decisions and favored a "STRICT" interpretation of the Constitution.