

“The Trail of the Chicago 7”

This film relates to the context of 1968

- **Escalation in the Vietnam War**
- **The Civil Rights Movement**
- **The assassination of Martin Luther King**
- **The assassination of Robert Kennedy**
- **The role of the Black Panthers**
- **The issue of young people protesting**
- **The Democratic presidential convention**

Specific issues depicted in the film:

- **Police actions in the face of protests (some of them violent)**
- **The right to protest and petition the government**
- **Freedom of speech and assembly**
- **The right to a fair trial and the right to an attorney**
- **What it means to be “patriotic”**
- **Issues related to upholding the US Constitution**

First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Sixth Amendment

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed; which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor; *and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense* (confirmed by the Miranda Ruling)

Fourteenth Amendment

No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.