Appendix:
Majority opinions in two cases

Reprinted in this appendix are the majority opinions in two Supreme Court cases that feature prominently in the essay above. *West Virginia Board of Education v. Barnette*, typically shortened to *Barnette*, concerns the rights of the children of a religious minority—in this case, Jehovah’s Witnesses—to refuse to participate in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, on the grounds that doing so placed them in the position of violating their understanding of the Bible (specifically the Second Commandment). *Keyishian, et al., v. Regents of the University of the State of New York, et al.*, generally shortened to *Keyishian*, concerns academic freedom on the campus of a publicly supported institution of higher education—in this case, freedom to ascribe to a set of ideas generally regarded as Communist, or to associate with like-minded people.

In reprinting these opinions, we have left intact the idiosyncratic way in which Supreme Court opinions do the work of citing their sources. So, for example, an opinion of the court itself is often cited with a style like “319 U.S. 624”—the citation for *Barnette*—which translates to “volume 319 of *United States Reports*, beginning at page 624”; and “*Dombrowski v. Pfister*, 380 U.S. 479, 489–490” means that the opinion is quoting material from a previous decision in the case of *Dombrowski v. Pfister*, at a specific place (pages 489 and 490) within that case (which begins at page 479 of volume 380 of *United States Reports*).
United States Reports is the official record of the Supreme Court; and in rendering its opinions, the Supreme Court often cites previous opinions of its own (indeed, Keyishian cites Barnette) and of lower federal courts. These are found in a variety of sources, including the Federal Reporter, first, second, and third series (denoted F., F.2d., and F.3d.), containing the records of federal district and appellate court proceedings; the decisions of state appellate courts, gathered in a series of volumes gathering opinions in geographic areas, for example the North Eastern Reporter, first and second series (N.E. and N.E. 2d); and so on. Readers will also note that the ways in which a Supreme Court opinion cites materials other than court opinions varies somewhat from the usual style of footnotes; we have left this intact here.

The reader will notice the appearance of numbers within brackets (like this: [603]). These indicate the pagination of the original text of the opinion as found in United States Reports.