



# Fair Use On The Hill

Fair use is a crucial right protected by our nation's copyright laws. Though you may not realize it, all Congressional staffers rely on fair use daily. A few examples of how Fair Use is important to every day tasks on the Hill include:

- Displaying a meme poster to supplement your boss' committee remarks 
- Reading aloud from a constituent letter in a floor speech 
- Playing a clip from a documentary at an event to provide context when unveiling a bill 
- Posting a TikTok of your boss dancing to a trending song
- Emailing a copy of a recent op-ed in a "Dear Colleague" letter to other Members of Congress
- Posting a CNN clip to social media of your boss speaking in committee 
- Including a newspaper clipping in a constituent newsletter 
- Using ChatGPT to summarize a lengthy research article about a policy issue 
- Using tools like Google Alerts and TVeyes to track media coverage of your boss, their state or district, and their signature issues

## About Fair Use:

Fair use allows for the use of copyrighted materials for a socially beneficial and transformative purpose without permission from the copyright holder. Fair use is determined based on four factors:

- 1 the purpose and character of the use
- 2 the amount and substantiality of the portion taken
- 3 the nature of the work
- 4 the effect of the use on the market for the original work

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