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ADP National Meeting
Providence, RI
June 18, 2010

Illinois State University

Campus

First Illinois public
university

Residential comprehensive
university

Began as a teacher's college

Nearly 19K FTE

American Democracy Project

Be Enlightened, Be
Empowered,
Be Engaged

Four major components

Civic engagement is one of five
core values in campus
strategic plan



**THOUGHTS
ON DEMOCRACY**
REINTERPRETING NORMAN ROCKWELL'S
FOUR FREEDOMS POSTERS

Exhibit by The Wolfsonian, a design museum at Florida International University

Over 80 graphic works by 60 contemporary artists and graphic designers

Sponsored by Funding Arts Network in partnership with the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, American Express, Continental Airlines and *The Miami Herald*

Norman Rockwell's *Four Freedoms*

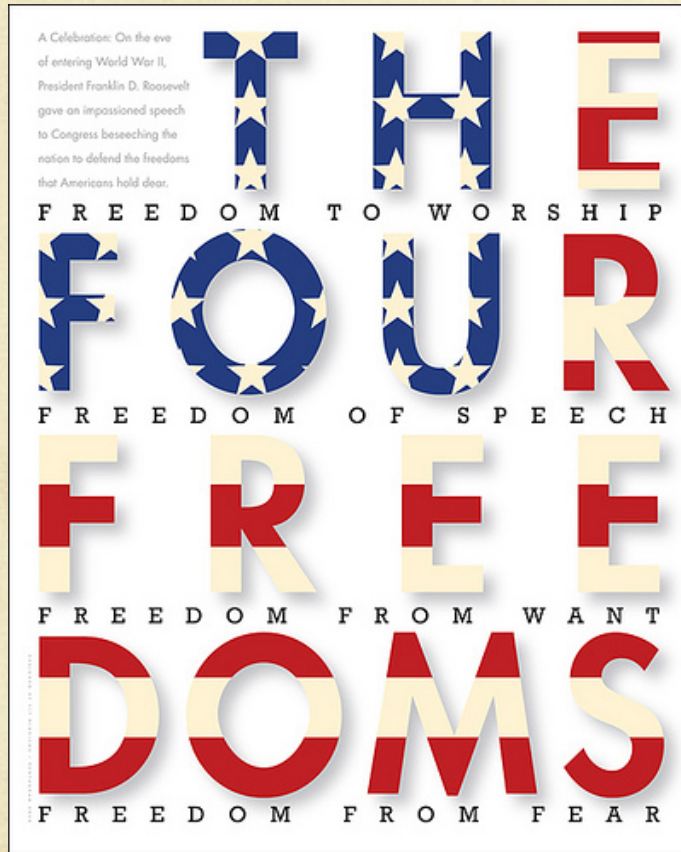


First mentioned in FDR's
1941 State of the Union
speech

Displayed in four issues of
the *Saturday Evening Post*
in 1943

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Why this exhibit?



Create an ADP event that would better appeal to the Arts

Opportunity for Student Affairs and Library to collaborate

The Exhibit at ISU

Displayed at Milner Library

Opening reception

Saturday Evening Post display

Funded by ADP and a grant
from the Friends of
Milner Library



The Exhibit at ISU, cont.

Speaker Series

College of Fine Arts
speaker was a first for an
ADP event

Three lectures attended by
over 220 people

Utilized as co-curricular
resource



Additional Information

ISU Thoughts on Democracy Exhibit

<http://www.library.ilstu.edu/tod/>

The Wolfsonian's Thoughts on Democracy Exhibit

<http://thoughtsondemocracy.blogspot.com/>

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