

“The consequences of a speedy removal will be important to the United States, to individual states, and to the Indians themselves. The pecuniary advantages which it promises to the government are the least of its recommendations. It puts an end to all possible danger of collision between the authorities of the general and state governments on account of the Indians. It will place a dense and civilized population in large tracts of country now occupied by a few savage hunters. By opening the whole territory between Tennessee on the north and Louisiana on the south to the settlement of the whites it will incalculably strengthen the southwestern frontier and render the adjacent states strong enough to repel future invasions without remote aid. It will relieve the whole state of Mississippi and the western part of Alabama of Indian occupancy, and enable those states to advance rapidly in population, wealth, and power.”

President Jackson’s Message to Congress on Indian Removal, December 6, 1830

Source: National Park Service

Based on the excerpt, which democratic rights and freedoms were being denied to American Indians?

- A. privacy and free speech
- B. property and sovereignty
- C. free speech and assembly
- D. religious and political freedom