



Is it Hate Speech or Free Speech?

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Description: How do we navigate the new norms of the evolving 21st century? How do we speak authentically, and yet still be held accountable for our choice of words? Join us as we talk through the weight of our words and how they can best be used and how, if at all, they need to be monitored (think cancel culture/SM bans).

Estimated time: 80 minutes

(1) Getting acquainted and comfortable

5 - 10 min.

Welcome

- Thank you for coming...
- We are a part of The Great Reset, which was born out of a shift we're seeing in our country. We have been in a place where we don't tend to speak 'beyond our bubbles' and across perspectives. The Great Reset has been opening up a grey space for such conversations since 2018. You are now part of keeping the conversation going and we thank you.

The Pillars of The Great Reset

- To share our own thoughts and perspectives with humility
- To learn from others and listen with respect

Ground Rules

- Every comment is valid and deserving of respect
- We show respect by speaking one at a time, putting our phones on silent and staying engaged, even when we are not speaking
- In the interest of time, I may cut in to ask you to 'top-line' something if we need to move on. This means simply offer up a synopsis of your thoughts and speak in bullets, not paragraphs

Confidentiality

I would like a verbal from everyone that you are here of your own volition and out of respect for one another I would ask you to keep what others say in this room unless they give you permission otherwise. (go around and get verbal agreement). Further, you agree to adhere to the principles outlined already: to deliver your perspectives bound to the principles of respect, to **listen with humility and offer grace to others who are sharing this space.**



Personal Introductions

Please share your name, where you live, and something about you we couldn't google, or your favorite food, a show you binge watch, etc.).

*****Remember to ask to record and PRESS RECORD*****

(2) Free Speech

5 – 10 min.

- The First Amendment states: Congress shall make no law abridging freedom of speech.
- What forms of speech are limited or excluded from First Amendment free speech rights?

(3) Hate Speech

10 - 15 min.

- How would you define hate speech? What would be some examples of hate speech?
- Is there any hate speech that should not be protected by the First Amendment, and why or why not?

(4) Hate Speech or Free Speech: Specific examples

25 - 30 min.

- Should specific groups identified as hate groups such as the KKK or the Aryan Brotherhood be allowed to march through a black or Jewish neighborhood, and why or why not?
- Should public universities or similar community spaces be able to refuse a controversial speaker because their speech is likely to be perceived as hateful or because of security concerns, and why or why not?
- Should social media platforms such as Facebook or Twitter be able to refuse to publish a specific post because the social media platform labels that post as hateful, and why or why not? What about lies and misinformation that cause harm to public health, should they be able to prohibit that as well?

(5) Closing comments

5 - 10 min.

- Any additional comments about free speech or hate speech?