

Is free speech fading at colleges? Some defenders think so

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In campus clashes from California to Vermont, many defenders of the First Amendment say they see signs that free speech, once a bedrock value in academia, is losing ground as a priority at U.S. colleges.

As protests have derailed speeches by controversial figures, including an event with Ann Coulter last month at the University of California, Berkeley, some fear students have come to see the right to free expression less as an enshrined measure of protection for all voices and more as a political weapon used against them by provocateurs.

"I think minority groups and those who feel alienated are especially skeptical about free speech these days," said Jeffrey Herbst, leader of the Newseum, a Washington group that defends the First Amendment. "But the powerful can get their message across any number of ways. It's those who feel powerless or alienated who really benefit from enshrined rights."

On Wednesday, students at the historically black Bethune-Cookman University in Florida tried to shout down a commencement address by Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who said during her speech, "Let's choose to hear one another out." Students and alumni



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In this April 27 photo, demonstrators sharing opposing views argue during a rally in Berkeley, Calif., near the University of California, Berkeley campus, to show support for free speech and to condemn the views of Ann Coulter and her supporters.

had previously petitioned to rescind her invitation, saying she doesn't understand the importance of historically black schools.

While some cast the debate as a political battle, pitting protesters on the left against conservative speakers on the right, First Amendment advocates warn the line marking acceptable speech could slip if more college students adopt less-than-absolute views on free speech.

When UC Berkeley canceled Coulter's April 27 speech amid threats of violence, it was only the latest example of a speaker with controversial views being blocked from talking. Since the beginning of 2016, nearly 30 campus speeches have been derailed amid

controversy, according to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education.

In many cases, speakers have been targeted for their views on race and sexual identity.

At Middlebury College in Vermont, author Charles Murray was shouted down by students who accused him of espousing racist views. An event featuring Milo Yiannopoulos at Berkeley was called off after protests over his views on race and transgender people turned violent.

In the past year, other speeches have been disrupted or canceled amid student protests at the University of Wisconsin, UC Davis, Brown University, New York University and DePaul University, among others.

Today's students have developed a new understanding of free speech that doesn't protect language seen as offensive to minorities or others thought to be disenfranchised, said Herbst, also a former president of Colgate University, a liberal arts school in

Hamilton, New York.

He sees it as a generational divide, a notion that's supported by some polling data. A 2015 survey by the Pew Research Center, for example, found that 40 percent of people ages 18 to 34 supported government censorship of statements offensive to minorities. Only 24 percent of people ages 51 to 69 agreed.

The literary group PEN America has also warned free speech is being threatened at colleges.

As students and administrators strive to make campuses more hospitable to diverse student bodies, some have wrongly silenced speech that makes certain students feel uncomfortable, said Suzanne Nossel, the group's director.

"The university has dual imperatives. It has to be a place that is welcoming and

open to students of all backgrounds, cognizant of the barriers that impede students from marginalized groups," she said. "But that cannot and must not come at the expense of being an open environment for speech."

The events at Berkeley and Middlebury have drawn scorn from observers across the political spectrum, including some founders of the free speech movement that took root at Berkeley in the 1960s. Jack Weinberg, who was arrested on campus in 1964 for violating school codes on activism and sparked a wave of protests to change them, said he found "the whole thing despicable."

"When you suppress ideas, you also increase interest in those ideas," Weinberg said. "It's understandable that people want to stop it, but it doesn't work."

Friday Morning

STATION	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 AgDay	Hot/ Cleve.	Good Day			Paid	Ocean M.	Steve Harvey		Crime Watch Daily	
FOX	3 KPTV	3 Good Day Oregon at 6	Good Day Oregon				Good Day		The 700 Club		Rachael Ray (N)	
CBS	19 KEPR	2 News	News	CBS This Morning (N)			Harry (N)		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless	
CBS	19 KOIN	19 KOIN 6 News at 6 a.m.		CBS This Morning (N)			Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless	
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Wake Up Northwest		Today Show (N)			Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Million? Million?	
NBC	8 KGW	8 KGW News at Sunrise		Today Show (N)			Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Portland Today	
ABC	42 KVEW	4 Northwest	Northwest	Good Morning America (N)			Live (N)		The View		Paid	Middle
ABC	5 KATU	5 KATU News Morning		Good Morning America (N)			AM Northwest		The View		Live (N)	
PBS	31 KTNW	Stretch	W.L.Yoga	SplashB.	Jet Gol	Nature Cat	Peg + Cat	Daniel Tiger	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	SplashB.	Sit and Fit
PBS	59 OPB	13 Stretch	Jet Gol	Nature Cat	C.George	Daniel Tiger	SplashB.	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	Peg + Cat	SuperWI	Bob Build

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AFTERNOON

STATION	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 Paid	Pat. Court	Divorce	Divorce	Judge Mathis	The People's Court		2 1/2 Men	Mike&M.	Last Man	Last Man
FOX	3 KPTV	3 12 O'Clock News		Wendy Williams		The Dr. Oz Show	TMZ Live!		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	5 O'Clock News	
CBS	19 KEPR	2 NameG.	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)		Let's Make a Deal	Dr. Phil (N)		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	News
CBS	19 KOIN	19 News	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)		The Doctors (N)	Dr. Phil (N)		KOIN 6 News at 4 p.m.		News	News
NBC	25 KNDU	6 TMZ	Paid	Days of Our Lives		Hot Bench	Hot Bench		Wendy Williams		News	NBC News
NBC	8 KGW	8 KGW New	Paid	Days of Our Lives		T.D. Jakes "Really?"			Ellen DeGeneres (N)		KGW News	KGW News
NBC	42 KVEW	4 The Chew		General Hospital		The Doctors (N)			Rachael Ray (N)		Minute	Minute
ABC	5 KATU	5 The Chew		General Hospital		Harry (N)			Afternoon Live		KATU News @ 4	News
PBS	31 KTNW	Charlie Rose		Chow	Quilt Day	Stretch	C.George	Speaks	WordGirl	Arthur	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts
PBS	59 OPB	13 Paint This	Mexican	Charlie Rose (N)		Nature Cat	Thomas	Cat/ Hat	Jet Gol	Speaks	WordGirl	Odd Squad

EVENING

STATION	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 Modern Fam "Man Shouldn't Lie"	Modern Family "Promposal"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Lucifer "Deceptive Little Parasite"	Lethal Weapon "As Good as It Getz"		FOX News First at Ten	:35 Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Happy Family"		:35 Anger Management
FOX	3 KPTV	3 6 O'Clock News	Timbers in 30	Family Feud	Family Feud	Lucifer "Deceptive Little Parasite"	Lethal Weapon "As Good as It Getz"		10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls
CBS	19 KEPR	2 Action News at 6:00 p.m.	Inside Edition	The Big Bang Theory	The Simpsons "Bart's New Friend"	Undercover Boss "Celebrity Undercover Boss: Darius Rucker" (N)	Hawaii Five-0 "Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono" (SF) (N)		48 Hours: NCIS (N)		Action News at 11:00 p.m.	:35 The Late Show
CBS	19 KOIN	19 KOIN 6 News at 6	Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Undercover Boss (N)	Hawaii Five-0 (N)		48 Hours: NCIS (N)		KOIN 6 News/ 11	:35 The Late Show
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Local News	Family Feud	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	First Dates "You Wrote a Song About My Plant?" (N)	Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		Local News	:35 The Tonight Show
NBC	8 KGW	8 KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	Inside Edition	First Dates (N)	Dateline NBC				KGW News	:35 Tonight at 11
ABC	42 KVEW	4 Extra	Local News at 6:30 a.m.	Entertainment Tonight	The Insider	The Toy Box (N)	Shark Tank (SF) (N)		20/20		Local News at 11 :05 Jimmy Kimmel Live	
ABC	5 KATU	5 KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Toy Box (N)	Shark Tank (SF) (N)		20/20		KATU News	:35 Jimmy Kimmel
PBS	31 KTNW		PBS NewsHour	BBC World News	Asia Insight	Washington Week (N) "Charlie Rose (N)"	Bill Murray: The Mark Twain Prize		Last Ring Home		Charlie Rose (N)	
PBS	59 OPB	13 Family Travel	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Father Brown "The Resurrectionists"	A Place to Call Home "Be Some Changes Made"		:50 A Place to Call Home "There'll Be Some Changes Made"		Masterpiece Classic "Home Fires"	

STATION	PEN	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
A&E	52	Live PD				Live PD "Rewind" (N)		Live PD	Live access inside the country's busiest police forces and the communities they patrol. (L)				
AMC	60	*** The Matrix (99, Act) Keanu Reeves. A computer hacker learns that his entire reality is merely a computer-created illusion.				*** The Matrix Reloaded Keanu Reeves. Neo and rebel leaders have 72 hours to stop an army of machines sent to destroy humankind.							
ANPL	24	Tanked!		Tanked: Sea-lebrity Edition "Reality Star-fish"		Tanked: Unfiltered		Tanked!	(N)			The Vet Life	
CMT	43	*** Home Alone		*** Home Alone (90, Com) Joe Pesci, Macaulay Culkin.	Broken Skull Challenge	Broken Skull Challenge		Roseanne					
CNBC	72	American Greed: Scam		American Greed: Scam	American Greed: Scam	Greed "In Harm's Way"		American Greed: Scam				Paid	Paid
CNN	68	Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	UnitedShadesAmerica		Anthony Bourdain				Anthony "Los Angeles"	
DISC	51	Alaska "Decision Time"		Yukon "Bloodlines"	Yukon "Boiling Point"	Yukon Men (N)		Homestead Rescue (N)				Alaska/Frontier	
DISN	26	Bunk'd	Bizaard.	Ucderc.	:35 Bizaard.	Tangled	AndiMack	*** Alexander & the Terrible, Hor...		Andi Mack		Bunk'd	Bunk'd
ESPN	33	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)		NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)				SportsCenter				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	30/30 "Pony Excess"		NFL Live		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		J & J (N)	30Shorts	NBA Basketb. Playoffs	
ESPNO	66	The Five		Hannity		TuckerCarlsonTonight		The Five		Hannity		Tucker Carlson Tonight	
FOOD	61	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Food (N)	Food	Diners (N)	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FREE	32	*** She's All That Freddie Prinze Jr.		*** What a Girl Wants (03, Fam) Amanda Bynes.		Truth/ Iliza		The 700 Club					
FX	65	*** Star Trek (09, Sci-Fi) Chris Pine.		*** Star Trek Into Darkness (13, Sci-Fi) Zachary Quinto, Chris Pine.		Movie							
GOLF	88	PGA Golf The Players Championship Site: TPC Sawgrass				Live from the PLAYERS							
GSN	76	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	MindMan	MindMan	MindMan	MindMan
HALL	87	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Home Imp	Home Imp	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	62	House	House	House	House	Dream H.	Dream H.	Middle	Middle	H.Hunt (N)	House (N)	H.Hunt	House
HIST	50	Ancient Aliens "Aliens Among Us"		Ancient Aliens "Destination Mars"		Ancient Aliens: Dec. "Alien Messages" (N)		Aliens "The Mystery of Rudloe Manor" (N)		:05 Ancient Aliens "Forged by the Gods"		:05 Ancient Aliens "The Satan Conspiracy"	
LIFE	29	*** Just Wright (10, Com) Queen Latifah.		*** Jumping the Broom Paula Patton.		*** Love by the 10th Date Meagan Good.							
NICK	27	H.Danger	H.Danger	*** The SpongeBob SquarePants...		:45 Sponge	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
ROOT	37	MLB Baseball Seattle vs Toronto (L)		Post-game	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Toronto Blue Jays Site: Rogers Centre -- Toronto, Ont.		Mariners Post-game		UEFA Soccer Champions League				
SPIKE	42	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY	67	*** Armageddon (98, Adv) Bruce Willis.		*** Hook (91, Fant) Dustin Hoffman, Julia Roberts, Robin Williams.		:05 *** Hook							
TBS	59	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	ELeague "Street Fighter V: Group D"		*** Get Hard (2015, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Alison Brie, Will Ferrell.		*** Grudge Match (13, Act) Sylvester Stallone.					
TCM	56	*** The Graduate Dustin Hoffman.		*** In the Heat of the Night (67, Crime Story) Rod Steiger, Lee Grant, Sidney Poitier.		*** Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? (67, Rom) Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn.		*** The Dirty Dozen Lee Marvin.					
TLC	49	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Girl "Prove It" (N)		American Gypsy Wedd		Gypsy Wedd "An American Gypsy in Romania"		American Gypsy Wedd		American Gypsy Wedd	
TNT	57	Supernatural		*** The Bourne Supremacy Matt Damon.		American Race (N)		American Race (N)		*** Limitless			
UNI	21	Incluido	Noticiero	La rosa de Guadalupe		La reina de la cancion		La doble vida		La piloto		Impacto	Noticie.
USA	58	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern
WE	118	Boot Camp: Reali (N)		:05 Boot Camp: Reali		:10 *** 13 Going on 30 Jennifer Garner.		:10 Boot Camp: Reali		:20 Boot Camp: Reali			
WGN		Person of Interest		P. Interest "Bad Code"		Interest "Masquerade"		Interest "Triggerman"		Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother
STZ ENC	644	Movie	:40 *** Jerry Maguire (96, Rom) Tom Cruise.		*** Friday After Next Ice Cube.		:25 *** Blow Johnny Depp.						
HBO	518	*** Suicide Squad		VICE		*** Victor Frankenstein Daniel Radcliffe.		Bill Maher (N)		VICE		Animals.	
HBO2	520	*** Mystic River (03, Psy) Sean Penn.		Silicon		*** Mike & Dave Need Wedding D...		:10 *** The Huntsman: Winter's War					
HBO3	521	Leftovers	:35 *** Blast From the Past		Last Week	*** The Nice Guys (16, Cri) Ryan Gosling.		*** My Cousin Vinny					
MAX	549	*** The Aviator Leonardo DiCaprio.		*** The Revenant (15, Dra) Leonardo DiCaprio.		:40 *** The Day the Earth Stood S...							
SHOW	578	:05 *** Jimi: All Is by My Side André Benjamin.		:05 *** The Boy Lauren Cohan.		:45 *** Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me Sheryl Lee.							
STARZ	621	Movie	:35 *** Avengers: Age of Ultron Robert Downey Jr..		Outlander		The White Princess		American Gods				

NIGHT OWL

STATION	12 AM	12:30	1 AM	1:30	2 AM	2:30	3 AM	3:30	4 AM	4:30	5 AM	5:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 :05 Friends	:35 Hot In	:05 CR TV								CRTV
FOX	3 KPTV	3 2 Broke G.	TMZ	Dish	Queens	Raising	Celeb	Paid	Paid	CARS.TV	Paid	Paid
CBS	19 KEPR	2 Colbert	:35 James Corden	:35 Paid	:05 Paid	Paid	Spaces	Paid	Traveler	Paid	Morning Saturday (N)	
CBS	19 KOIN	1 Colbert	:35 James Corden	:35 Insider	:05 Paid	OurWorld	Paid	Paid	Traveler	Paid	Morning Saturday (N)	
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Tonight	:35 Seth Meyers	:35 C. Daly	:05 Today Show	Mad Money		1st Look	Fam. Feud	Saturday Today (N)		
NBC	8 KGW	8 Tonight	:35 Seth Meyers	:35 C. Daly	:05 Steve Harvey	Mad Money		1st Look	Paid	Paid	Paid	
ABC	42 KVEW	4 :05 Nightl.	:35 Paid	:05 Paid	:35 Paid	Paid	Ironside		77 Sunset Strip		Gom. Pyle	Gom. Pyle
ABC	5 KATU	5 J. Kimmel	:35 Nightl.	:05 Paid	:35 Paid	:05 Paid	:35 Paid	:35 Paid	DestinTV	Paid	Paid	Paid
PBS	31 KTNW	Sun Studio	T. Smiley	W.Week	CharlieR	Bill Murray: The Mark Twain Prize		Ninety	Plants "Sex and Lies"		This Old House Hour	
PBS	59 OPB	13 PBS NewsHour		Great Performances at the Met "Nabucco"		Tales		Sound.	"Jon Secada"			