

TRUTHS THAT TRANSFORM

Free Speech No More

▶ The Quick Take:

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2. But these days, the Left is suddenly much less enamored with free speech.
3. In an age of postmodern political correctness where words like “marriage” and “love” are redefined, the Left now exercises its agenda

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4. Radical leftism loses at the ballot box in America. So they’ve decided to marginalize and silence dissent.
5. We have a responsibility to not let them get away with it.

The Commentary:

The First Amendment to our Constitution guarantees, among other things, the freedom of speech. For many decades, those on the American Left were free speech absolutists, strenuously arguing that even burning the American flag is a form of speech that deserves protection. But these days, the Left is suddenly much less enamored with free speech.

In an age of postmodern political correctness where words from “marriage” to “love” are being redefined so as to lose all meaning, the Left now seems to exercise its agenda by tightly controlling speech. One need look no further than the average college campus, where the catalogue of grievances and “microaggressions” grows by the day, and saying the wrong thing can get you assaulted or kicked out of school.

In the last few years, one-time defenders of free speech have found they can win arguments by simply silencing the other side—and that’s exactly what they’re attempting to do. No more need for the messy to-and-fro of political debate. The American Civil Liberties Union, which has defended pornography and flag burning in court, now says in the wake of the Charlottesville protests that it needs to rethink its approach to free speech. The former head of the Democratic Party says that so-called hate speech is not protected under the First Amendment. And the Southern Poverty Law Center now works overtime to make sure its own biased, left-wing opinion of what constitutes “hate speech” is the one adopted by the government, parroted by the media, and silenced under the new speech protocols.

You don’t need to wake up Einstein to see where this is going. Radical leftism loses at the ballot box in America. So the far Left has decided to take their pet issues out of the hands of the public by marginalizing and silencing dissent—especially that of Bible-believing Christians—and attempting to brainwash a new generation that theirs is the only reasonable position.

We have a responsibility to God, America’s founders, and our kids to not let them get away with it.



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