

EOP FREE SPEECH EVENT

TIME TO SPEAK
YOUR MIND

Understanding Freedom Of Speech In California - The First Amendment protects your right to express your opinion, even if it's unpopular. You may criticize the President, Congress, or the chief of police without fear of retaliation. **But this right doesn't extend to libel, slander, obscenities, "true threats", or speech that incites imminent violence or law-breaking.**

For more information please visit: <https://constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution/amendment/amendment-i>

Participation at the EOP Free Speech Event

Each participant will be granted up to 5 minutes of time to express their thoughts or opinions.

Samples of forms of self expression:

Participants are encourage to explore any of the following forms of self expression:

- Speech
- Spoken Word or Poetry
- Live Performance (musical, vocal, dance, or skit)
- Presentation of artwork or other media

Examples of trending topics and prompts (In no particular order):

- 2024 Elections
- Politics
- Economy
- Wars
- Net neutrality
- Climate change
- Institutional racism
- Virtual reality
- Student loan crisis
- Health care
- Mental health
- Environmental justice
- Student loans
- Overturn of Roe v Wade
- Unhoused Bill of Rights
- The auto workers' strike
- Freedom of speech in higher education
- Book bans and censorship in schools
- Protests and public spaces

Other prompts (optional):

- As EOP, Chicana/o Studies, and Africana Studies celebrate 55 years of impactful work, how do you envision their continued evolution and influence in shaping the future?
- What can students do to keep the doors of education open for underserved communities?
- What can students do to advocate for their communities?

By reviewing these guidelines you understand the right of freedom of speech protected by the First Amendment and the categories of speech that are excluded from this right.