

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Is political speech being canceled?



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1. What are these cartoons saying about speech in the aftermath of the tragic shooting death of conservative political activist Charlie Kirk on a Utah university campus?
2. Should someone be fired for saying they disagree with Kirk's positions on race, religion, guns, and other issues? Why or why not?
3. Conservatives long complained about liberal "cancel culture" punishing people with different views. Are conservatives are doing that now? Are liberals now echoing the right's free speech complaints?
4. Should government power ever be used to censor criticism of officials and political leaders?
5. Is the Trump administration trying to silence late night talk show hosts for joking about the president?

Between the lines

"It's free speech, but you shouldn't be employed anywhere if you're going to say that. And employers, you have an obligation to get rid of people." – Attorney General Pam Bondi.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/attorney-general-pam-bondi-doj-hate-speech-rcna231633>

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