

“Restriction of free thought and free speech is the most dangerous of all subversions. It is the one un-American act that could most easily defeat us.”

William O. Douglas

“The most beautiful thing in the world is freedom of speech.”

Diogenes

“Liberty of thought soon shrivels without freedom of expression. Nor can truth be pursued in an atmosphere hostile to the endeavor or under dangers which are hazarded only by heroes.”

Felix Frankfurter

“If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.”

George Orwell

“To express unafraid and unashamed what one really thinks and feels is one of the great consolations of life.”

Theodor Reik

“Truth is not only violated by falsehood; it may be outraged by silence.”

Henri Frederic Amiel

“To curtail free expression strikes twice at intellectual freedom, for whoever deprives another of the right to state unpopular views necessarily deprives others of the right to listen to those views.”

C. Vann Woodward

“I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death
your right to say it.”

S.G. Tallentyre (Evelyn Beatrice Hall)

“The search for the truth is the noblest occupation of man; its publication is a duty.”

Madame de Stael

“I take criticism so seriously as to believe that, even in the very midst of a battle in which one is mistakably on one side against another, there should be criticism, because there must be critical consciousness if there are to be issues, problems, values, even lives to be fought for.”

Edward Said

“Humanly speaking, let us define truth, while waiting for a better definition, as a statement of facts as they are.”

Voltaire

“New opinions are always suspected, and usually opposed, without any other reason but because they are not already common.”

John Locke

“Catholic Universities join other private and public institutions in serving the public interest through higher education and research; they are one among the variety of different types of institutions that are necessary for the free expression of cultural diversity, and they are committed to the promotion of solidarity and its meaning in society and in the world.

Therefore they have the full right to expect that civil society and public authorities will recognize and defend their institutional autonomy and academic freedom.”

Ex Corde Ecclesiae

“To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.”

Saint John Henry Newman

“For as there are misanthropists, or haters of men, there are also misologists, or haters of ideas. Both spring from the same cause, which is ignorance of the world.”

Plato

“If all printers were determined not to print anything till they were sure it would offend nobody, there would be very little printed.”

Benjamin Franklin

“The curriculum of Higher Education which must underlie true life is intelligence, broad sympathy, knowledge of the world that was and is and the relation of men to it.”

W.E.B. Du Bois

“The pursuit of knowledge is not an elitist activity but a practice vital for the exercise of democracy and the promotion of the common good.”

Joan W. Scott

“Academic freedom as I understand it means having the right to seek the truth and to publish and teach what is believed to be true. Naturally this right comes together with the duty not to withhold a part of what is believed to be true.

It is clear that any restriction on academic freedom hinders the dissemination of knowledge in the population and therefore restrains rational judgement and action.”

Albert Einstein

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”

Mahatma Gandhi

“If we are not careful, our colleges will produce a group of close-minded, unscientific, illogical propagandists, consumed with immoral acts. Be careful, 'brethren!' Be careful, teachers!”

Martin Luther King Jr.

“The freedom of speech and the freedom of the press have not been granted to the people in order that they may say the things which please, and which are based upon accepted thought, but the right to say the things which displease, the right to say the things which may convey the new and yet unexpected thoughts, the right to say things, even though they do a wrong.”

Samuel Gompers

“It is not by muscle, speed, or physical dexterity that great things are achieved, but by reflection, force of character, and judgment.”

Marcus Tullius Cicero

“If there is any principle of the Constitution that more imperatively calls for attachment than any other it is the principle of free thought — not free thought for those who agree with us but freedom for the thought that we hate.”

Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

“It is a narrow mind which cannot look at a subject from various points of view.”

George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans)

“If all mankind minus one were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind.”

John Stuart Mill

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