

Speech, Students and Safety, a Case Study

A Case Study for Priority University



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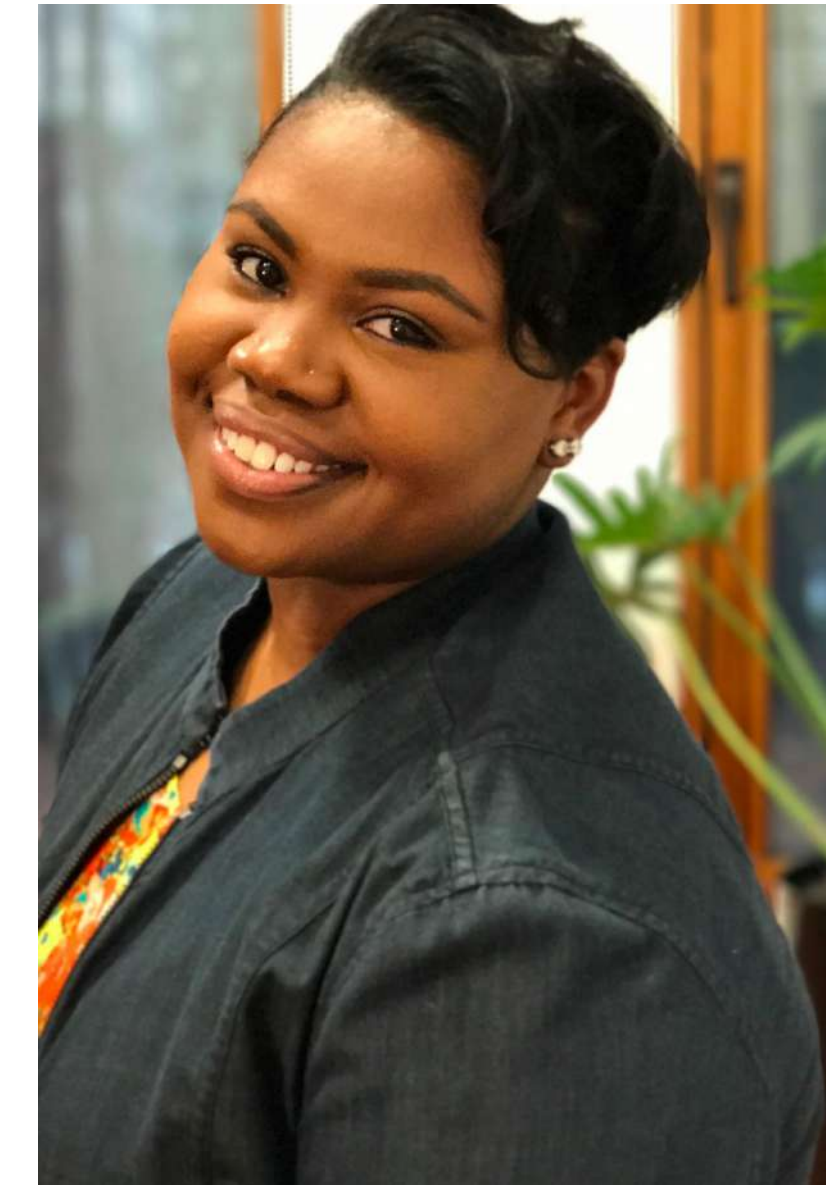
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Brief Outline

What is Civil Discourse and the First Amendment?

Mission Statement of Priority University

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What Are Other Universities Doing?

The Proposal

University of Wisconsin - Madison

University of California at Berkeley

Old Dominion University

Civil Discourse and Free Speech

Civil discourse is
engagement
conversation that is
intended to enhance
understanding.

Freedom of speech supports the freedom of an individual of community to articulate one's thoughts without fear, sanction, censorship or sanction. On college campuses and the First Amendment time, place, and manner restrictions on speech are constitutional if:

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Time Restriction

Regulates when individuals
may express themselves.

2

Place Restriction

Regulates where individuals
may express themselves

3

Manner

Regulates the mode of
individual expression

Priority University

At Priority University, it is our mission is to develop global citizens that discover, lead, and share knowledge beyond our campus.

Priority University is the foundation for student and community rights, safety, and the platform to learn and grow. These factors as well as the well being of students, faculty, staff, and guests are the priority of this greater institution.

Freedom of Speech & Campus Events

Current Policy:

Free Speech Demonstrations

The university affirms the right to examine and discuss all questions of interest and to express opinions publicly and privately. Members of the University community should always be free to support causes by orderly means that do not disrupt the regular and essential operations of the institution. The form here: <https://orgsync.com/3698/forms/263950> can be used to reserve outside space for Free Speech purposes. While all indoor space has to be reserved by a sponsoring student organization or department, outside space for the purpose of Free Speech can be reserved and sponsored by individual students to express a viewpoint. Students or organizations sponsoring Free Speech events must be present and at the event during time reserved.

Free Speech events or forums may occur at outside reserved areas of campus. Outside space for the purpose of free speech can be reserved by student organizations or individual students. This is the only purpose for which individual students can reserve space on campus. The content of the speech itself is not sponsored or otherwise endorsed or censored by ODU. It is solely sponsored by the student or student organization.

Old Dominion University,
<https://www.odu.edu/life/dean-students/free-speech>

Freedom of Speech & Campus Events

Implications for Priority's Current Freedom of Speech Policy:

The implications for Priority University's current policy are student organization events. While student intentions at their organization events are inherently positive, guests to campus events (both in and outside of the campus community) present challenge when unaware of their rights and responsibilities as a Priority guest. When we introduce our guests to the culture of Priority University, they become knowledgeable patrons of the expectations of our esteemed university amongst their own rights and responsibilities.

What's working for today's universities?

Freedom of speech supports the freedom of an individual of community to articulate one's thoughts without fear, sanction, censorship or sanction. On college campuses around the country, policies are supporting the practice of student affairs professionals, and their campus communities.

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The University of Wisconsin
Madison: Policy on Student
Protesters

2

University of California at
Berkeley: History of Free
Speech Movement and Recent
Events

3

Old Dominion University: Time,
Place, and Manner

The Proposal: A Virtual Safety Training

While we recognize and practice actively the voice of our students and greater Priority University community, guests to our institution will benefit greatly from a brief, welcome, informational training to best prepare them for a positive experience on our campus. With the help of students to virtually host a freedom of expression training module, guest speakers will be aware (and required to practice) university regulations as they are applicable to the freedom of expression of recognized student organizations.

Satisfaction of this requirement will be justified by completion a final quiz at the end of the training module by all participating parties. This training module will be binded by signed contractual agreement and recognized as a legal document.

To be required as a contractual obligation, guest speakers will complete the virtual training module at minimum 14 days prior to arrival and performance to the university. Patrons or Attendees to student organization events will also be briefed on Priority University's practices in accordance of the student organization event. Small placard cards with student organization safety regulations to be signed as a binding agreement all student organization events. In an effort to make all participating parties aware of their responsibility in the overall safety of the Priority University community, we propose, with room for expansion of these ideas, the above.

University of Wisconsin- Madison

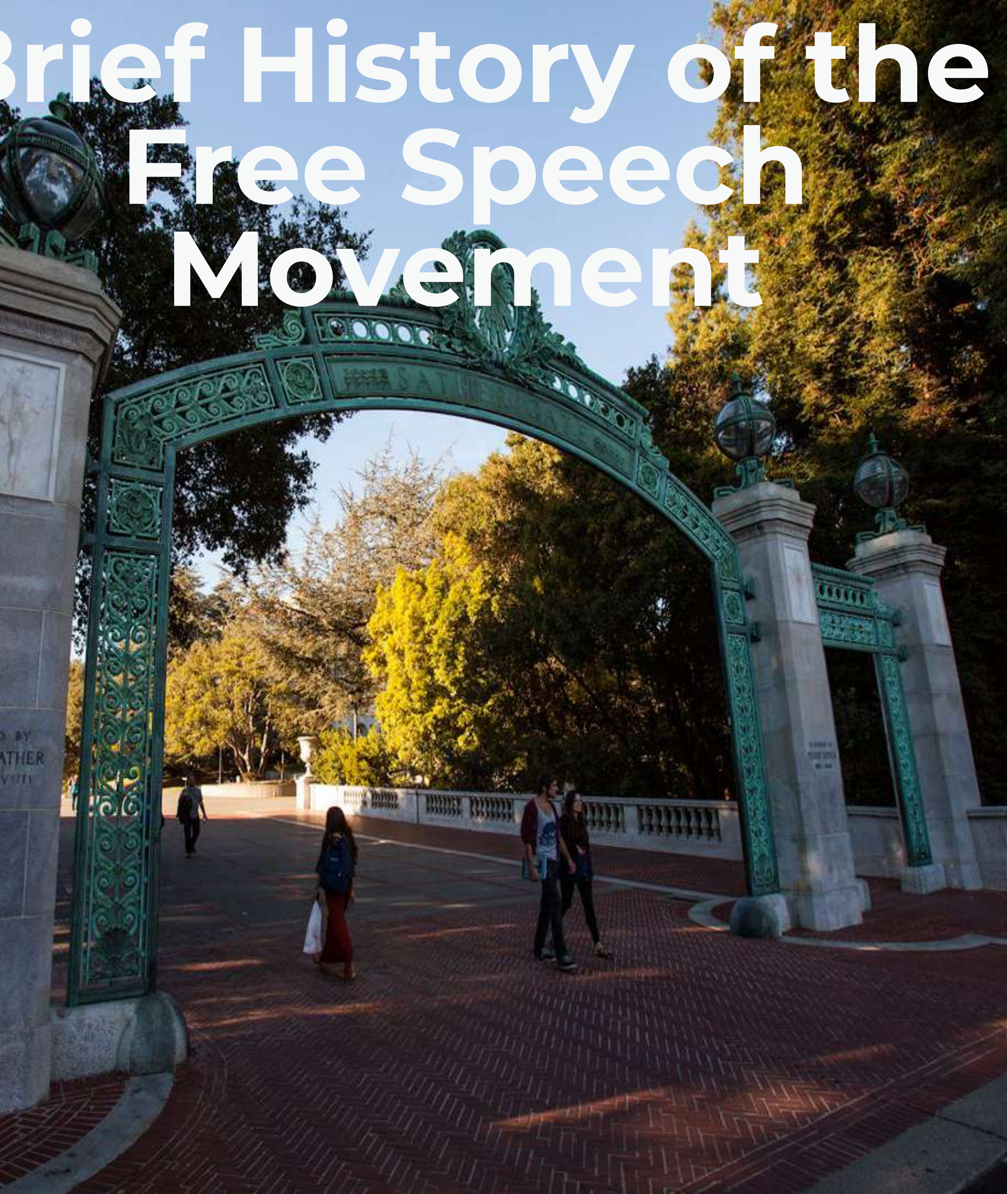
Though the policy was approved, it will still take some time for Wisconsin Governor, Scott Walker to officially sign the policy so it can be implemented.

On October 6th, 2017, the University of Wisconsin-Madison approved a free speech policy that punished student protesters.

Policy makers stated this policy was to ensure students had the opportunity to engage with and learn from any opposing views via campus speeches, presentations, or lectures.

Students that are found violating any other's First Amendment would be suspended or expelled from the university.





Brief History of the Free Speech Movement

At UC Berkeley, free speech is a cherished value.

The Free Speech Movement took place at the University of California, Berkeley during the 1964-65 school year. The movement was the first revolt of the 1960s that brought a college campus mass civil disobedience tactics which originated in the civil rights movement. These tactics, for example the sit-in would lend students unknown leverage to make requests to university administrators. This would later on lead to mass student protests against the Vietnam War.

The Free Speech Movement was the first mass civil disobedience in college campuses in the United States during the 1960s. Students at UC Berkeley wanted university administration to lift the ban of on-campus political activity and acknowledge the students' right to free speech and academic freedom.

University of California at Berkeley: Free Speech Week Cancelled

UC Berkeley cancelled Berkeley Patriot's four day event which would have been "open to all political ideologies."

In September 2017, the University of California at Berkeley cancelled "Free Speech Week" a four day event that was organized with right wing provocateur Milo Yiannopoulos.

The University was in the process of spending extra money and preparing the campus for substantial disruption by providing the needed security.

When Yiannopoulos came to the campus in February, this led to riots where attendees threw rocks, fireworks, and bricks. The University spent an estimated \$100,000 in damages.

The Berkeley Patriot members filed a complaint with the Department of Justice.

Old Dominion University

Freedom of Speech Policy

Old Dominion University provides a platform for all students and their organizations their United States of America First Amendment Right, Freedom of Speech.

Policy 1700:

Purpose

- The purpose of this policy is to articulate Old Dominion University's commitment to the free and open exchange of ideas by members of the University community, and to support freedom of expression. This policy provides general provisions for orderly campus demonstrations. It is the intent of this policy to ensure that all demonstrations on campus occur in compliance with the law and University policies, and that demonstrations are conducted through the appropriate use of campus services and facilities.

Authority

- [Code of Virginia Section 23.1-1301, as amended](#), grants authority to the Board of Visitors to make rules and policies concerning the institution. Section 6.01(a)(6) of the [Board of Visitors Bylaws](#) grants authority to the President to implement the policies and procedures of the Board relating to University operations.



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