



Free Speech or Hate Speech?

2nd HEP Symposium

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Why did we create
this project?



WHO/WHAT is the “Alt-Right”?

Introducing you to Richard Spencer....



White Supremacists Openly in Support of Trump



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My reservations about the administration remain, but Trump escalating his attacks on these four horrid women—women who simply do not belong in America, let alone in our government—is more than a little satisfying.

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WORDS/ACTIONS USED BY THE “ALT-RIGHT”

An attack on Americans and their ideals



UNITE THE RIGHT RALLY- THE FEAR AND DAMAGE



1 DEAD AND DOZENS INJURED



What if that happened to your family?

Would you allow this behavior to continue?

Would you fear this group more?

Would you want the U.S. government to support this message of violence and danger?



They Are a **Threat**

THREAT
DETECTED

to the American Way of Life

The Truth Behind This Group



Elonis v. United States



When the first amendment is not clarified or taken into consideration for the basis of a ruling, is the Supreme court leaving out an important factor?

Mr. Elonis' First Trial

Trial Judge favored the prosecution, stating that under federal law Mr. Elonis exhibited communication that was a "threat to injure another". He was then sentenced to 44 months but appealed and got accepted.



Supreme Court Appeal

Disagreed with the trial judge and said prosecutors needed to prove more on awareness of wrongdoing.



THE DECISION

- 8-1 Majority at the Supreme Court; "State of mind matters."
- One Judge Disagreed, Why?
 - "This failure to decide," he wrote, "throws everyone from appellate judges to everyday Facebook users into a state of uncertainty."

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How could a BAN Be Implemented?

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“What does history suggest as the best course of action to win the benefits of an open society while stemming the tide of authoritarians of any stripe? It tells us to have a high tolerance for differing opinions, and no tolerance for political violence. What distinguishes liberal societies from illiberal ones is that liberal societies use words, not violence or censorship to settle disputes.”-(Lukianoff, et al. 2017)

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