

Scenarios



Scenarios to discuss

How should a student deal with a college roommate who hangs things up s/he dislikes?

How should you deal with a classmate who says things you think are “hateful,” “racist,” “sexist” or “homophobic?” How should a teacher deal with a student who does these things?

You are sharing your own views on an issue in class and some other students (but not all) tell you that you are being “hateful,” “racist,” “sexist,” “homophobic,” or “anti-immigrant.” What should you do?

You are taking a class with a teacher who has one strong ideological point of view s/he wants to present in class, and who is resistant to hearing other opinions or views. What should you do?

You are in a lecture hall waiting to hear a speaker you are excited about, and a group of fellow students starts shouting and saying they will not allow him to be heard. What can you do?

Students are on campus handing out flyers with very disturbing ideas and images on them. How should you respond?

There is a meeting on your campus of a group whose views you find repugnant. What should you do?

Can you think of other difficult free speech scenarios you have experienced, heard about, or think you might confront at some point?