

THE PHILADELPHIA STATEMENT

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On Civil Discourse and the
Strengthening of Liberal Democracy

Freedom of expression is in crisis.

The Philadelphia Statement seeks to inspire a movement committed to the principles of freedom that are necessary for human flourishing at every level of our society.

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ABOUT THE STATEMENT

The Philadelphia Statement affirms the uniquely American commitment to free speech. In today's "cancel culture," people and groups of good will are too often demonized or blacklisted simply for expressing their views.

This needs to stop.

We must recommit to principles of freedom that invite robust debate and dialogue, inspire peaceful coexistence rather than division, and lay the foundation for a shared future alongside those with whom we differ.

That is why a diverse group of leading thinkers, scholars, and practitioners have come together to sign the Philadelphia Statement, calling for a renewed commitment to civil discourse and free speech.

All who share in this vision are invited to join the movement by signing the Statement, sharing it widely, and putting into practice the timeless principles it affirms.



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If we wish to change our country's trajectory; if we desire unity rather than division; if we want a political life that is productive and inspiring; if we aspire to a society that is pluralistic and free, one in which we can forge our own paths and live according to our own consciences, then we must renounce ideological blacklisting and recommit ourselves to steadfastly defending freedom of speech and passionately promoting robust civil discourse.

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WHAT IT IS

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WHAT IT MEANS

The Philadelphia Statement is a starting point, not a final destination. Its purpose is to ignite a lasting movement marked by a commitment to free speech, respect for those with different views, and peaceful coexistence despite differences.



WHO SUPPORTS IT

The Statement is the product of meetings between a diverse working group of prominent thinkers, scholars, and practitioners. The Statement is a clarion call to act on these shared values by prizing free speech and civil discourse.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

A clarion call for free speech

The city of Philadelphia has played a pivotal role in the history of our great nation. Men of diverse views who often had fierce disagreements with each other gathered in Philadelphia to declare independence from the English Crown in 1776. And again, in 1787, they gathered to debate and sign the Constitution in the turbulent aftermath of the American Revolution.

The Philadelphia Statement is a call to all Americans to preserve the freedom to disagree openly, while maintaining the possibility of a shared future alongside those with whom we differ. This is what the framers achieved in Philadelphia at the founding, and it is what we must now work to restore amid these challenging times in or country.



Free speech for all

The Philadelphia Statement seeks to inspire a commitment to the principles of freedom that are necessary for human flourishing at every level of our society.

Will you join us?

Become an ambassador for free speech and civility by signing onto the Philadelphia Statement and sharing it online with friends, family, and colleagues.



Engage now

Read and sign at www.ThePhillyStatement.org.

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Use #PhillyStatement to join the conversation on social media.



Suggested Tweets

-Raise your voice to protect free speech! Sign the Philadelphia Statement today. #PhillyStatement #FreeSpeech

-Freedom of speech is under attack. Let's defend it for everyone—right and left—at www.ThePhillyStatement.org #FreeSpeech #PhillyStatement @PhillyStatement

-Cancel cancel culture and join the #PhillyStatement free speech movement today. www.ThePhillyStatement.org #FreeSpeech

