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WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIL DISCOURSE AND FREE SPEECH?

Civil discourse is what the United States was built upon. The ability for people to voice their ideas in a safe environment is something that cannot be overlooked. These same people deserve the right to say what they believe and believe what they say. There is nothing, besides the basic life necessities, that people should value more than their right to free speech.

There are BILLIONS of people who live on our planet today that do not have the ability to even think for themselves in some cases, much less stand up to the people in power. Death is a clear and present danger for any individual in certain countries who decides that the

way their society is structured is wrong. Yes, there are some people who are so passionate about this that they are willing to risk it all just to be heard, but here in the U.S. that is not something we have to think about. Any one of us can go online and say nearly anything we would like to that is not directly harmful to another person with no fear of repercussions. It is a shame, and it is our duty as free peoples to use rights we have been gifted. Because there are more people than most of us can imagine who would do anything for the same opportunity.