# Combatting Hatred Through Censorship?

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## Valid Censorship?

Targeted v. general speech

Media giants v. individual citizens

Penalties v. cancellations

### Counterspeech

'Sticks and stones'?

Failure within individual contexts

Failure within mass contexts

But... larger cultural embeddedness

Parallel and intersecting conversations

Hate speech as response to progressive stances

No hate speech in isolation

#### Strategic isolation?

post-colonial and U.S. black nationalisms

feminist/lesbian separatism

refusals in trans controversies

#### Entrenchment of power hierarchies through epistemic binarisms

Theology: sinful v. non-sinful

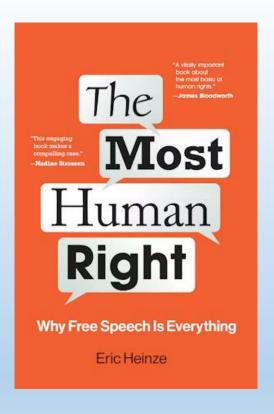
Secular morality: harmful v. non-harmful

Empirical science: pathological v. normal

Debates about trans women: biological v. social

Theology, secular morality, empiricism: Free speech not irrelevant but already assumed

Free speech is never epistemically distinct from a substantive controversy (cf. 'checklist' conception)



### Thank You

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