

# Free Speech Friday for December 9, 2022

## *Social Media, Hate Speech, and Free Speech*

The acquisition of Twitter by Elon Musk in October 2022 has focused renewed attention on the politics of speech on social media. Describing himself as a “free speech absolutist,” Musk has invited previously banned account holders back onto the platform, including former President Donald Trump. Critics of Musk claim that expressions of what they call hate speech have increased since Musk took over. Musk denies this claim. Meanwhile, Twitter suspended Kanye West’s account for an antisemitic tweet that the company said was an “incitement to violence.” What is hate speech? Is it legally protected by the First Amendment? Should it be? What are the legal limits to free speech? Is free speech too free on social media today? Come join us for an open discussion of these questions.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2022/11/24/twitter-musk-reverses-suspensions/>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/02/technology/twitter-hate-speech.html>

<https://www.politico.com/news/2022/12/02/musk-spars-with-advocates-over-hate-speech-on-twitter-00071966>

“The Media's Deranged Hysteria Over Elon Musk's Restoration of Free Speech,”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6upr1j6CNZ4>

<https://www.thefire.org/news/free-speech-culture-elon-musk-and-twitter>

<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/elon-musk-triggers-liberals-wartime-footing-free-speech-twitter>

<https://themilitant.com/2019/05/11/political-censorship-by-facebook-threat-to-working-class/>

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## **Social Media, Hate Speech, and Free Speech**



Join us for an open,  
moderated discussion on  
Friday, December 9th  
Noon to 1:00 pm

Location: Woodburn Hall  
Room 111



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**Free  
Pizza!**

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