



neverhadaboss.com

updates on the insane world of money and power
Banning Hate Speech Renders All Speech Hateful

I tend to look back on the era after the Constitution was ratified and the Bill of Rights was being added to as a kind of golden era, which it was not. With a somewhat lofty document presiding as 'law of the land', a narrow-minded, hardscrabble, provincial America fought it out in the halls of Congress, with sticks, over what was and what was not, liberty. By 1798, the Federalists were in control of Congress as well as the Supreme Court, when John Adams, 2nd President of the United States, signed into law what was known as the 'Alien and Sedition Act'.

This took the form of 'no immigrants allowed in', 'no criticism or protesting of government', 'no freedom of the press', and the jailing of 'non-compliant lawmakers'. Adams, who was averse to criticism, had been accused by one congressman of "unbounded thirst for ridiculous pomp, foolish adulation, and self avarice". That congressman found himself imprisoned (along with 20 lawmakers and newspaper editors), because fines and imprisonment could be used against those who "write, print, utter, or publish . . . any false, scandalous and malicious writing" against the government. The Federalists, mostly of English stock saw no need to "invite hordes of Wild Irishmen, nor the turbulent and disorderly of all the world, to come here with a basic view to distract our tranquillity." Federalists in government viewed the persistence of their party as the equivalent of the survival of the republic.

The Federalists had effectively taken the power from the *citizens* and *states righters*. As a result, Madison (who had been the chief architect of a strong central government in the Constitution), now was wary of national authority. He and Jefferson directed their opposition to the new laws to state legislatures. This bold challenge to the federal government offered by this strong *states rights* position seemed to point toward imminent armed conflict within the United States.

Those who opt for power are a constant source for the undoing of inalienable rights, with the end of a stick or the barrel of a gun. That is why the 1st Amendment is first—in defending a need to speak freely, to gather, to protest and petition—to serve the gods of our choice. And a 2nd amendment, to make sure we have ability to keep the 1st.

The elite attempt to restrict and get rid of free speech through banning hate speech. Hate speech is always what is spoken by the other guy or gal. And just as the Federalists promoted the Sedition Act as something to preserve tranquility, that same rationale

is foisted upon us to create a kind of 'safe space' that is America. But, lest we forget, the real intent of 'hate speech' law is to create a governmental 'safe space' where they can do what they want without fear of critique and protest. And, Patriot Acts and Sedition laws are enacted to silence and censure citizen protest.

The problem with banning hate speech is that the day after tomorrow (so to speak), those of you who advocated for it will become its victims. Had Trump prevailed in the election, democrats who were guilty of crimes against his administration would be in the 'duck and cover' mode. But with Biden prevailing, the democrats are again safe, and it is Trump in the crosshairs. Today, I heard Ben, of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream, say that Trump should be found guilty of a crime—some crime—any crime? In the case of Trump, it is something he said, not for murdering Pakistanis in a personal drone war, or destroying a North African nation, or bombing Kosovo, or, as in the Bush/Cheney legacy, having destroyed the Middle East—for which none were prosecuted.

As we found out in 1798, the world is messy and keeping the republic Franklin promised us 'if we could keep it', is also messy and cannot be done without free speech. Free speech is the messy equivalent of Churchill's take on democracy—the worst form of government except for all the rest. 'Hate speech' laws transfer the power to work through things from the citizens to the elite, who then go after different segments of the population, once they are in control. As power consolidates, citizens lose their jobs or their position in Congress, or their university degrees, based on their opinions. And soon the tyrant comes after those that supported the 'hate speech' ban.

We are frightfully close to that now, with BLM and Antifa sanctioned as marauders in the streets, and protestors breaching the halls of Congress. But worse are those that push to curb speech and silence the debate. A contested, allegedly fraudulent, election should be a subject of debate and question for every American. Banning free speech on the social networks, at the behest of the embedded state, ought to be of vital concern for anyone who loves this nation. And the idea that 75 million Americans are morons because they voted against identity group, virtue signaling politics, is dangerous.

Everyone who voted for Trump is not a Trump supporter. Trump was a phenomena made possible by the Clintons and Obama, just as Biden is in some sense a reaction to the phenomena that is Trump. Are there many Americans who would be unable to come up with better candidates than Biden or Trump?

What happens now? Democrats seeking 'safe space' will support 'sedition' laws—measures more easily enacted in a place such as the US where citizens don't understand what 'collectivism' brings, and will support measures to curb free speech—with an outcome of further dividing our nation. Democrats, as did the early Federalists, will opt, not just to end 'free speech', but to consolidate power at the top. Unsurprisingly, the Electoral College will be on the chopping block as an impediment to 'tranquillity'. And, if you think they can't find the needed 38 states to abolish it, think about Georgia.

Four years from now, you Google search: United States Constitution, and instead of a document you get a warning? This is the time when the more truthful you are, the more imminent risk you face, for which there is one and only one remedy: Speak up!

As my colleagues have done, restricting their sites to subscribers and eliminating the public side, I will do the same, restricting neverhadboss.com for my fiction with a message that my articles can be gotten privately, by email: erik@neverhadaboss.com