

2027 College Free Speech Rankings

Northwestern University

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Executive Summary

FOR THE SEVENTH YEAR in a row, the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE), a nonprofit organization committed to defending and sustaining the individual rights of all Americans to free speech and free thought, and College Pulse surveyed college undergraduates about their perceptions and experiences regarding free speech on their campuses. The College Free Speech Rankings combine student survey data, written speech policies, and recent speech-related controversies.

This year's survey includes 62,997 student respondents from 262 colleges and universities. Students who were enrolled in four-year degree programs were surveyed via the College Pulse mobile app and web portal from Jan. 2 through June 3, 2026. The College Free Speech Rankings are available [online](#) and are presented in an interactive dashboard that allows for easy comparison between institutions. The full pre-registered methodology is available on the Open Science Framework's [website](#).

We surveyed 358 Northwestern University undergraduates. Key findings include:

- Northwestern University ranks 90 out of 261¹ schools in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings. The university earned a score of 62.9 and received a speech climate grade of D.
- This year is Northwestern's highest rank to date, up sharply from 120 last year and from the 2024 and 2025 rankings, when Northwestern ranked near the bottom nationally.
- Northwestern's improvement reflects stronger formal policy commitments and the decay of earlier controversy penalties; student perceptions, however, remain mixed.
- Northwestern's strongest component is "Self-Censorship," which measures how often students withhold views in campus settings. The university ranks 34 on this component, and students reported less frequent self-censoring than students nationally in conversations with professors, administrators, and other students.
- Students were relatively open to discussing most topics, but the Israeli-Palestinian conflict remained an outlier: 68% said it was difficult to discuss openly and honestly.
- Student acceptance of disruptive conduct improved modestly. Northwestern ranks 95 on this component, and 28% of students said using violence to stop a campus speech was at least "rarely" acceptable, compared with 31% nationally.
- Students were more tolerant of liberal speakers than conservative speakers.
- "Administrative Support" was Northwestern's second weakest component, ranking 216. Less than a third of students — 31% — reported that it was "very" or "extremely" clear that their university administration protected free speech on campus. This was less than the national response of 40%.

¹ This year, 262 colleges and universities were surveyed. One school, Regis University, was given a Warning rating for its speech policies and was therefore excluded from the rankings. As a result the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings includes 261 colleges and universities. The detailed methodology can be found at rankings.fire.org/methodology.

- Northwestern’s weakest component is “Comfort Expressing Ideas,” which measures how comfortable students feel sharing controversial views in class, with professors, with peers, and on social media. Northwestern ranks 258 on this component, and 80% of students were at least “somewhat uncomfortable” expressing an unpopular political opinion on a social media account tied to their name.
- Northwestern has adopted the Chicago Statement and an official commitment to institutional neutrality, but still earns a “yellow light” Spotlight rating. Had Northwestern earned a “green light” rating this year, it would have ranked 22 instead of 90.
- Northwestern had one speech controversy that influenced the school’s ranking: A student theater group canceled the final two performances of Stephen Sondheim’s “Assassins” amid backlash over a racial slur in the script.

NORTHWESTERN STUDENT PERCEPTIONS OF FREE SPEECH

Students self-censored less than students at most schools

Northwestern University ranks 34 on “Self-Censorship.”

Self-censorship was most common in classroom discussions. Sixty-three percent of Northwestern students said they self-censored at least “occasionally” during classroom discussions, matching the national figure. Twenty-two percent said they did so at least “a couple of times a week,” compared with 27% nationally.

During conversations with other students on campus, 55% of Northwestern students said they self-censored at least “occasionally,” compared with 57% nationally. This is lower than the 64% of Northwestern students who responded as such in the 2025 rankings. This year, 19% said they did so at least “a couple of times a week,” compared with 24% nationally.

During conversations with professors, 55% of Northwestern students said they self-censored at least “occasionally,” compared with 60% nationally. Eighteen percent said they did so at least “a couple of times a week,” compared with 27% nationally.

Northwestern Students Who Engage in Self-Censorship At Least Occasionally (%)

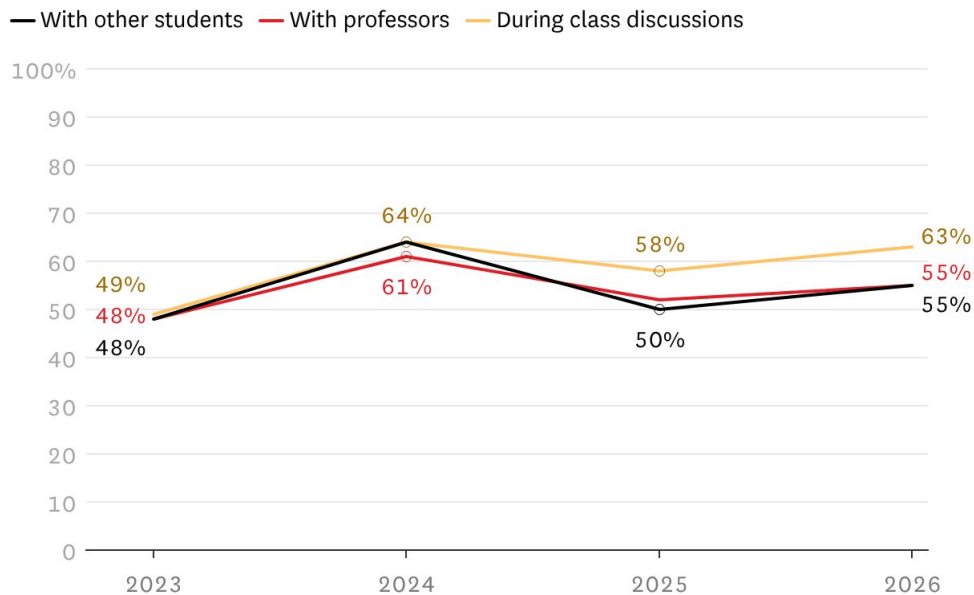


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Self-censorship was lowest in conversations with school administrators. Forty-nine percent of Northwestern students said they self-censored at least “occasionally” in that setting, compared with 57% nationally. Sixteen percent said they did so at least “a couple of times a week,” compared with 27% nationally.

When asked how often they felt they could not express an opinion on a subject because of how other students, a professor, or the administration would respond, 46% answered that they felt at least “occasionally” unable to do so. Although this specific result is not incorporated into the rankings, this is above the 40% national response and slightly up from 41% at Northwestern last year.

Most topics were discussable, except the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict was the hardest topic for Northwestern students to discuss: 68% of Northwestern students said it was difficult to have an open and honest conversation about this issue on campus, compared with 50% of students nationally. That figure was lower than last year’s 73%, but it remained far above the national result.

None of the other topics came close to being as difficult to discuss. The next most frequently identified topics were Donald Trump, selected by 32% of Northwestern students, compared with 46% nationally; Charlie Kirk, selected by 31%, compared with 44% nationally; and affirmative action, selected by 29%, compared with 18% nationally. Twenty-eight percent identified abortion, immigration, and transgender rights as difficult to discuss, compared with 43%, 38%, and 38% nationally, respectively.

Northwestern Students Who Have Difficulty Talking About Each Topic (%)

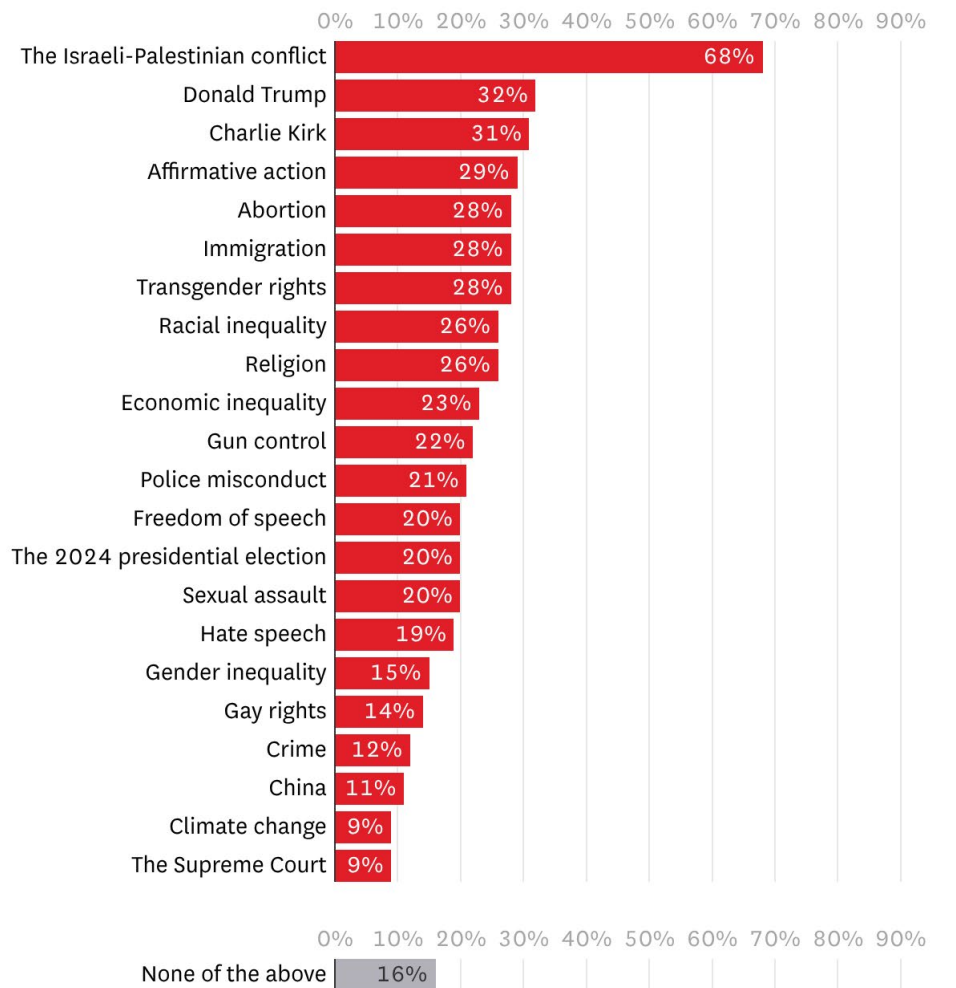


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Students became less accepting of violence

Northwestern University ranks 95 on “Disruptive Conduct.” This component measures how acceptable students consider three protest tactics: shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus, blocking other students from attending a campus speech, and using violence to stop a campus speech. Higher acceptance of these tactics indicates a worse speech climate. Northwestern improved on this measure from 126 last year, 142 in the 2025 rankings, and especially from 225 in 2024.

At Northwestern, 72% of students said shouting down a speaker was at least “rarely” acceptable, compared with 69% of students nationally. This was essentially unchanged from last year and lower than the 76% recorded in the 2025 rankings.

Acceptance of blocking access was close to the national result: 49% of Northwestern students said blocking other students from attending a campus speech was at least “rarely” acceptable, compared with 50% nationally.

Northwestern students were less accepting of violence than students nationally: 28% said using violence to stop a campus speech was at least “rarely” acceptable, compared with 31% nationally. Acceptance of violence also fell from 31% last year and 33% in the 2025 rankings.

Northwestern Students Who Said a Type of Disruptive Conduct Was At Least Rarely Acceptable (%)

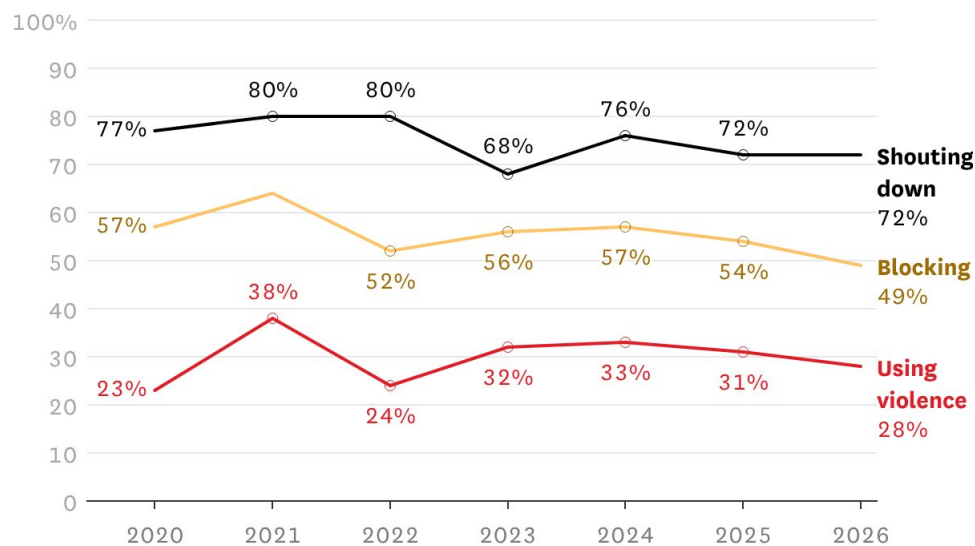


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Students were more tolerant of liberal speakers

Northwestern University ranks 139 on “Political Tolerance.” This component measures whether students would allow speakers who expressed controversial views to speak on campus. Northwestern students were much more willing to allow speakers who expressed views offensive to conservatives than speakers who expressed views offensive to liberals.

- 23% of students would allow a speaker who says “Black Lives Matter is a hate group.” Nationally, 22% of students would allow this speaker.
- 24% of students would allow a speaker who says “transgender people have a mental disorder.” Nationally, 26% of students would allow this speaker.
- 42% of students would allow a speaker who says “abortion should be completely illegal.” Nationally, 40% of students would allow this speaker.

- 46% of students would allow a speaker who says “the police are just as racist as the Ku Klux Klan.” Nationally, 36% of students would allow this speaker.
- 48% of students would allow a speaker who says “the Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.” Nationally, 36% of students would allow this speaker.
- 64% of students would allow a speaker who says “children should be able to transition without parental consent.” Nationally, 47% of students would allow this speaker.

Northwestern Students Who Would Allow Each Speaker on Campus (%)

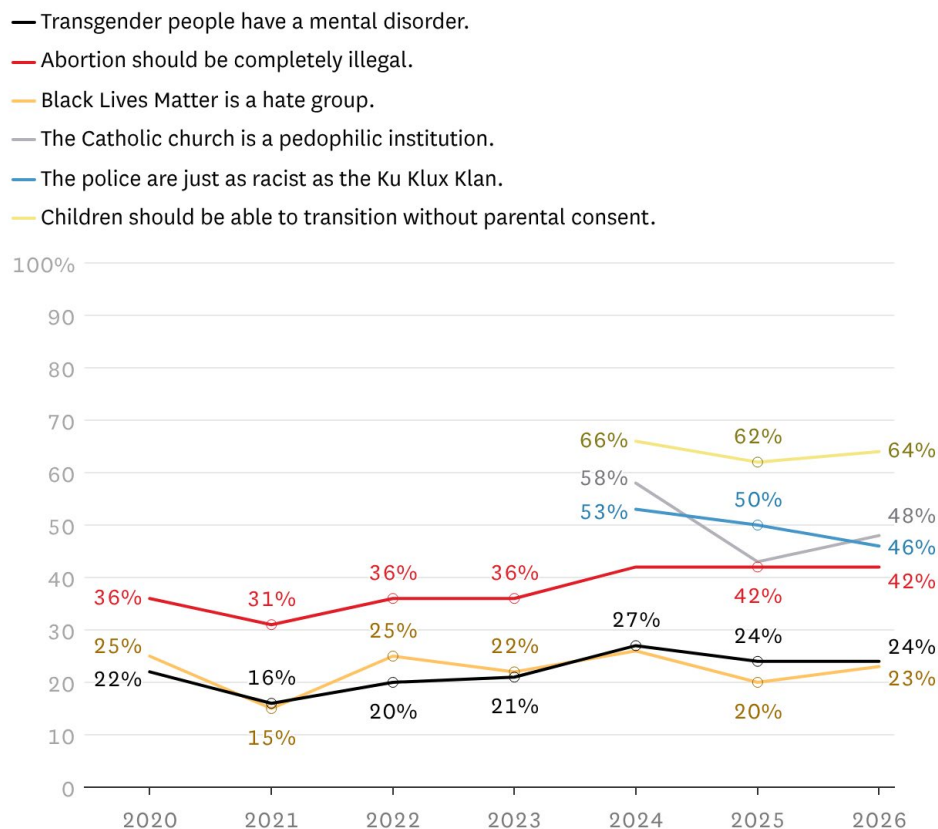


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Administrative support remains weak

Northwestern University ranks 216 on “Administrative Support.” This result is an improvement from 228 last year, but the component remains one of the university’s weakest.

Northwestern's adoption of a form of the Chicago Statement and institutional neutrality appears to have helped, but student trust still lags behind national levels. The university's current "Administrative Support" ranking suggests those commitments have not yet translated into broad confidence that administrators will protect controversial expression when pressure not to do so is high.

Thirty-one percent of Northwestern students said it was "very" or "extremely" clear that the administration protects free speech on campus, compared with 40% of students nationally. This was an improvement from 16% last year, but still well below the national result. Twenty-nine percent said it was "not at all" or "not very" clear that the administration protects free speech, compared with 17% nationally.

Students were less confident that the administration would defend a speaker during a controversy. Twenty-one percent of Northwestern students said it was "very" or "extremely" likely that the administration would defend a speaker's right to express their views, compared with 26% nationally. Twenty-nine percent said this was "not at all" or "not very" likely, compared with 24% nationally. This response also improved from last year, when only 15% said a defense was "very" or "extremely" likely.

Student Perspectives in Northwestern's Administrative Support (%)

- Very or extremely clear that college administration protects free speech on campus
- If a controversy over offensive speech were to occur on campus, it is very or extremely likely that the administration would defend the speaker's right to express their views

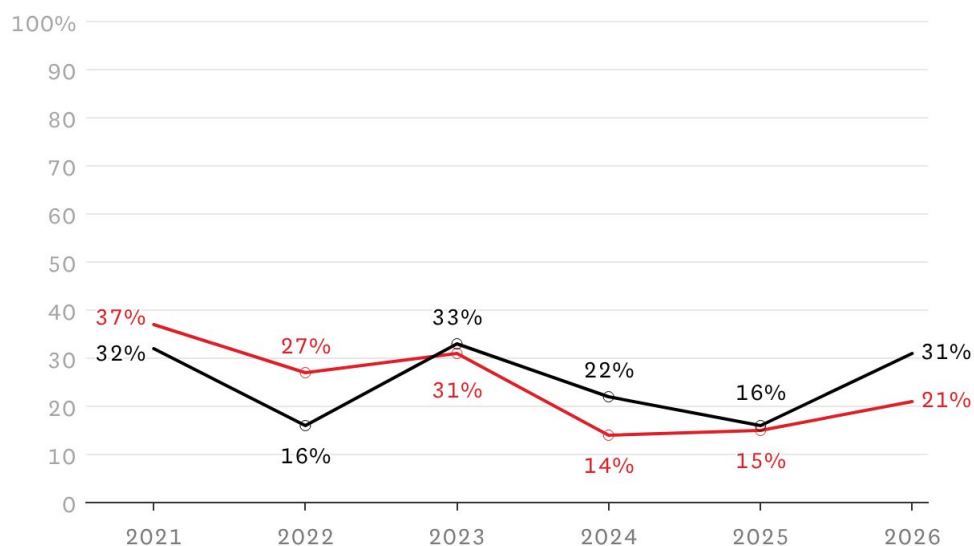


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Students were uncomfortable expressing views on controversial topics

Northwestern University ranks 258 on "Comfort Expressing Ideas." This is the university's weakest survey component. Its rank fell from 229 to 258, as other schools' performance increased.

Seventy percent of Northwestern students said they would feel at least “somewhat uncomfortable” publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic, making it the context in which students were least comfortable, apart from social media. That figure was significantly greater than the 57% national result and slightly higher than last year’s 68%.

Fifty-nine percent said they would feel at least “somewhat uncomfortable” expressing disagreement with a professor about a controversial political topic in a written assignment, compared with 47% nationally. This increased from 53% last year.

Fifty-seven percent said they would feel at least “somewhat uncomfortable” expressing their views on a controversial political topic during an in-class discussion, compared with 48% nationally.

Students were more comfortable speaking with peers in ordinary campus spaces: 45% said they would feel at least “somewhat uncomfortable” expressing their views to other students during a discussion in a common campus space, compared with 43% nationally. This fell from 50% last year.

The largest gap came on social media: 80% of Northwestern students said they would feel at least “somewhat uncomfortable” expressing an unpopular political opinion on a social media account tied to their name, compared with 62% nationally. This increased from 76% last year and helps explain why Northwestern ranks near the bottom on this component.

Northwestern Students Who Felt At Least Somewhat Uncomfortable By Context (%)

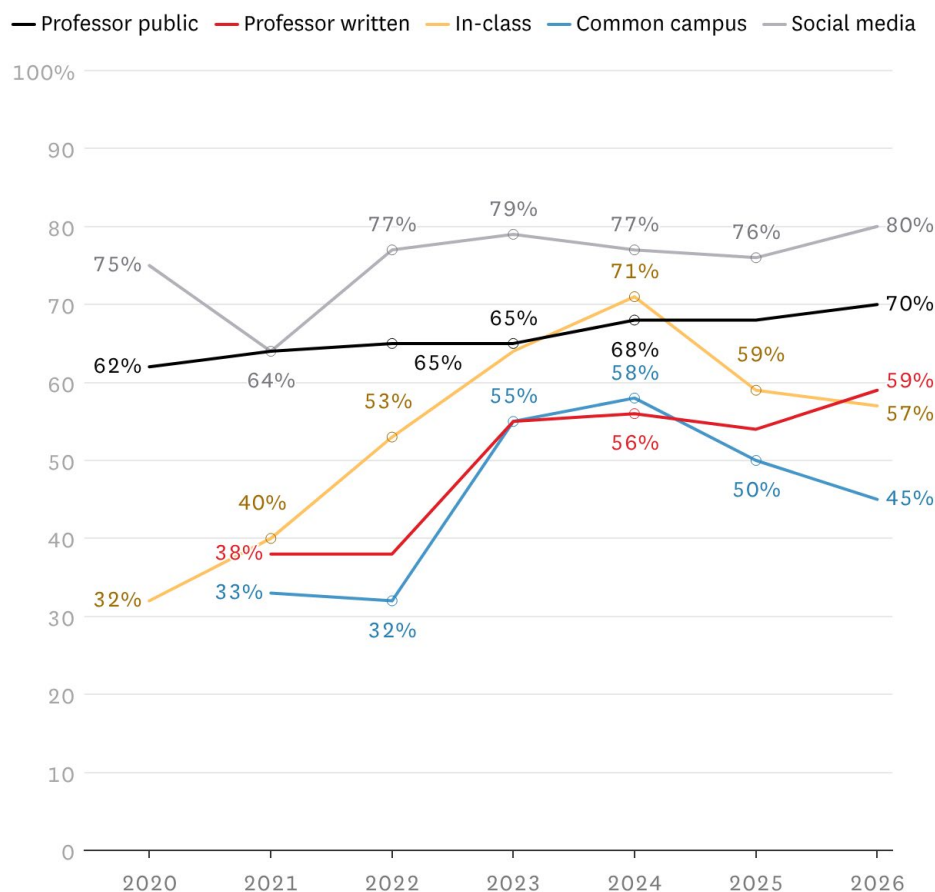


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A ‘YELLOW LIGHT’ SCHOOL WITH STRONG FORMAL COMMITMENTS

Northwestern University earns an overall “yellow light” [Spotlight rating](#) for its written policies governing student expression. The university maintains five yellow light policies and four “green light” policies. One of the university’s harassment policies fails to meet the legal standard for peer hostile environment harassment in an educational setting, placing protected speech at risk. Expressive activities are also curtailed by Northwestern’s restrictive posting policy, which mandates the inclusion of identifiable information on materials, effectively forbidding anonymous authorship and chilling expression on campus.

The university mandates “civility and respect” in its student handbook, further stifling protected speech. Civility may indeed be a laudable goal for students to aspire to, but mandates on civility can all too easily be applied by administrators to punish disfavored speech. Northwestern also maintains a bias reporting system through which students are encouraged to report unpopular but protected expression. The administration should instead focus its resources on reports of discrimination and harassment and refrain from soliciting reports of subjective bias. Lastly, the university’s internet usage policy prohibits “circulating spam” without defining the term or specifying that such activity must disrupt others’ use of the system. This provision could subject a wide range of protected expression to punishment.

In addition to these rated policies, Northwestern has adopted a version of the Chicago Statement and an official commitment to institutional neutrality. These commitments strengthen Northwestern’s formal support for free expression and open inquiry.

NORTHWESTERN’S SPEECH CONTROVERSY

Northwestern University received a two-point penalty for a 2025 speech controversy.

Lovers & Madmen, a student theater group, canceled the final two performances of Stephen Sondheim’s “Assassins” amid backlash over a racial slur in the script. The word appears in “The Ballad of Booth,” in which the character John Wilkes Booth uses the slur while speaking about the end of slavery.

Before the cancellation, students criticized the production, with some calling for the word to be removed and others calling for the show to be canceled. Lovers & Madmen announced the cancellation shortly before a scheduled performance and apologized. Because the incident resulted in canceled performances, it carried a three-point penalty in its first year and, after the annual one-point decay, continued to affect Northwestern’s score with a two-point penalty this year.

HOW CAN NORTHWESTERN IMPROVE?

Northwestern University could significantly improve its ranking by reforming its remaining “yellow light” speech policies to earn a “green light” rating. Had Northwestern earned a green light rating this year, it would have ranked 22 instead of 90.

The university’s Statement on Free Expression and Institutional Speech and its green light Demonstration Policy provide a strong basis for further policy reform. In addition, Northwestern’s Litowitz Center for Enlightened Disagreement and CatalystNU program offer opportunities for students to civil discourse.

These programs will be most effective if they are clearly connected to the university's free expression and institutional neutrality commitments rather than framed as one-time civility exercises.

Northwestern provides thorough reasoning for institutional restraint — effectively establishing its institutional neutrality — in its Statement on Free Expression and Institutional Speech. From this foundation, Northwestern should adopt a clear, viewpoint-neutral response plan for speech controversies. When controversies arise, administrators should continue to state clearly that protected speech will remain protected, peaceful protest is allowed, and disruption or viewpoint-based punishment is not.

Finally, Northwestern should continue to make its commitments visible and consistent. Administrators should explain why free expression, institutional neutrality, and open inquiry are central to the university's academic mission. These steps could help Northwestern translate stronger formal protections into a better campus speech climate.

Northwestern's 2027 College Free Speech Rankings scores by component

COMPONENT	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	NATIONAL AVERAGE	MINIMUM VALUE	MAXIMUM VALUE
Comfort Expressing Ideas	9.08	9.81	5	15
Self-Censorship	13.27	12.79	4	20
Disruptive Conduct	15.94	15.71	3	20
Administrative Support	10.85	11.66	2	20
Openness	7.68	7.25	0	10
Political Tolerance	7.06	7.10	3	15
Chicago Statement	3 (Yes)	-	0 (No)	3 (Yes)
Institutional Neutrality	3 (Yes)	-	0 (No)	3 (Yes)
Spotlight Rating	-5 (Yellow)	-	-10 (Red)	5 (Green)
Campus Deplatformings	-2	-	∞ Penalties	∞ Bonuses
Scholars Under Fire	0	-	∞ Penalties	∞ Bonuses
Students Under Fire	0	-	∞ Penalties	∞ Bonuses
Overall score	62.88	61.36	7 + Penalties	111 + Bonuses

Topline Results: 2027 College Free Speech Rankings

Northwestern University

School sample: datayear 2026.

Total number of students surveyed = 358.

Margin of error = +/- 5.2%.

How clear is it to you that your college administration protects free speech on campus?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Not at all clear	12	3%	13
Not very clear	92	26%	96
Somewhat clear	141	39%	148
Very clear	94	26%	85
Extremely clear	19	5%	16

If a controversy over offensive speech were to occur on your campus, how likely is it that the administration would defend the speaker's right to express their views?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Not at all likely	18	5%	16
Not very likely	87	24%	92
Somewhat likely	179	50%	183
Very likely	66	18%	60
Extremely likely	8	2%	7

How comfortable would you feel doing the following on your campus? [Presented in randomized order]

Publicly disagreeing with a professor about a controversial political topic.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	103	29%	105
Somewhat uncomfortable	148	41%	147
Somewhat comfortable	86	24%	88
Very comfortable	20	6%	18

Expressing disagreement with one of your professors about a controversial political topic in a written assignment.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	56	16%	59
Somewhat uncomfortable	153	43%	143
Somewhat comfortable	119	33%	123
Very comfortable	30	8%	33

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic during an in-class discussion.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	65	18%	62
Somewhat uncomfortable	140	39%	149
Somewhat comfortable	124	35%	117
Very comfortable	29	8%	30

Expressing your views on a controversial political topic to other students during a discussion in a common campus space such as a quad, dining hall, or lounge.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	48	13%	44
Somewhat uncomfortable	114	32%	118
Somewhat comfortable	151	42%	150
Very comfortable	45	13%	46

Expressing an unpopular political opinion to your fellow students on a social media account tied to your name.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Very uncomfortable	136	38%	142
Somewhat uncomfortable	152	42%	139
Somewhat comfortable	60	17%	64
Very comfortable	10	3%	13

This next series of questions asks you about self-censorship in different settings. For the purpose of these questions, self-censorship is defined as follows:

Refraining from sharing certain views because you fear social (e.g., exclusion from social events), professional (e.g., losing job or promotion), legal (e.g., prosecution or fine), or violent (e.g., assault) consequences, whether in person or remotely (e.g., by phone or online), and whether the consequences come from state or non-state sources. [Presented in randomized order]

How often do you self-censor during conversations with other students on campus?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	29	8%	29
Rarely	133	37%	134
Occasionally, once or twice a month	127	36%	129
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	58	16%	57
Very often, nearly every day	11	3%	9

How often do you self-censor during conversations with your professors?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	34	10%	41
Rarely	127	35%	129
Occasionally, once or twice a month	130	36%	121
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	59	16%	56
Very often, nearly every day	8	2%	11

How often do you self-censor during classroom discussions?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	27	8%	30
Rarely	107	30%	115
Occasionally, once or twice a month	143	40%	139
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	66	18%	63
Very often, nearly every day	15	4%	11

How often do you self-censor during conversations with school administrators?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	44	12%	53
Rarely	137	38%	130
Occasionally, once or twice a month	119	33%	112
Fairly often, a couple times a week	46	13%	47
Very often, nearly every day	11	3%	16

How acceptable would you say it is for students to engage in the following action to protest a campus speaker? [Presented in randomized order]

Shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	12	3%	17
Sometimes acceptable	104	29%	106
Rarely acceptable	143	40%	139
Never acceptable	99	28%	96

Blocking other students from attending a campus speech.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	2	1%	5
Sometimes acceptable	58	16%	61
Rarely acceptable	115	32%	117
Never acceptable	183	51%	175

Using violence to stop a campus speech.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Always acceptable	5	1%	7
Sometimes acceptable	34	10%	32
Rarely acceptable	60	17%	62
Never acceptable	258	72%	257

Student groups often invite speakers to campus to express their views on a range of topics. Regardless of your own views on the topic, should your school ALLOW or NOT ALLOW a speaker on campus who has previously expressed the following idea? [Presented in randomized order]

Transgender people have a mental disorder.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	173	48%	188
Probably should not allow this speaker	99	28%	99
Probably should allow this speaker	61	17%	49
Definitely should allow this speaker	25	7%	22

Abortion should be completely illegal.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	101	28%	107
Probably should not allow this speaker	106	30%	105
Probably should allow this speaker	112	31%	111
Definitely should allow this speaker	39	11%	35

Black Lives Matter is a hate group.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	175	49%	183
Probably should not allow this speaker	101	28%	107
Probably should allow this speaker	56	16%	46
Definitely should allow this speaker	26	7%	22

The Catholic church is a pedophilic institution.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	62	17%	65
Probably should not allow this speaker	126	35%	129
Probably should allow this speaker	136	38%	129
Definitely should allow this speaker	34	10%	35

The police are just as racist as the Ku Klux Klan.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	67	19%	67
Probably should not allow this speaker	128	36%	136
Probably should allow this speaker	131	37%	120
Definitely should allow this speaker	32	9%	35

Children should be able to transition without parental consent.

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Definitely should not allow this speaker	40	11%	37
Probably should not allow this speaker	87	24%	89
Probably should allow this speaker	175	49%	176
Definitely should allow this speaker	56	16%	56

Some students say it can be difficult to have conversations about certain issues on campus. Which of the following issues, if any, would you say are difficult to have an open and honest conversation about on your campus? [Presented in randomized order with none of the above always listed last]

Abortion

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	257	72%	258
Yes	101	28%	100

Affirmative action

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	255	71%	261
Yes	103	29%	97

Charlie Kirk

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	246	69%	245
Yes	112	31%	113

China

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	318	89%	317
Yes	40	11%	41

Climate change

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	325	91%	332
Yes	33	9%	26

Crime

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	315	88%	320
Yes	43	12%	38

Donald Trump

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	242	68%	253
Yes	116	32%	105

Economic inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	277	77%	281
Yes	81	23%	77

Freedom of speech

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	286	80%	293
Yes	72	20%	65

Gay rights

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	308	86%	304
Yes	50	14%	54

Gender inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	305	85%	307
Yes	53	15%	51

Gun control

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	281	78%	286
Yes	77	22%	72

Hate speech

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	291	81%	288
Yes	67	19%	70

Immigration

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	257	72%	263
Yes	101	28%	95

The Israeli/Palestinian conflict

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	113	32%	104
Yes	245	68%	254

Police misconduct

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	284	79%	285
Yes	74	21%	73

The 2024 presidential election

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	285	80%	290
Yes	73	20%	68

Racial inequality

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	266	74%	274
Yes	92	26%	84

Religion

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	265	74%	263
Yes	93	26%	95

Sexual assault

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	287	80%	291
Yes	71	20%	67

The Supreme Court

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	325	91%	324
Yes	33	9%	34

Transgender rights

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	259	72%	261
Yes	99	28%	97

None of the above

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	301	84%	304
Yes	57	16%	54

On your campus, how often have you felt that you could not express your opinion on a subject because of how students, a professor, or the administration would respond?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	57	16%	69
Rarely	137	38%	135
Occasionally, once or twice a month	102	29%	104
Fairly often, a couple of times a week	48	13%	43
Very often, nearly every day	13	4%	7

Have you ever been disciplined by your college's administration for expression on campus?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Yes, I have been disciplined.	7	2%	6
No, but I have been threatened with discipline.	33	9%	40
I have not been disciplined nor threatened with discipline.	317	89%	311

How often, if at all, do you think your college would punish you for saying ...

"Bigots who say hateful things deserve to be shot."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	29	8%	35
Rarely	73	20%	71
Sometimes	91	25%	89
Fairly often	101	28%	101
Always	62	17%	59

"Gun nuts worship their AR-15s more than they value human lives."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	121	34%	125
Rarely	123	35%	120
Sometimes	61	17%	60
Fairly often	29	8%	30
Always	22	6%	20

"Illegal immigrants should be arrested and deported."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	53	15%	61
Rarely	100	28%	104
Sometimes	91	26%	84
Fairly often	66	19%	67
Always	45	13%	39

"Debate me. Prove me wrong."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	222	63%	228
Rarely	76	21%	72
Sometimes	37	11%	38
Fairly often	13	4%	11
Always	7	2%	6

"If a trans-identified male is in a female-only space, he is committing a violent, abusive act."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	38	11%	51
Rarely	104	29%	95
Sometimes	116	33%	112
Fairly often	62	18%	70
Always	34	10%	27

If a professor on your campus said any of the following statements on social media after Charlie Kirk's assassination, SHOULD THEY or SHOULD THEY NOT be fired from their job?

"It's O.K. to punch a Nazi."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	107	30%	112
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	162	46%	155
The professor probably should be fired from their job	67	19%	65
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	16	5%	18

"These fascist Bible-thumpers want to drag us back to the Dark Ages."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	57	16%	59
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	157	45%	151
The professor probably should be fired from their job	107	31%	109
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	29	8%	31

"We are going to make America great again."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	65	18%	71
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	184	53%	170
The professor probably should be fired from their job	75	21%	78
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	26	8%	31

"Our colleges and universities are progressive indoctrination centers."

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
The professor definitely should not be fired from their job	60	17%	58
The professor probably should not be fired from their job	149	43%	148
The professor probably should be fired from their job	112	32%	110
The professor definitely should be fired from their job	30	8%	34

How often do you attend church or religious services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	124	35%	135
Less than once a year	24	7%	23
Once or twice a year	47	13%	57
Several times a year	70	20%	55
Once a month	14	4%	18
2-3 times a month	24	7%	27
About weekly	8	2%	6
Weekly	32	9%	21
Several times a week	7	2%	7

Are you currently a member of the armed services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	350	100%	348
Yes	0.3	<1%	1

Are you a veteran of the armed services?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	350	100%	349
Yes	0	0%	0

How often would you say that you feel anxious?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	5	9%	4
Less than half the time	15	29%	21
About half the time	18	35%	20
Most of the time, nearly every day	11	20%	9
Always	3	6%	3

How often would you say that you feel lonely or isolated?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	20	28%	19
Less than half the time	40	56%	41
About half the time	7	10%	5
Most of the time, nearly every day	4	5%	3
Always	0.5	1%	1

How often would you say that you feel like you have no time for yourself?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	8	9%	6
Less than half the time	34	39%	31
About half the time	24	28%	25
Most of the time, nearly every day	17	19%	14
Always	4	4%	5

How often would you say that you feel depressed?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	28	40%	28
Less than half the time	33	47%	34
About half the time	8	12%	10
Most of the time, nearly every day	1.0	1%	1
Always	0	0%	0

How often would you say that you feel stressed, frustrated, or overwhelmed?

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
Never	13	17%	9
Less than half the time	25	32%	22
About half the time	27	36%	30
Most of the time, nearly every day	7	9%	8
Always	5	7%	9

Where do you get your news? Please select all that apply.

Social media

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	35	10%	41
Yes	323	90%	317

Television

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	215	60%	222
Yes	143	40%	136

Radio

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	321	90%	323
Yes	37	10%	35

Radio or television website

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	316	88%	318
Yes	42	12%	40

Podcast

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	275	77%	273
Yes	83	23%	85

Newspaper (print)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	331	92%	335
Yes	27	8%	23

Newspaper (online)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	131	36%	124
Yes	227	64%	234

Student newspaper (print)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	331	92%	330
Yes	27	8%	28

Student newspaper (online)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	249	70%	248
Yes	109	30%	110

What forms of violence, if any, do you consider acceptable to stop a campus speech?

Threats of bodily harm to people in attendance

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	353	99%	354
Yes	5	1%	4

Using physical force to prevent people from entering the event

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	349	97%	348
Yes	9	3%	10

Physical assault on people in attendance

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	351	98%	352
Yes	7	2%	6

Physical assault on the speaker

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	352	98%	352
Yes	6	2%	6

Throwing projectiles (e.g., pies, eggs, rocks, bottles)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	346	97%	349
Yes	12	3%	9

Use of chemical irritants (e.g., bear spray)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	356	99%	356
Yes	2	1%	2

Incendiaries or fireworks aimed at the venue

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	356	99%	355
Yes	2	1%	3

Smoke or "stink" bombs to force evacuation of the event

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	350	98%	353
Yes	8	2%	5

Bomb threats

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	355	99%	355
Yes	3	1%	3

Use of sharp objects (e.g., knife)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	356	99%	355
Yes	2	1%	3

Use of firearms (e.g., rifle)

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	356	99%	356
Yes	2	1%	2

Arson

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	356	99%	356
Yes	2	1%	2

Kidnapping

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	356	99%	356
Yes	2	1%	2

Detaining or restraining people

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	353	99%	352
Yes	5	1%	6

Murder

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	355	99%	355
Yes	3	1%	3

Something else (please specify):

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	353	99%	355
Yes	5	1%	3

None of the above

Response	Weighted n	Percent	Unweighted n
No	292	82%	285
Yes	66	18%	73



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