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Political correctness, free speech and safe communities

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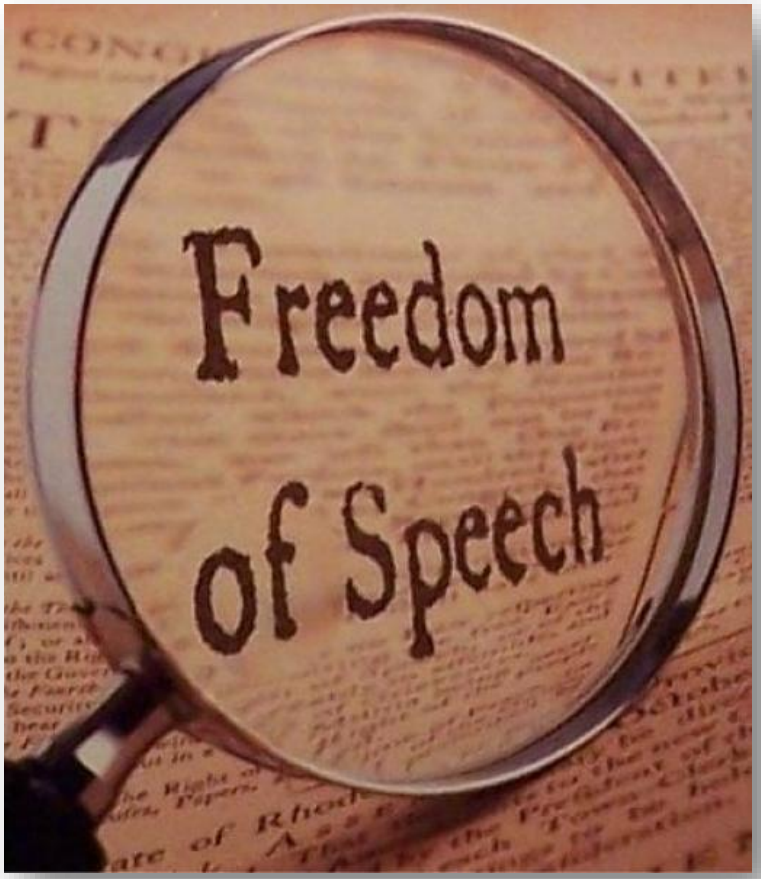
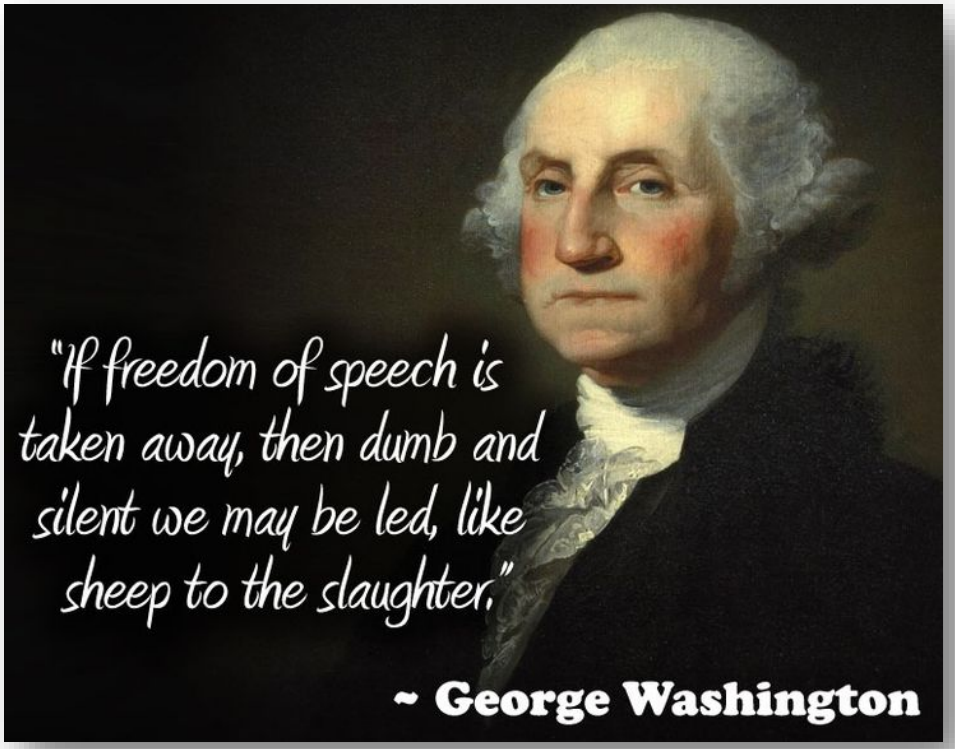
What is freedom of speech?

- It's not an absolute good in itself
- It helps us understand truth and rebut error
- It's necessary for debate and a free and safe society



Unjust prohibition of free speech

- Prevents people from seeking truth
- Prevents discussion of error

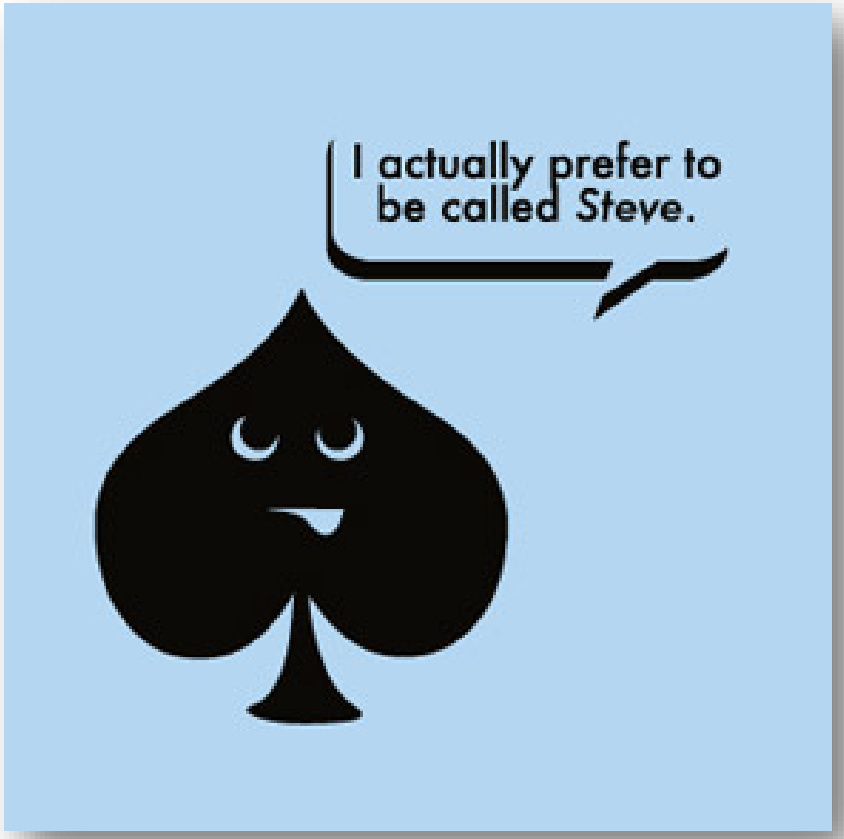


Community safety requires free speech

- Real concerns cannot be raised
- False concerns cannot be countered

New is not always better

- We used to respect those who called a spade a spade.
- Now spades are protected minorities with more rights than the majority.



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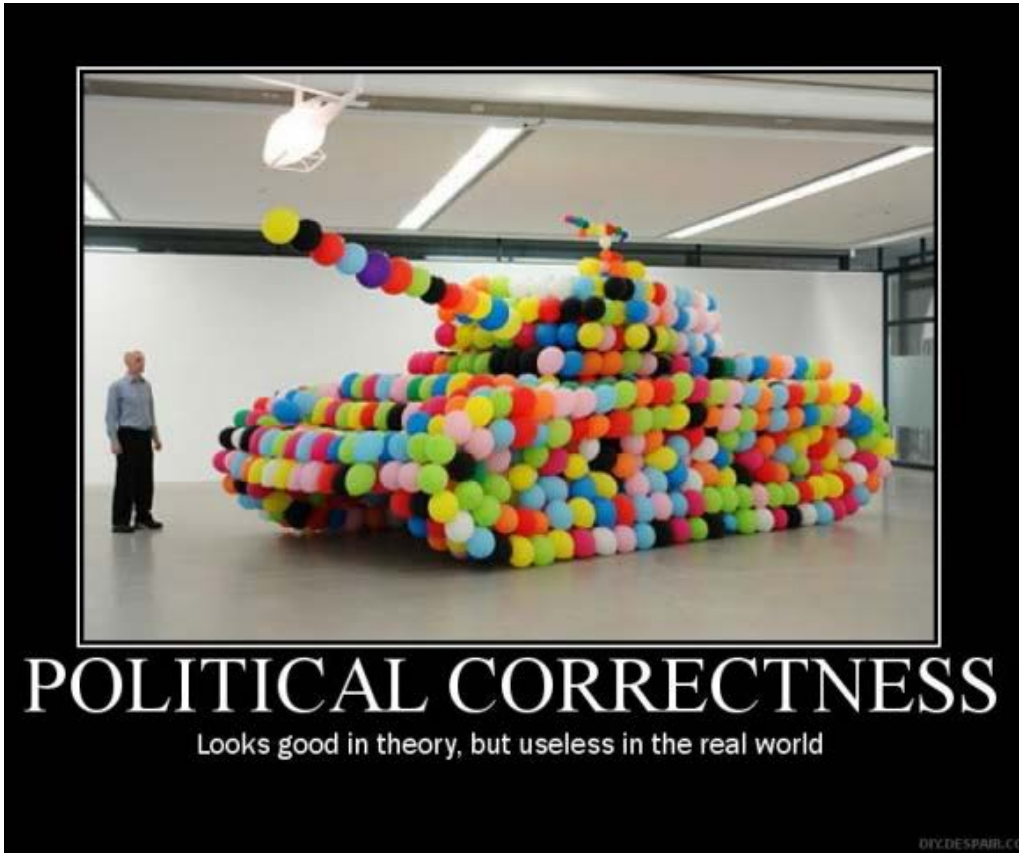
Free speech & bad laws

- Anti-discrimination laws have no regard for the truth and instead focus on emotion
- Anti-discrimination laws protect error at the expense of truth

The effects of political correctness

- Existing law is undermined
- Privileged classes silence the unprivileged
- Laws deny political freedom
- Society is divided



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- Spontaneous, grassroots movement
- Concern over Islam
- Disconnect between official message & views of ordinary Australians

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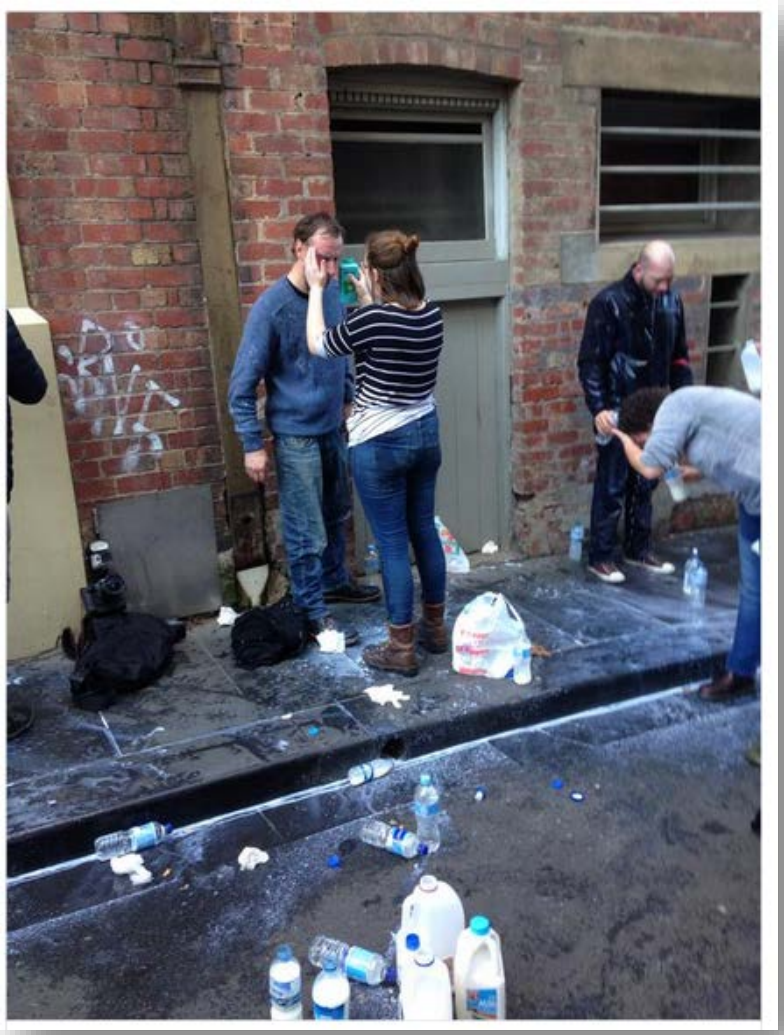

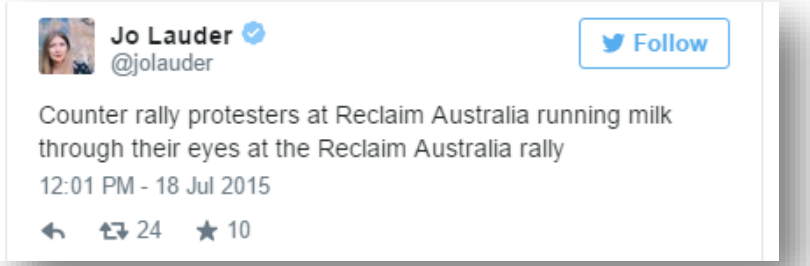

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- Speak up!
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