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**The Concept of Free Speech**

“Free speech—even speech you don’t like; especially speech you don’t like—is one of the things that literally makes America great <https://t.co/G6M3PZTqjk> — Richard Dreyfuss (@RichardDreyfuss) April 29, 2017”

“Brendan O’Neill - editor of spiked  
It’s time to get serious about freedom of speech. It is unacceptable to repress the expression of ideas. It is unacceptable to repress the expression of hatred. ‘Hate speech is not free speech’, people say. But it is. By its very definition, free speech must include hate speech. Speech must always be free, for two reasons: everyone must be free to express what they feel, and everyone else must have the right to decide for themselves whether those expressions are good or bad. When the EU, social-media corporations and others seek to make that decision for us, and squash ideas they think we will find shocking, they reduce us to the level of children. That is censorship’s greatest crime; it infantilises us. Let us now reassert our adulthood, our autonomy, and tell them: ‘Do not presume to censor anything on our behalf. We can think for ourselves.’  
<http://www.spiked-online.com/news/article/we-must-have-the-freedom-to-hate/18445#.WuObIgzIV>”

**This point on tolerance is also very apposite:**

Tolerance demands conditions, something that the great Catholic preacher Fulton Sheen knew a century ago. The following piece is an excerpt from his 1931 book, *Old Errors and New Labels*, and is provocatively titled “A Plea for Intolerance.”  
I’m sure his words were timely then, but perhaps moreso today. This line sums up his argument:

“Tolerance applies only to persons, but never to truth. Intolerance applies only to truth, but never to persons. Tolerance applies to the erring; intolerance to the error.”

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### Summary:

“The dossier reveals that Cllr Griffiths posted an article on Facebook in 2017 claiming German Muslims had campaigned to end the Oktoberfest beer festival, because it was ‘un-Islamic.’”

Well, did such a campaign occur or did it not? If it did, why is it forbidden to speak about it?

“Cllr Griffiths then liked a comment posted on the post which said: ‘They can go back to where they came from. Try going to a Muslim country and ask them to stop Muslim traditions because it offends incoming Christians. How outrageous is sharia behaviour.’”

So it's wrong to object to Muslims insisting that non-Muslims conform to Muslim sensibilities in the West?

**Sharia Watch:** The Conservative party have never responded to requests from us to say if they agree with what the ECHR said [here](#): [9]

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## ECHR Judgement Summary:

**Noting that the Welfare Party had pledged to set up a regime based on sharia law, the Court found that sharia was incompatible with the fundamental principles of democracy as set forth in the Convention. It considered that “sharia, which faithfully reflects the dogmas and divine rules laid down by religion, is stable and invariable. Principles such as pluralism in the political sphere or the constant evolution of public freedoms have no place in it”.**

**According to the Court, it was difficult to declare one’s respect for democracy and human rights while at the same time supporting a regime based on sharia, which clearly diverged from Convention values, particularly with regard to its criminal law and criminal procedure, its rules on the legal status of women and the way it intervened in all spheres of private and public life in accordance with religious precepts.**

**Source: “Annual Report 2003 of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe”**

Copy of the report from the ECHR  
website: [http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Annual\\_report\\_2003\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Annual_report_2003_ENG.pdf)

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