



Resolution In Support Of Combating Censorship and Fostering Civility

Whereas people of good will are increasingly concerned by speech laced with racism, anti-Semitism and hate for specific groups;

Whereas Governments are increasingly using the aforementioned concern as a political rationale to expand control over the content of speech;

Whereas people of good will are also deeply concerned by the ad hominem attacks and animosity, directed at fellow human beings who express contrary sentiments;

Whereas here in the United States, a top member of Joseph R. Biden's transition team, [Richard Stengel, has called for hate speech laws](#) in the United States, upending our First Amendment guarantee that "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech";

Whereas schools and [universities frequently violate free speech rights with "free speech zones"](#) which actually deny free speech, civility pledges, limitations on the distribution of conservative flyers and hostility to conservative speakers;

Whereas a free people should be mindful of the totalitarian embrace of bans on hate speech, by countries such as the former Soviet Union, giving government the power to prohibit the expression of universally repugnant ideas that also risks the suppression of speech deemed a political threat;

Whereas freedom of speech remains an inalienable human right, vital to ensuring future generations enjoy the blessings of liberty; and

Whereas all members of a free society with guaranteed free-speech, possess the power to defeat bad ideas with good ideas, and the power to defeat hate through reason, persuasion, more speech and civility; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Hawai'i Republican Party, in virtual convention on May 15, 2021:

1. urges all elected officials of the State of Hawai'i to:
 - a. call for civil debate without the use of ad hominem attacks;
 - b. oppose all speech regulations to include those addressing "hate speech;"

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- c. encourage the defeat of all hate speech through the exercise of more free speech; and
 - d. a stern defense of the freedoms given to us by God and defined in the First Amendment;
2. will post copies of this resolution on the Hawai'i Republican Party website and transmit copies to the Governor of the State of Hawai'i; the Lieutenant Governor, members of the Hawai'i State Legislature, and the Mayors of each County.

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