





SPEECH CLIMATE



SPOTLIGHT RATING



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in 2020, heF B⊠ dai f I diidBa Righ i EdBacai (FIRE), C ege PB⊠ e, a d Rea Cea EdBacai Babihed he -e e c ehe i e Bade a e e ffee eech 55 A eica c ege ca B⊠ e : he C ege Fee S eech Rakig. F he i e, ecie c ege Bade a d hei a e c B⊠d e a ica c a ecB⊠ e Bade B⊠ de a dig fhe e e f e a cef fee eech ca B⊠.

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A g he aked ch i Pe aia, Uie i fPi b⊠gh a ea heb , c i gi behid Ca egie Me (41), S a h e C ege (60), Te e Uie i (65), Lehigh Uie i (112), F a ki a d Ma ha C ege (118) B⊠ck e Uie i (126), D e e Uie i (145 h), Via a Uie i (185), Ha e f d C ege (190), a d Ge b⊠g C ege (197), b⊠ ahead fLafa e e C ege (213), D⊠ ⊠e e Uie i (222), Pe aia Sae Uie i (228), a d Uie i fPe aia (248).

## HOW OFTEN ARE PITT STUDENTS SELF-CENSORING ON CAMPUS?

"Some students would completely stop listening if you said something that may be opposing their viewpoint, even if it is only said to invite discussion"

Uiei fPi b⊠ghak6 eai heSef-Ce hic e.

M e ha 80% f Bode cca i a (ce icea h), ae, ee ef-ce i a hec e a ked ab B⊠ (ih he Bode ca B⊠, ih fe , ad dB⊠ igca dic B⊠ i ). M e ha 50% f Bode ae ee ce dB⊠ igc e ai ih Bode fe .Pi Bode ae igh eeeed dB⊠ igca dic B⊠ i , hee 45% ae ee ef-ce .

<sup>1</sup> Si fhe che deceied a Waig aig fFIRE fheiechicie. A eac e a cac $\mathbb{R}$  and fhe e ch, caigheechhe.

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Addiia, hi ea ⊠e akedab ⊠eake ee a he Iaei-Paeiiacic, h Bigh e edid i acakig. A Pi,66% ebigig ca ⊠a eake haid ha cae a da agei Gaaij ⊠ied f he ake fIaeiec ⊠i, he ea 27% e e e haid, f he ie he ea, Paeie i befee, Naia,60% ebigig ca ⊠a eake haid ha cae a da agei Gaaij ⊠ied f he ake fIaeiec ⊠i, b⊠ 29% e e e haid, f he ie he ea, Paeie i befee,

## WHAT KINDS OF DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT DO PITT STUDENTS CONSIDER ACCEPTABLE?

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SEX f i ibe a e e eech ha e i c e a ed d a a ica a Pi i c e a ea. A ca be ee i gEX e 1, a ea 28% f Pi Exde aid h EXd e e e e acce ab e, c a ed 17% hi ea. Si i a , a ea 46% f Pi Exde aid b cki g e a e e a e e acce ab e, c a ed 29% hi ea. F he e ici EX f f di EX i e c dExc, a ea 65% f Pi Exde aid i e c e a e e acce ab e; hi ea 54% aid hi. S eci ca , 24% aid he hi k EXi g i e c e i a e (bEX e e ) acce ab e, 19% aid i e c e i e acce ab e, a d 3% aid i e c e a a a c e acce ab e.

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C aed Bedde ai a , Pi Bedde ae eike Bed heef fdi Bedie c dBedc.Nai a , 32% f Bedde aid h Bedigd a eake ee he f eakig ca Bedi ee acce abe, 48% aidb ckig he Bedde f a e diga ca Bed eechi ee acce abe, a d 68% aid Bedig i e ce a ca Bed eechi ee acce abe.

## STUDENTS' PROPENSITY FOR DISRUPTION COSTS PITT

Uie i fPi b⊠gh eceied e a ie f i a ce fde af igadach a ⊠de e.

The ad ii a i a ea bea ae ha ⊠de ae iig di ⊠ee ad, ahe ha ceed, ha e ed ca ce i g eeche i ead. I i ig ec⊠i a he e e e Feb 🖾 , 2024, Bhaii Pae, ag ad 🖾 e f he 🖾 i e i a e a ac ge i a cadida e a d e flae, a ched⊠ed a ea a he⊠ie i eak ih Bade ab B⊠ he e eie ce **K** a he⊠ie i .Ada bef e heee ,i a ca ed .The⊠ie i aid ha i a ked Pa e icie ba "di ec i di ec e gagi g i a eheee beca⊠ei i ica ca aig aciiie adhe eec ce edha heee ⊠d e ai fc⊠ed Pae'e eie ce a he ⊠lie i .Pae aid ha he⊠lie i caceed heee "ciigc ce fdi⊠li ad afe " f ĸ e fefheia e , aciic flaei ii a ici Gaa.

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Pi a, i c a, e aiedf a i cide hee, f i g a Bade c ai TikT k ab B⊠ a a ig e i i g a a e ce a i, he B⊠ i e i aB⊠ ched a i e igai i a fe a d Babic a ed i had ake a iaeac i i e a adde \_ Bade c ce .

HOW DO PITT STUDENTS PERCEIVE THE ADMINISTRATION'S SUPPORT FOR FREE SPEECH?

the college free speech rankings survey a de e ed b FIRE a dad i i e ed b C ege PEX e. N d he jec k a i de ig i g c d Excig he EX e. The EX e a e ded f Ja Exa 25 h Exgh JEX e 17, 2024. The e da a c ef a a e f 58,807 EX de g ad Exa e h e e he e ed fEX - i e i f EX - e a deg ee g a a e fa i f 258 c ege a d Exie i i e i he U i ed Sa e. The agi fe f he U.S. EX de g ad Exa e Exa i i +/- 0.4 fa e ce age i , a d he agi fe f c ege Exde Exdo-de g a hic age f 2-5 e ce age i .

Theiiia a e a da f C ege PEX e A eica C ege S Exde Pae, hichic Exde e ha 850,000 eied EX deg ad Exate Exde a d ece a Exi if ch i hi a a ge f e ha 1,500 - a d f EX-ea c ege a d Exie i i e i a 50 a e. Pae e be ee ec Exded b a Exibe f e h d he e Exie Exde die i i he a e Exai . The e e h d i c Exde eb ad e i i g, e i i -ba ede ai ca aig , a d a e hi i h Exie i -a ia ed ga i a i . T e Exie he a e e ec hedi e ebackg Exid a de eie ce f he A eica c ege Exia i , C ege PEX e ec Exied a e i f a ide a ie fi i Exii . The a e i c Exde Exde a e di g a ge Exbic Exie i e, a i a ec ege, i e Exie i e, hi ica Back c ege Excha H a d U i e i , e c ege Excha S i h C ege, a d e igi Exi -a ia ed c ege Excha Bigha Y Exig U i e i .

C egePB⊠ eB⊠ e a - age aidai ce e E⊠e ha a i E⊠ e icE⊠de E⊠de cE⊠ e e edi - ea fE⊠-ea c ege E⊠ ie iie.SE®de a e E⊠ded idea .edB⊠ e aiadde ji he a e a d,f hi E⊠ e,had ack edge ha he a ecE⊠ e e ed fE⊠-i ei a fE⊠-ea deg ee ga .A i iai c e E⊠ e e e E⊠ig he E⊠de .edE⊠ e aiadde h Engha icai i heC egePE⊠ ea ,aaiabe iOS a d A d id a f .

C ege PEX ea ie a - aicai adje⊠ e baed de gahicdi ibb⊠i f EX ie daa EX ce, ic Badig he CEX e P EXai SEX e (CPS), he Nai a P ec da S Bade Aid S Exd (NPSAS), ad he I egaed P ec da Ed Bacai DaaS e (IPEDS). The eigh ebaace he a ebaed a EX be fi a be ch aka ibb⊠e, Bacha ace, ge de, ca ea, e egi ai a EX, ad acia aid a EX. The a e eigh igi acc i hed EX iga ie aie i a ig(IFP) ce ha i EX ae EX baace hedi ibEXi fa aiabe dEAce ae ee aie a e ff EX ea EX degad Base Exde i he U ied Sae.

Thi ea C ege PEX ei dEXcedaiia - aicai adjEX e baed de gahic di ibEXi f EXiedaa EXce, ic EXdighe CEX e P EXai SEX e (CPS), he Nai a P ec da SEXde Aid SEXd (NPSAS), a dhe I egaed P ec da EdEXcai DaaS e (IPEDS). The ch e e 3.ed EX5540.1 (ch )10 () (e4.9 (e - )5 ((a) i) ec T81 ()5 (eR[)-5 (-)25-iSaaSE

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Saciiga Bade Bade g B⊠, a ec dedi he 2025 C ege Fee S eech Rakig behaia e ic d c E⊠ e ai haiaaiabe ie.

T beic Bodedi hi ea akig, aicide ha e B⊠ ediab B⊠ e a had haebee ec dedb JB⊠ e 15, 2024, ad had haebee fB⊠ a e edb FIRE e each a, h de e ied he he heicide a a edic B⊠i.

I e e hee ca e e ,FIRE a d C ege P⊠ e e ed he 2025 C ege Fee S eech Rakig ⊠ e a ca ⊠ ihae ca e .Thia ed ⊠ c ec ⊠ e daaf ⊠de hie hee ca e e e akig ace.<sup>6</sup> Tha ea ha hi ea C ege Fee S eech Rakig ide a ea ⊠e e fdaa hee ig ae ffeee e i a A e ica c ege a d ⊠ie iie.

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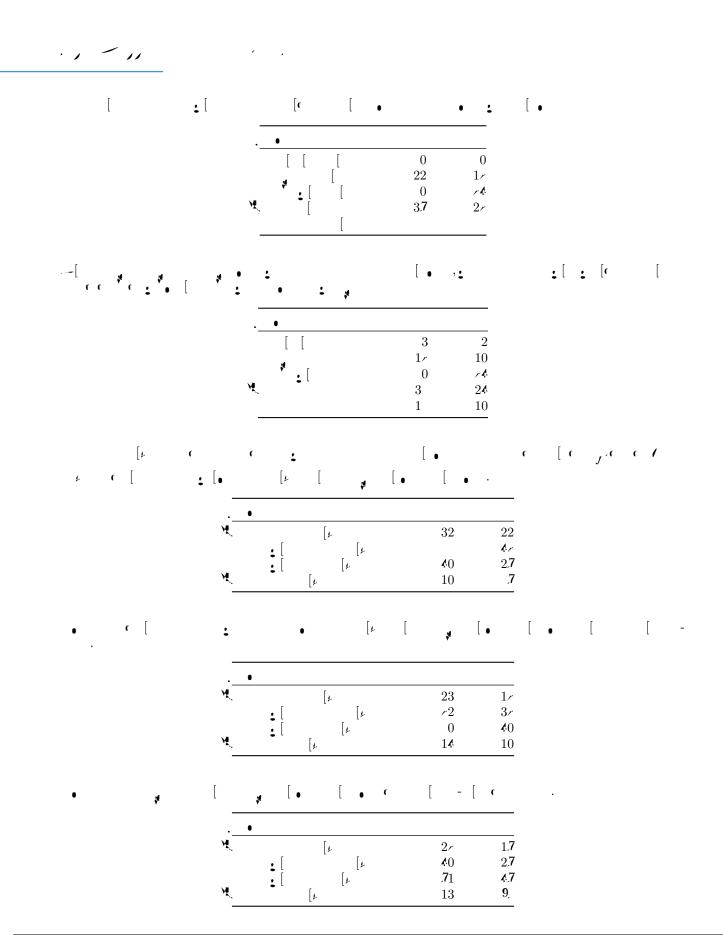
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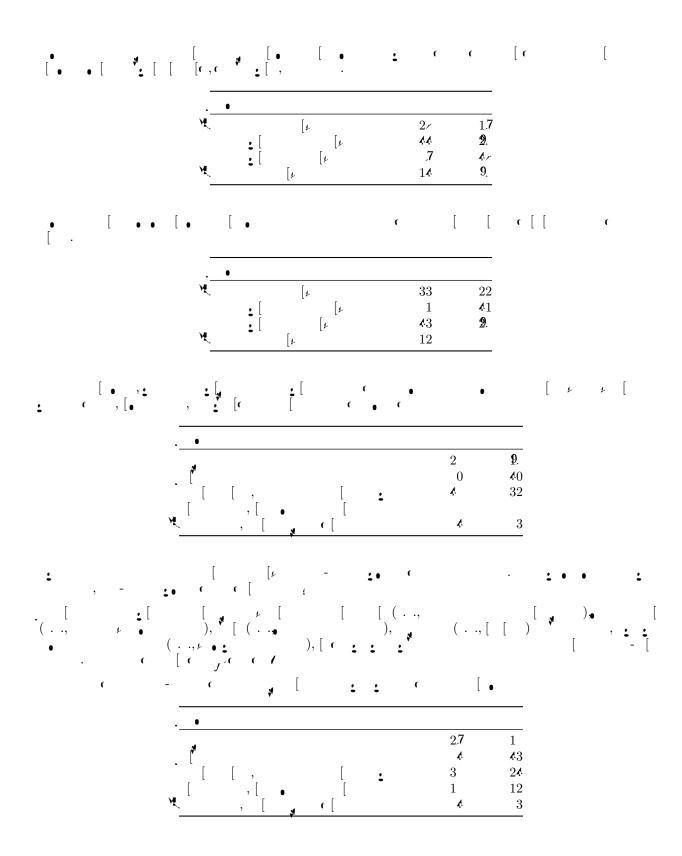
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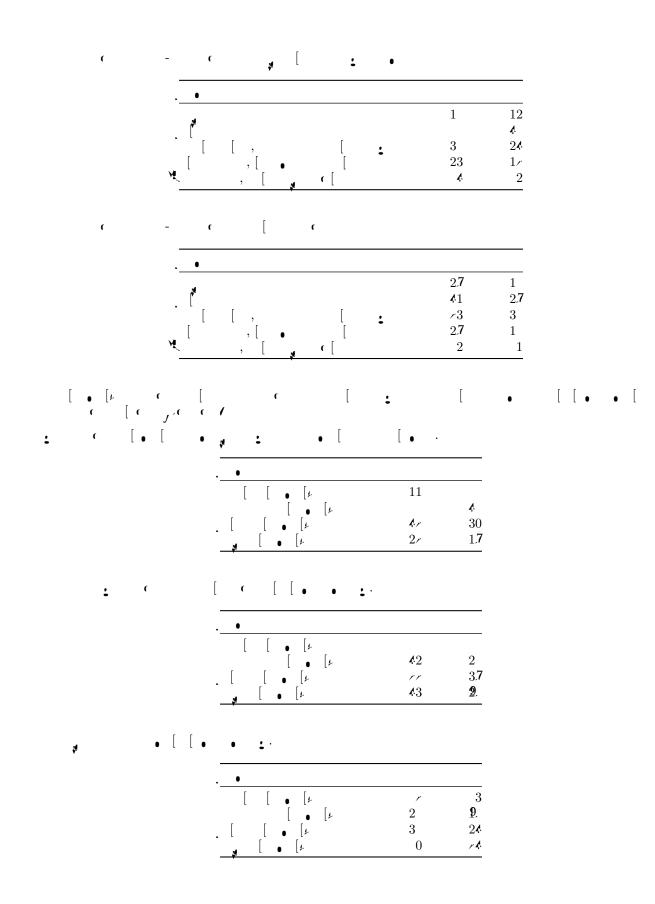
<sup>4</sup> A f EX i f a he ch a a c i a e ha i ac ed he 2025 C ege F ee S eech Ra ki g i a ai ab e he e: https:// docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1i5h8y1M4GFv5FQzyx6lLZqHj10Oa1YQJOYvozCqAzE8/edit?gid=1204583933#gid=1204583933. The f EX Sch a U de Fie da aba e i a ai ab e FIRE eb i e a https://www.thefire.org/research-learn/scholars-under-fire.

<sup>5</sup> A daae edi hi eci e eches Bade U de Fiedaabaea fJBB2 e 15, 2024. A fBE i fahe Bade aci ae hai aced he 2025 C ege Fee S eech Rakig i aaiabehe e: https://docs.google.com/ spreadsheets/d/115h8y1M4GFv5FOzyx6ILZqHj10Oa1YQJOYvozCqAzE8/edit?gid=472255842#gid=472255842. The fBE S Bade U de Fiedaabaeic BE e i e a FIRE bBE i be eea edi fBE i ea 2025.

The principles of free speech and inquiry are complemented by debate, challenge







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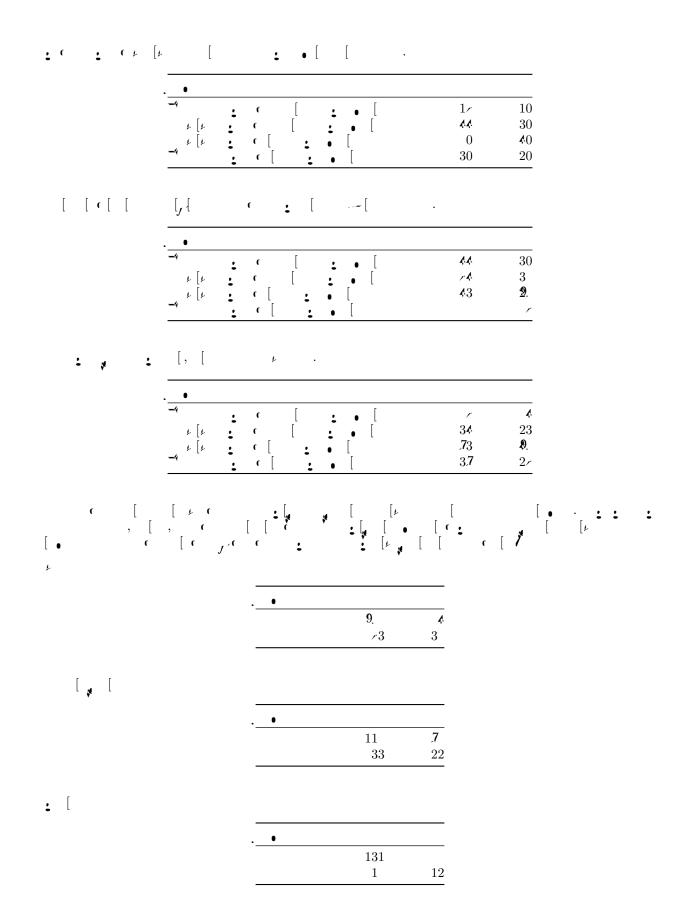
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