

BR: What is FIRE? When was it founded/what is its purpose?

FIRE: The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education was founded in 1999 and is celebrating its ten-year anniversary. The mission of FIRE is to defend and sustain individual rights at America's colleges and universities. These rights include freedom of speech, legal equality, due process, religious liberty, and sanctity of conscience—the essential qualities of individual liberty and dignity. FIRE's core mission is to protect the unprotected and to educate the public and communities of concerned Americans about the threats to these rights on our campuses and about the means to preserve them.

BR: Can you explain FIRE's speech code ratings?

FIRE: FIRE defines a speech code as any campus regulation that punishes, forbids, heavily regulates, or restricts a substantial amount of protected speech, or what would be protected speech in society at large. This basic definition is necessary because colleges rarely label such restrictions as "speech codes" in their handbooks. A "red light" institution has at least one policy that both clearly and substantially restricts freedom of speech. A "clear" restriction is one that unambiguously infringes on what is or should be protected expression. In other words, the threat to free speech at a red light

Gaza, but this must be done through statehood. the Israel-Hezbollah War of 2006, the a process in which there are in fact the Israelis must, as hard as it may be, massive conventional military might tions by an international observer, work to limit civilian suffering if the Israeli Defense Forces is unable Gaza must be demilitarized and then Gaza. If Israel hopes to achieve lastly to totally eradicate a guerilla force of must be a buffer zone put in place peace, they need to improve their indigenous radicals capable of blend along the Israel Gaza border to page in the Muslim world through re-igniting into the civilian population with vent the launch of rockets into Israel and generosity towards the youth amassing huge civilian casualties

Fatah and other moderate people who have sworn to eliminate and garnering negative opinions from ties must also be allowed back into Israel as a nation. Violence breeds other nations of the world. Only the Gaza strip as a condition of a violence, and as a modern, secular these steps can lead to a real chance permanent cease-fire. Hamas has a democracy, Israel must break the cycle for peace in the Middle East. Fatah has effectively developed a one party state of violence and set an example for dictatorship, which in turn has radicalized the region. While it cannot allow threats to its own national sovereignty, the West Bank, currently controlled by the Fatah party, the Israeli government must act in a major way. He may or may not get caught in seen dramatic improvements over time and proportionate ways. The cross-section on his next trip to Gaza. past decade and is on the fast track seen in the recent Gaza conflict a

SUNY Binghamton knows this—it has adopted the EEOC’s definition of harassment in its sexual harassment policy and has acknowledged its obligation, as a public university, to fully respect the First Amendment rights of its students and faculty. SUNY Binghamton is very close to being a “green light” university, and FIRE would love to be able to turn it over to “green light” status since it seems so committed to the First Amendment rights of its community members. So long as this unconstitutional policy is in place, however, we cannot do so.”

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