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## University Restricts Students Over 'Hate' Speech

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(CNSNews.com) - Administrators at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., made members of a conservative student group alter flyers advertising a lecture because the word "hate" was used in the speech's title.

The flyers promoted the topic of guest speaker Dan Flynn as "Why the Left Hates America," which is also the title of his book. Young America's Foundation (YAF), a national organization of conservative students, is presenting the event, which is slated for Tuesday, Oct. 7.

At first, the administration of the private Catholic school approved the flyers, but officials changed their minds after some teachers and students expressed concern about the use of the word "hate."

In a letter obtained by YAF, the university's office of student activities informed the student group that a stude" discricon >ory 0 - 2.2 TD (In a lyerr obtaiTj niserne student grous a )Tj"e



Even if school administrators allow a speaker or event on the campus, officials reserve the right to issue disclaimers, require a question-and-answer period immediately following the event, create programming to counter the ideas expressed or provide another lecture with opposing views.

"Gonzaga University has opportunities to educate its students in many ways,' said Ron Robinson, president of YAF. "To restrict how student organizations contribute to campus dialogue is overreaching."

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