

CHICAGO PRINCIPLES

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The University's fundamental commitment is to the principle that debate or deliberation may not be suppressed because the ideas put forth are thought by some or even by most members of the University community to be offensive, unwise, immoral, or wrong-headed.

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The University recognizes, indeed embraces, non-disruptive protest as a legitimate means of free expression, and as such supports the rights of all members of the University to engage in such protest.

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Disruptive protest or other means of limiting the rights of others to engage in free expression, work, and open discourse is not acceptable, and is in fact a violation of the University's commitment to free expression. The distinction between non-disruptive and disruptive protest is essential.



**“Education should not be intended
to make people comfortable;
it is meant to make them think.”**

**Universities should be expected to provide the conditions within which
hard thought, and therefore strong disagreement, independent judgment and
the questioning of stubborn assumptions, can flourish in an environment
of the greatest freedom.”**

Hanna Holborn Gray
President,
The University of Chicago, 1978–1993