



## Christian Voices for Life

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## SCOTUS Victory for Free Speech on College Campuses

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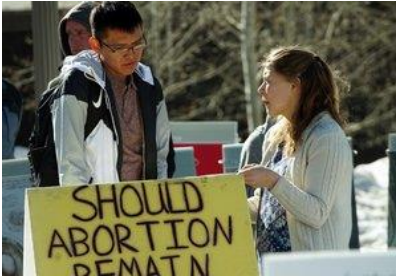


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**Education:** Colleges and universities are “places of learning that should support both a vigorous and open exchange of ideas across difference”. (1) In a prior email, we described a biology professor who declared that an embryo was not human, and a philosophy professor who openly ridiculed the pro-life view. (2) Many universities have restricted “free speech zones” which limit controversial displays to certain areas – often a very small fraction of the campus – and require permission to use them. One student, Chike Uzuegbunam, even when he abided by these restrictions, was still told to stop sharing his faith after someone

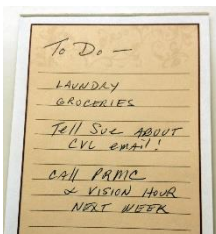
complained. Are colleges so afraid of violent disturbances arising from disagreements that they are willing to shut down free speech? Are they unable or unwilling to draw the line between expression of ideas and demeaning verbal attacks or “hate speech”? An opinion that abortion is wrong is not the same as verbally attacking anyone who has had an abortion. [Alliance Defending Freedom](#) has over 400 victories against public universities across the country. But far too often, once students try to hold university officials accountable, they change the policies and ignore how they mistreated students. Thankfully, the Supreme Court put a stop to this.

On March 8, 2021, Supreme Court decision on Uzuegbunam v. Preczewski declared that not only did the college not have the right to restrict free speech to a particular area of campus, but that even after they changed their policy to allow free speech in any outdoor area of campus, the college should be held accountable for its actions. To preserve free speech for us all, we must protect free speech on college campuses so that students learn to respectfully interact with diverse viewpoints. (3)

1. <https://idhe.tufts.edu/sites/default/files/IDHEFreeSpeechInclusionGuide.pdf>
2. <https://christianvoicesforlife.org/documents/2017/7/Colleges-Suppress-Expression-of-Pro-Life-Views.pdf>
3. <https://adfllegal.org/blog/victory-supreme-court-rules-college-student-silenced-sharing-gospel>



**Prayer:** Dear Father God, please have mercy on pro-life college students who face discrimination and ridicule on their campuses. Help them to find ways to clearly express the truthful reasoning which supports their view. Please help professors and administrators who are pro-abortion to at least respect the free speech rights of those who disagree. Some individuals who hold power in universities may be overly defensive of the pro-abortion view because of their personal involvement with abortion. Help them to get past their denial, accept the truth, and find forgiveness and healing by sincere repentance.



**Action:** If you know a college student who is pro-life, ask them if they have had trouble expressing that view at their school. Encourage them to be persistent and strong in the face of intimidation. If their school is guilty of silencing free speech, encourage them to contact Students for Life ([StudentsForLife.org](#)) or Alliance Defending Freedom ([ADFLegal.org](#)) to get support in objecting to the injustice.