



# Christian Voices for Life

## Wednesday Word

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### Campus Cancel Culture Increasing in Violence

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**Education:** Pro-life displays on college campuses have been destroyed and chalk messages erased for years. When pro-life speakers come to speak, protestors shout to drown them out, and when a large group of protestors recently disrupted a presentation, campus security shut down the presentation rather than remove the hecklers – a definite example of the “heckler’s veto”. In some cases, the hecklers became violent and the speakers evacuated. Students for Life of America (SFLA) reported over 100 free speech violations in 2023. (1)

It is not just the students who are objecting to the pro-life view. Professors give poor grades on papers arguing against abortion. Administrators have limited free speech to a small, remote area of the campus (which has been declared unconstitutional). Students have been denied the right to form a pro-life group. They have provided only a small room for presentations or made last minute changes to policies previously stated.(2) In one survey at two large midwestern universities, 88% of students reported that they expressed more progressive views than they truly held, because of academic and social pressure. (3) A 2025 survey of over 68,000 students at 257 colleges and universities was used to produce the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings. Only **11** institutions received a “speech climate grade” of C or higher.(4)

Free speech is being suppressed. Violence makes enforcement of that right more difficult, requiring high security costs. Some universities have imposed exorbitant fees on controversial speakers to cover security, rather than using their own resources to control their own students, and non-profits have found their own expensive security arrangements to be necessary. Court decisions have established that universities may not discriminate against student groups or speakers based on the topic focused on, but it continues.

1. [‘Intolerant and hostile’: Pro-life students faced unprecedented amount of free speech hurdles post-Roe - The Lion](#)
2. [Facing Free Speech Challenges, Students for Life of America Expands to Roughly Half of All Private and Public Universities Nationwide During the 2024-2025 School Year - Students for Life of America](#)
3. [Campus Reform | Study finds nearly 90 percent of students fake progressive views to appease liberal professors](#)
4. [2026 College Free Speech Rankings | The Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression](#)



**Prayer:** Dear Father God, please have mercy on our country as we struggle to maintain our right to speak freely about our ideas and opinions. Help university administrators realize their responsibility to provide an environment of free speech and discussion, both throughout campus and in the classroom. Have mercy on students who have practiced vandalism and other attacks and professors who are using grades to censure free speech. Please allow both students and professors to be held accountable for their actions. Reveal to both groups how wrong these actions are, and prevent them from seeing them as acceptable when they suffer no repercussions.



**Action:** PLEASE PRAY for a positive cultural change in our nation to increase respect for human life, respect for those who disagree with us, for freedom of speech, and religious freedom. Encourage the college students you know to express their true opinions, and fight back against repression of free speech. Help to work against the denial of rights is available from [Alliance Defending Freedom](#). ADF is the world’s largest legal

organization committed to protecting religious freedom, free speech, the sanctity of life, parental rights, and God’s design for marriage and family. A simple letter from ADF may make a difference.