

Why Free Speech Is Not a Free Pass

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Allen May has had various positions in professional journalism as a clinical professor and as a reporter, anchor, producer, and videographer in radio, newspaper, and television, including WFLD-TV (Fox) in Chicago. He headed an award-winning investigative and legal affairs reporting unit for WTMJ-TV (NBC) in Milwaukee. Prior to that he was the crime/court reporter at WISN-TV (ABC) in Milwaukee and anchored a weekly news segment called “Crimeline Anonymous” for 13 years. He has numerous reporting awards from Associated Press, Northwest Broadcast News Association, Wisconsin Broadcasters Association, Milwaukee Press Club and other organizations. He has degrees in Law (Wisconsin, 1994) and Psychology (Bethany College, 1975). While in law school, he was elected to the Moot Court Board. He also clerked for the Dane County District Attorney’s Office in Madison, WI, and assisted in the prosecution of misdemeanor criminal cases. In 2000, he joined the faculty at Northern Illinois University, where he taught broadcast journalism and media law before retiring in 2016.

WEEK ONE

Jun. 17

It’s a Free Country; I Can Say Anything That I Want?

WEEK TWO

Jun. 24

Protected Speech or Bad Behavior?

WEEK THREE

Jul. 01

Hey, Let’s Storm the Capitol!

WEEK FOUR

Jul. 08

No Talking in the Classroom...or the courtroom, Mr. President.

WEEK FIVE

Jul. 15

Have You Been Spreading Lies Again? How Aspirational!

WEEK SIX

Jul. 22

Social Media Disease.