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

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<b>G8R</b> Buccaneer Posts: 604 From: 46.8, -121.7 Registered: Jun 2001	posted 28 July 2001 01:01 AM  profile  mail  edit  quote <hr/> <b>Is this guy right or wrong?</b> <a href="http://www.startribune.com/viewers/qview/cgi/qview.cgi?story=84615040&amp;template=metro_a">http://www.startribune.com/viewers/qview/cgi/qview.cgi?story=84615040&amp;template=metro_a</a> IP: <a href="#">Logged</a>
<b>Squareball</b> unregistered	posted 28 July 2001 05:16 AM  edit  quote <hr/> <p>Well he is right... but he is wrong.</p> <p>They are paying him to teach. The people who he is so called "offending" are paying his salary and if they don't like his teaching style then he should be forced to leave or change his style. The people he is teaching are like stock holders and if they all agree that they dont like his style and that it is offensive then get the teacher to change.</p> <p>Freedom of speech only goes so far. And from what I understand freedom of speech doesn't go as far as your work place. Like if I yelled in my work that I hated all of them and i hope that they die one day, they could fire me and I couldn't really do much about it.</p> IP: <a href="#">Logged</a>
<b>daboodaddy</b> Buccaneer Posts: 703 From: The Sovereign Nation of No Places Registered: Dec 2000	posted 28 July 2001 09:10 AM  profile  edit  quote <hr/> <p>Squareball: I think the "all-wise" employer would probably decree that one be carted off for "psychological observation". Then he/she would have a talk with the accountant to see how to hedge any medical/ disability benefits. Then you would probably be prescribed a strong SSRI type med, for your "safety", not to mention the truth that by then, under the influence of the SSRI med, you probably would not give a rat's ass about losing your job, therefore no longer posing a "safety" risk to the company or yourself. THEN you would be fired. just a theory 🇺🇸</p> <p>-----            Question EVERYTHING, even your OWN thoughts.            A "Daboodaddyism"</p> IP: <a href="#">Logged</a>

<p><b>LisaA</b> Buccaneer</p> <p>Posts: 1625 From: Colorado Registered: May 2000</p>	<p> posted 28 July 2001 11:46 AM <a href="#">profile</a> <a href="#">mail</a> <a href="#">edit</a> <a href="#">quote</a></p> <hr/> <p>If he's going to put offensive things up, he ought to do a better selling job and make his point faster. Colleges these days are tending to shun what they find offensive such as racist speech and stuff like that, but what goes hand in hand with stopping speech is stopping ideas from following through their course of development.</p> <p>Sometimes I fear that by being exposed to certain language I am being attacked by it. Like, I don't like it when religious fundamentalists use their jargon around me. I have to tolerate it. But the truth is, that's just some words. It's actions we have to guard against.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">IP: <a href="#">Logged</a></p>
<p><b>Cherry Kelly</b> Swashbuckler</p> <p>Posts: 3452 From: Belton, MO USA Registered: Jul 2000</p>	<p> posted 29 July 2001 07:59 AM <a href="#">profile</a> <a href="#">mail</a> <a href="#">edit</a> <a href="#">quote</a></p> <hr/> <p>Right and wrong both -- yes.. When teaching one needs to present viewpoints in equality. Just because those views don't always go along with the establishment doesn't mean they MUST be 'shoved in a closet' - hidden away. They do however need to be treated as MERELY one point of view and not dwelt upon as the ONLY viewpoint....</p> <p style="text-align: right;">IP: <a href="#">Logged</a></p>
<p><b>DisneyFreak96</b> Swashbuckler</p> <p>Posts: 1360 From: New Orleans Square, Disneyland Registered: May 2000</p>	<p> posted 31 July 2001 03:59 PM <a href="#">profile</a> <a href="#">mail</a> <a href="#">edit</a> <a href="#">quote</a></p> <hr/> <p>He's wrong. His statements go far beyond what he is supposed to be teaching. He teaches American and WWII HISTORY and is talking about current garbage recycling...and Pocahontas in the nude.</p> <p>He may have a license to give out his views on history, but that's not what he is doing, IMHO. (and give him back the poster, but make him keep it inside his office so it doesn't offend everyone.)</p> <p>----- signing off... DisneyFreak96 <a href="#">"If we can dream it, we can do it."</a> <a href="#">Horizons Attraction, WDW(1983-1999)</a></p> <p>[This message has been edited by DisneyFreak96 (edited 31 July 2001).]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">IP: <a href="#">Logged</a></p>
<p><b>Linnea Meyer</b> Dread Pirate</p> <p>Posts: 6200 From: Upon the High Seas ~ Aboard the FANTASTIC Registered: Apr 2000</p>	<p> posted 31 July 2001 06:47 PM <a href="#">profile</a> <a href="#">mail</a> <a href="#">edit</a> <a href="#">quote</a></p> <hr/> <p>I agree with Cherry's point of view on this. As she has noted - the real situation here is not freedom of speech - but that this instructor seems to be imposing his views on his students.</p> <p>The comment on 'human recycling' is insensitive - although it seems he was trying to make a point of sorts.</p> <p>The image of Pocohantas 'cartwheeling naked' down the streets of Jamestown seems a little outre, but I suppose it may have had a point in whatever his discussion of history was.</p> <p>If he had taken the approach of displaying the Custer poster to the class and inviting discussion about the issues represented by the poster - he would have been in a different situation.</p> <p>Educators should not be about propaganda - but in presenting facts and opinions identified as such - and letting the students express their own ideas about it.</p> <p>Every community, including colleges and universities - has a 'social contract' albeit unwritten - to promote an educational atmosphere which is responsible to that educational community.</p> <p>If this instructor has his own agendas and beliefs - especially along 'political' lines - he should not be imposing these beliefs on his students.</p>

Sorry, but I feel this guy is more an egotistical nutcase than a serious crusader for freedom of speech.

We all have some responsibility - as Squareball noted - to the workplaces and communities we contract with.

A modicum of common sense wouldn't hurt either.

I feel it is also unfortunate to promote litigious behaviors as solutions for these kinds of issues. Why not a meeting with students and instructors to sort this out.

Seems reasonable persons could find ways to resolve these kinds of disputes - without invoking 'constitutional rights' and running to the government and the court system for rulings.

If civics are this guy's 'thing' - he himself is not a very good example for his students. One should always pursue community, then administrative remedy before going to the courts.

(I climb off my soapbox )  
Interesting article -

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Daboodaddy: ha ha ha! and as for Squareball, he might find that a priest had been called along the way sometime just to make sure that prayers were righteously monotoned, just in case this was a matter of a hex, or something, too! Don't they pray at football games, too.....? God that is so nice. Let's just hope they don't say too many prayers....

Carefull what you even may mutter under your breath, Squareball, as someone may have his ear close to your mouth.

I don't even know what this is about! ha ha ha

I didn't know that Pocahantas and Custer were seen naked together. Now that teacher must have a way of sparking kid's imaginations.... is this what this is about?! All we see on tv advertisements and in 'zines is sex, sex, and s'more please. Is this about the Fundies again, working the schools when they cannot stop pornography as one of the major industries in 'The Valley'? And for you outside Los Angeles, California, 'The Valley' refers to an enormous area called the San Fernando Valley, comprised of numerous cities. Pornography is now a leading industry there, and everyone knows it!

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This is a difficult situation. First of all, if this instructor is teaching the class properly, where the students do learn, it shouldn't matter too much if he peppers his speech with some offensive stories and analogies. It's not like he's teaching high school, but community college often is populated by young adults who might adore him as some kind of "cult figure", so to speak. I had a teacher, in community college, years ago who was teaching history and social science. He had a passion for attacking religions and the Catholic Church, in particular. Yes, the Catholic Church did wage wars and imprison people as part of its history. However, this teacher would genuflect and make the sign of the cross every time he mentioned the "Holy Mother Church." Coming from years of Catholic education, it was amusing to see a teacher with another point of view. However, he could have been objective without the sarcasm. He was popular, and his classes were always filled. Yet, he did make his point. Older adults, I think, probably wouldn't have put up with his sarcasm. I think this may be a case of an older teacher trying to touch base with a younger generation, be it right or wrong.

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