



Intellectual Freedom

Freedom of Expression


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Freedom of Expression

Right to express one's opinions or
views without censorship, restraint,
or legal penalty


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The interlocking freedoms to hold and express opinions and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

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To limit free expression strikes twice at intellectual freedom, for whoever deprives another of the right to state unpopular views necessarily also deprives others of the right to listen to those views and make up their own minds.

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Challenges to Intellectual Freedom

Libraries

- Collections
- Programming
- Use of Space

Universities

- Teaching
- Research & Scholarship
- Acquisition & Preservation of Documentary Material
- Speech on Campus

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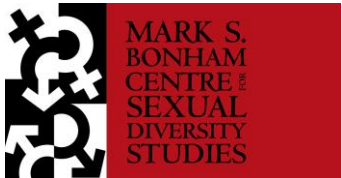
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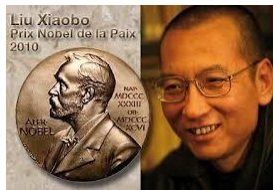
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Importance of Intellectual Freedom

1. Self-Realization
2. Advancement of Knowledge
3. Sustaining Democracy

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Liu Xiaobo

Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Chinese literary critic, writer, professor, and human rights activist who called for political reforms and the end of communist single-party rule. He died of liver cancer in 2017.

“Free expression is the base of human rights, the root of human nature and the mother of truth. To kill free speech is to insult human rights, to stifle human nature and to suppress truth.”


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