

American Medical Student Association
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SUBJECT:	Principles Regarding Anti-Censorship/Free Speech
TYPE:	Resolution of Principles

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2 WHEREAS that First Amendment to the US Constitution guarantees freedom of speech and
3 expression;
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5 WHEREAS the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and Protect-IP, introduced in the U.S. House of
6 Representatives and Senate, includes measures on the par with the most oppressed nations in the
7 world;
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9 WHEREAS AMSA is a student-governed, national organization committed to representing the
10 concerns of physicians-in-training;
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12 WHEREAS the future physicians have a role in promoting free speech and accountability and assisting
13 people to make informed choices;
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15 WHEREAS the continued deterioration of freedom of expression and enactment of new emergency
16 and terrorism laws in the United States and many countries around the world is concerning;
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18 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PPP BE AMENDED BY ADDITION AND THE**
19 **FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES ON FREEDOM OF SPEECH BE ADOPTED:**
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21 PRINCIPLES ON FREEDOM OF SPEECH
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23 The American Medical Student Association:
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25 SUPPORTS free speech and accountability in both physical and virtual environments;
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27 ENCOURAGES freedom of speech and press, including in Internet environment, without imposing
28 censorship;
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30 SUPPORTS legislation to protect the rights of physicians-in-training to exercise freedom of speech
31 and press;
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34 Fiscal Note: None