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FIRE has written the university on Audaer's behalf but to no avail.

FIRE said of the sweeping, Star Chamber-like [gag order](#), "The proposed gag order effectively prevents any media from reporting on the case using this information, and it effectively prevents Audaer

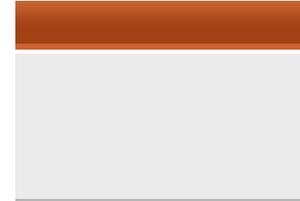


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The [Daily Orange](#) wrote of the debate, "Roy Gutterman, director of the Tully Center for Free Speech, and Jason Feldman, a first-year law student, spoke in support of free speech, but first-year law student Chris Lattuca and assistant professor of law and LGBT studies Tucker Culbertson spoke against it."

The article quotes Lattuca as saying, "If Syracuse University decides to find a way to punish the students who created the SUCOLitis blog, they have every right to do so, and they're not going to be bound by the U.S. Constitution."

Lattuca reportedly said one blog posting on SUCOLitis described first-year law students as "especially slutty," and that the college should not have to wait until the blog becomes more offensive to take action.

"The thing about going too far is you haven't gone too far until it's too late," Lattuca was quoted as saying. "We don't look at these blogs and say 'Wow, this is wildly offensive' until something bad has happened."

That's right. Nip it in the bud. You take all male babies and ... well, nip them in the bud. Limbaugh has a term for that — castratee, a satirical variation on castrato, I assume.

The LGBT prof — yes, that stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, I assume — noted the suicide of the gay Rutgers student whose liaison was streamed on the Web, saying the blog might be a joke, but still had potential to harm.

Speech can hardly be free if it must be toned down till the most easily offended is satisfactorily unoffended.

Meanwhile, "The Trial" goes on.

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12 Responses to "Law school student on 'Trial' for harassment"

What constitution, shush, we make the laws and if you don't like it, well, let's just say, you better like it OR ELSE. Brown shirts everywhere rejoice in employment opportunities. Liberals act like nothing is wrong. Jefferson rolls in his grave. Is this the future? Just let me know. If you guys want the constitution to be a living document and flexible to your whim then, it is null and void as well as our government.

Written by: Deep.Thoughts on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010 at 8:18 AM -- [Report abuse](#)

So goes the PC drumbeat of the assault on free speech at this country's colleges and universities. Ironically, this mirrors the daily attack on our constitution by those elected to defend it.

Written by: Dave.Mogstad on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010 at 9:09 AM -- [Report abuse](#)

Syracuse, NY.... no surprise there. NY is as "progressive" as it gets. Beats CA easily.

Written by: xfmrhd on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010 at 10:26 AM -- [Report abuse](#)

I wonder why Mr. Mitchell and his fellow libertarians believe that

governmental rules (such as the First Amendment) should apply to a private institution. Does this mean that the First Amendment protects from punishment R-J employees who publicly make defamatory statements about their employer?

Written by: nypete on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010 at 10:59 AM -- [Report abuse](#)

@pete: The private university is not covered by the First Amendment, but perhaps they should read their own student handbook.

Written by: Thomas Mitchell on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010 at 11:16 AM -- [Report abuse](#)

@Nypete, are the students of Syracuse University College of Law to be considered employees? Really think about that before you answer.

Written by: Deep.Thoughts on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010 at 11:38 AM -- [Report abuse](#)

crickets....chirp,chirp

Written by: Deep.Thoughts on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010 at 4:08 PM -- [Report abuse](#)

Hey it is one less crook to get his license to steal. Whatever keeps more lawyers out of the profession is a win for everybody.

Written by: Jack.Sprat on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010 at 4:11 PM -- [Report abuse](#)

@Jack, that was out of left field.... pun intended.
500 lawyers at the bottom of the ocean? A good start.
3 lawyers up to their necks in cow pies? Not enough cow pies.

Written by: xfmrhd on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010 at 4:40 PM -- [Report abuse](#)

I believe the article is just pointing out the hypocrisy of saying in your handbook that you encourage free speech but clearly want to censor that encouragement if you don't like the message.

This continues to happen over and over in American history. Is it free speech or limited free speech? If it is limited free speech, is it still free speech? Is it justified to block someone from speaking out because you do not like the message?

Written by: Deep.Thoughts on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010 at 4:44 PM -- [Report abuse](#)

Deep: What Syracuse did, is no more or less than what this newspaper does everyday, and for that matter, every medium that exists; they publish what they like. Even if the university has a policy to "encourage" free speech, its no different than what anyone else practices. I don't understand the "outrage" by anyone here for that matter including the author.

Written by: Aformerrepublican on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010 at 7:15 PM -- [Report abuse](#)

It's rather obvious that few here understand the 'free' part of, Freedom of Speech.

Written by: Jerry.Sturdivant on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010 at 6:18 AM -- [Report abuse](#)

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