

FREE TO SPEAK

A Documentary Series with Nadine Strossen

Photos and Captions

Thought Police	
Lam Wing-kee	Lam Wing-kee shown operating his Hong Kong bookstore that sells literature outlawed by authorities in China.
Stasi Camera 1	Cameras and other surveillance technologies and techniques were used by the Stasi to spy on citizens of East Germany.
Lam Wing-kee 2	Hong Kong businessman and bookseller Lam Wing-kee, imprisoned for selling books not approved by the governing authorities of China.
Wiretaps	Wiretapping to spy on citizens was a common practice used in East Germany under the Stasi.
Stasi Camera 2	Camera used by East German Stasi during the Cold War to spy on its own citizens.
Lam Wing-kee	During a short visit to China, Lam Wing-kee was detained for selling books critical of the Chinese government.
The One True Faith	
Death of Socrates	The philosopher Socrates was put to death for discussing ideas that made Athenian citizens uncomfortable.
Encyclopedia	The Encyclopedia, a monumental endeavor of human progress, aimed to gather all of humanity's knowledge; however, its creation was seen as a direct challenge to established authorities, carrying the grave risk of imprisonment or worse
Cosmos	The Ptolemaic model of the universe reigned supreme for centuries, embraced by European intellectuals and the Catholic Church, until Galileo's scientific investigations raised compelling doubts about its accuracy.
Scopes Trial	Clarence Darrow and Williams Jennings Bryan debated over whether evolution could be taught in schools.
Encyclopedia - Wide	The Encyclopedia, a monumental endeavor of human progress, aimed to gather all of humanity's knowledge; however, its creation was seen as a direct challenge to established authorities, carrying the grave risk of imprisonment or worse
Freedom Flag	Although cherished by both Americans and Europeans, the perception of free speech differs significantly between the two.







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The Speech We Hate	
Rafiki	The celebrated film, Rafiki, was outlawed in Kenya for portraying a budding homosexual romance.
Rafiki 2	When Rafiki's director refused to change the film's ending, it was banned by Kenyan authorities.
Library Books	Controversy surrounds which books are carried in public school libraries.
Library Books 2	Debates persist over the extent to which parents and school administrators have the authority to ban books they consider inappropriate.
Library Books 3	How free speech applies to book censorship in public schools is an issue that has reached the highest court in the land.
2 Live Crew	The music of American hip-hop group 2 Live Crew was temporarily banned for obscenity.
Greek Actors	In ancient Greece, comedy served as a means of communicating uncomfortable truths without risk of punishment.
KKK Sculpture	The presence of obscenity in art presents challenging questions over the nature and limits of free speech.





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Lam Wing-kee shown operating his bookstore In Taiwan that sells literature outlawed by authorities in China.



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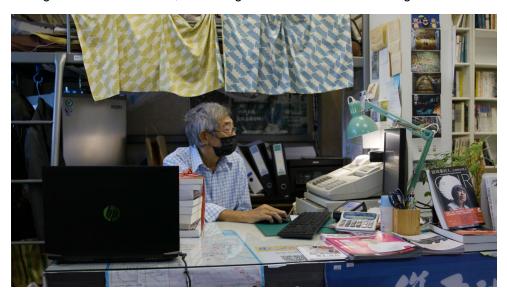


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Photo Credit: The Death of Socrates (1787) by Jacques-Lous David





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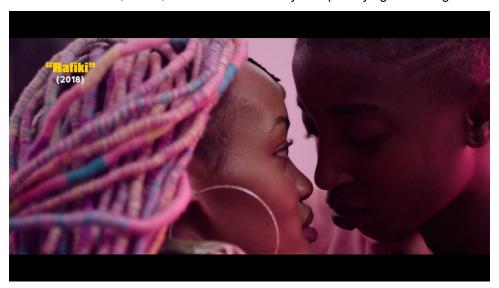


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