

## Censorship

- What is censorship and is it useful?

Censorship is the act of silencing or minimising the raw image/message provided by a person, place, or thing. Or the suppression of parts of books, news, etc that aren't politically acceptable or a threat to security. Censoring had been given a separate meaning in the modern word. Which is that anything and anybody with a different political party or opinion will be shut down and silenced. Or harassed until they give up on sharing their opinions. Censorship an introduction to the loss of free speech. It is something that has engraved itself into our society and created.

- Where is it seen in action?

Censorship is mostly seen in the media.

- Examples of censorship

Some modern day examples of it are cancel culture, The banning of Andrew Tate, and the silence when speaking about prescription drugs and their cost.

- Cancel culture

It has roots as early as 2010 and has maintained a mainstream appearance since then. Cancel culture is the way that the public takes away the platforms of celebrities, entertainers, and or other media users, based on their political stance, opinions, or social standing. Of course this self assigned power has made those who use it, drunk on it. It has become aligned with multiple different big topics in the modern day discussions. Completely removing discussion from the table and simply making people either align or be shunned by society at large. Many big social media stars have had to suffer that wrath of this ideology, such as Twitch streamer disguised toast, pokimane, Jidion, among many more.

- The banning of Andrew Tate.

First of all, who is Andrew Tate? Andrew Tate is your every day multi millionaire who has been the biggest topic in the media world. He is known for his "Radical ideas and beliefs". He had been branded a misogynist for these beliefs banned off of countless platforms, some which will surprise you. Tate claims to have been banned from Instagram, snapchat, youtube, tiktok, uber, and had his bank accounts frozen. This seems without a doubt extreme and incomprehensible. Social media platforms and other companies can now take away your ability to share your opinion to anyone if you do not align with their beliefs. And despite big media's claims, Andrew Tate is far from being a misogynist and many women and other people have come forward to prove it. I am not saying that I agree with this man and his idea, however, it is incredibly alarming when someone's freedom of speech is inhibited to this extent. You can catch an article about this which was done by NBC News on November 7th. Sung, Morgan.

Why has a lot of the younger generation been made to follow this ideal?

Yes, independent businesses have the right to decide a lot of their inner workings. Corporate companies do not have the right to silence people. Speech is every human's right and going against that means that you go against the government and its laws. This can be seen in an essay called Whose Free Speech by park.

The last question I would like to ask you all is, Should media companies be held responsible for censorship?