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University students walking on footpath in campus. PHOTO: ISTOCK/GETTY IMAGES

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In January of 2017, when the political controversy over Donald Trump's perplexing win over Hillary Clinton in the 2016 national election was at its peak, my professor began his political psychology course by asking the lecture hall [a series of questions]: . . . "Next, how many of you feel that liberals are safe walking across campus expressing their political views?" Every hand once again went into the air. "And how many of you feel that conservatives are safe to walk around campus expressing their political views?" The room filled with laughter as nobody raised their hand.

While most thought little of the exercise, this was one of the most frightening experiences I've had throughout my academic career. Here was an entire lecture hall of young adults laughing at the recognition of political suppression at a university founded on the principles of free thought and discourse.

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