

# WELLESLEY COLLEGE

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

## Social Media Policy Statement on Civil Discourse 05.25.17

Free expression is central to Wellesley College's mission and, more broadly, to a liberal arts education. Active, open, civil debate is essential to the exploration of new ways of seeing and thinking on Wellesley's campus. We believe Wellesley is enriched and made stronger by engaging with a wide variety of worldviews, opinions, and ideas, including voices that are often in the minority.

We maintain a policy that prohibits profane, threatening discussion or commentary that insults or attacks an individual or group by name or other clearly identifying characteristics. We will also filter out spam and any content that is obvious advertising.

Our policy will be to "hide," such content, making it visible only to the person who posted it and their online supporters. In cases where the commentary is deemed egregiously inappropriate, we will delete the content.

In addition, Wellesley upholds the Terms of Service standards administered by Facebook, which encourages all users to utilize the "Report" links for abusive content. <http://www.facebook.com/legal/terms>

Our motivation is to support free expression and stimulate robust discussion while discouraging misuse of our social media networks.

