

67 Percent Believe Free Speech Ensures Truth Eventually Wins

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Sixty-seven percent of Americans believe that freedom of speech ensures that the truth will eventually win out. According to a study by the <u>Cato Institute</u>, that figure includes 31 percent who strongly agree with that statement and 36 percent who somewhat agree.^[1]

Attitudes are similar across racial and partisan lines.

On a related topic, 66 percent say that "colleges and universities aren't doing enough to teach young Americans today about the value of free speech."

Also, 65 percent believe colleges should "expose students to all types of viewpoints" rather than prohibiting "offensive speech that is biased against certain groups."^[2]

Footnotes:

- 1. <u>Cato Institute</u>, "Cato Institute 2017 Free Speech and Tolerance Survey," accessed November 14, 2017
- 2. <u>Cato Institute</u>, "The State of Free Speech and Tolerance in America," October 31, <u>2017</u>