

Approaches to hate speech regulation

Traditional	Liberal
Law tries to insulate people's feelings from expression that offends them.	Law protects people from expression that incites actual violence (or discrimination, hostility).
Law sides with the majority, preserving mainstream culture and values.	Law protects marginalised minorities because they are more vulnerable.
Law protects the dominant religion's orthodoxy, punishing criticism and minority practices.	Law does not insulate ideas, religions or belief systems from criticism even if it is deemed offensive.
Regulation of extreme speech strives for order and the maintenance of the status quo.	Regulation of extreme speech strives for a balance between liberty and equality.
Social harmony is enforced by the state through law.	Social harmony is promoted informally through media, civil society and other opinion shapers.

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