

Journalism Ethics

**HATE**

# Hate Speech

- Speech that attacks a person or group
- Based on race, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, disability or gender
- Can be gestures, conduct, writing or displays
- Incites violence or prejudicial action
  
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
  - “Any advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence”

# First Amendment

- No blanket First Amendment exception to hate
- There are narrow exceptions
  - “Fighting Words”
  - True threats of illegal conduct
  - “Group Libel” – Statements that expose racial or religious groups to contempt or hatred
  - Hostile environment harassment law

# Problem Areas

- User-Generated Contempt Online
- “Newsiness” of Hate
- Dehumanized Communities
- Religious Hate
- Politicians Spouting Hate