



Beyond the Deliberation: **Resources for Continued Engagement on** ***Free Expression at Davidson***

One of the key deliberative dispositions that the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative (DCI) has identified is an “action orientation.” While dialogue and deliberation are themselves important contributors to a healthy democracy, they become even more valuable when they lead to shared agreement on key issues and an intentional commitment to take either individual or collective action on them.

Such action can come in a range of forms and should be broadly understood. It might involve issuing a set of recommendations or deciding to support a particular policy. It might also manifest as developing a better understanding of a topic, connecting with relevant local or national organizations, participating in continued discussions, or generating new approaches to engaging with the issue.

To support such an orientation, the DCI shares a series of “action pathways” through a sample of relevant organizations for participants to consider after each event or activity it sponsors. Please see the pathways below related to the topic of **Free Expression at Davidson**. Engaging in these activities is voluntary – participants are free to choose any of the pathways, or none. But we encourage you to at least consider them as options that can build on the conversation you just had with your fellow deliberative citizens.

Get Informed, Connected, and Involved Through...

National Organizations

1. Learn more about the relationship between [Academic Freedom and Civil Discourse](#) from the American Association of Colleges and Universities.
2. Explore the Council of Independent Colleges’ [Campus Free Expression Project](#) and its work to promote open discourse on college campuses.
3. See this report from the American Association of University Professors on [freedom of expression](#).
4. Read more about [free speech rights on college campuses](#) from the perspective of the American Civil Liberties Union.
5. Learn about [FIRE](#) and its efforts to promote free expression.
6. See this article from the Honor Society on college and university efforts to increase [inclusion of marginalized groups](#).
7. Read about the work being done by the [Heterodox Academy](#) to promote open inquiry.
8. Read about the process of [regulating hate speech on college campuses](#) in this article from the National Communication Association.

Higher Education Institutions

9. Learn more about the [Challenges of Ethically Regulating Free Speech](#) by reading this article published by the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.
10. Check out Harvard Graduate School of Education's [panel discussion about free expression on college campuses](#).
11. Watch this video of [Purdue University's Freedom of Expression Session](#) for incoming students.

Scholars, Foundations, and the National Media

12. Explore the [tensions between free speech and inclusivity experienced on many college campuses](#) in this article from the Associated Press.
13. Learn more about [student views on free expression](#) from this report by the Knight Foundation.
14. Check out this article by Professor Teresa Bejan at Oxford University in *The Atlantic* on [the two clashing meanings of 'free speech,'](#) or what the Greeks called *isegoria* and *parrhesia*.
15. Read this op-ed by Professor Eli Finkel at Northwestern University that argues for a [new paradigm for campus speech](#) that emphasizes both rights and responsibilities to counter the threats of silencing and polluting speech in the public square.

Davidson Perspectives

16. Check out different perspectives about free speech on Davidson's campus in two articles published in the Charlotte Observer [here](#) and [here](#).
17. Learn about the work of [Davidsonians For Freedom of Thought and Discourse](#).
18. Read about Davidson College's [Commitment to Freedom of Expression](#).

About This Guide

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The Deliberative Citizenship Initiative

The Deliberative Citizenship Initiative (DCI) is dedicated to the creation of opportunities for Davidson students, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the wider community to productively engage with one another on difficult and contentious issues facing our community and society. The DCI regularly hosts facilitated deliberations on a wide range of topics and organizes training workshops for deliberation facilitators. To learn more about these opportunities, visit www.deliberativecitizenship.org.

DCI Deliberation Guides

The DCI has launched this series of Deliberation Guides as a foundation for such conversations. They provide both important background information on the topics in question and a specific framework for engaging with these topics. The Guides are designed to be informative without being overwhelming and structured without being inflexible. They cover a range of topics and come in a variety of formats but share several common elements, including opportunities to commit to a shared set of Conversation Agreements, learn about diverse perspectives, and reflect together on the conversation and its yield. The DCI encourages conversations based on these guides to be moderated by a trained facilitator. After each conversation, the DCI also suggests that its associated Pathways Guide be distributed to the conversation's participants.

DCI Pathways Guides

For every Deliberation Guide, the DCI has also developed an associated Pathways Guide, which outlines opportunities for action that participants can consider that are related to the covered topic. These Pathways Guides reinforce the DCI's commitment to an action orientation, a key deliberative disposition. While dialogue and deliberation are themselves important contributors to a healthy democracy, they become even more valuable when they lead to individual or collective action on the key issues facing society. Such action can come in a range of forms and should be broadly understood. It might involve developing a better understanding of a topic, connecting with relevant local or national organizations, generating new approaches to an issue, or deciding to support a particular policy.

If you make use of this guide in a deliberation, please provide attribution to the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative and email dc@deliberativecitizenship.org to tell us about your event. To access more of our growing library of Deliberation Guides, Pathways Guides and other resources, visit www.deliberativecitizenship.org/readings-and-resources.