



What is the *real cost* of un-free speech?

Greetings!

First, a **big thank you** to all of you who donated on Giving Tuesday. I can't tell you how much those gifts are appreciated. The more robust our funding, the more we can support students in their efforts to bring informative, inspirational speakers to their campuses.

It is only getting more important that we do so.



A recent survey shows that for the first time, a **majority of physicians** are in favor of enacting some type of single-payer healthcare system. Whether or not this particular survey is accurate, it certainly reflects the growing opinion on medical school campuses. The AMA Medical Student Section is **pushing for a resolution** that rescinds the AMA position against single-payer. The American Medical Student Association has long been in favor of single-payer.

We cannot let these opinions go unopposed.

BRI is the only organization on medical school campuses that speaks out against more government control over U.S. medical care.

Even for medical students, speaking out can be extremely difficult. The environment for open dialogue and inquiry is becoming **more and more hostile** at our colleges and universities. Faculty are **increasingly politically liberal**. Millennials as a group value **"being respectful"** over free speech.



I recently watched an episode of the **Rubin Report** with free speech crusaders, **Prof. Jordan Peterson** and philosopher **Onkar Ghate**. Particularly insightful were Prof. Peterson's comments on the psychological and intellectual damage we do to ourselves when we fail to speak up out of fear of being judged stupid or evil. I strongly recommend watching it.

This episode sure was a great pep talk for me!

Speaking up in a way that invites meaningful discussion is and art and a skill. At our 6th annual student leadership conference this March, we are going to address this matter head on. Stay tuned!



Meanwhile - **watch the Rubin Report.** Gather your courage, your curiosity, and your compassion - and speak up for what you believe in. I wish you many fruitful, informative conversations!

WATCH THE RUBIN REPORT

In FREEDOM (of speech!),

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Haynes".

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