Recent events in Charlottesville, Virginia, raise the fundamental question of the extent to which long-standing First Amendment protection for hate speech should be revisited. Worldwide, there is a surge in racism, xenophobia, Islamophobia and anti-Semitism, and many of those close to political power are engaged in such expressions. The U.S. has robust protection for such speech, but some European countries do not. To what extent should the U.S. revisit its approach to hate speech?

This panel will explore this question as well as whether there are suitable alternatives that are better in this evolving political and technological landscape.

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