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Webinar: The state of free expression in the U.S.

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Dear Sarah,

As the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way institutions across society operate, free expression is as important as ever. This Tuesday, join Knight Foundation and Gallup for *First Amendment Disrupted? The State of Freedom of Expression in the U.S.*, a discussion on the future of freedom of expression in the U.S. and the state of free speech during the current crisis.

Sam Gill, Knight's senior vice president and chief program officer, will share relevant findings and observations from the third edition of a Gallup-Knight study on free speech on college campuses. Remarks by PEN America, panel reactions on the broader societal implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for free expression and audience Q-and-A will follow.

[*First Amendment Disrupted? The State of Freedom of Expression in the U.S*](#)

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

12 p.m. - 1 p.m. ET

Speakers:

Sam Gill, Senior Vice President and Chief Program Officer, Knight Foundation

Jonathan Friedman, Program Director, Campus Free Speech, PEN America

Mohamed Younis, Editor in Chief, Gallup

Reaction Panel:

(Moderator) Sanford Ungar, Director, Free Speech Project, Georgetown University

Jameel Jaffer, Executive Director, Knight First Amendment Institute, Columbia University

Ronald Crutcher, President, University of Richmond

Emily Chamlee-Wright, President and CEO, Institute for Humane Studies, George

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Gallup and Knight began surveying college students on First Amendment issues in the spring of 2016, repeating the survey in 2017 and 2019. This latest iteration finds that among today's college students, certain critical trends continue to hold true or deepen as students reconcile notions of both free speech and inclusivity.

We look forward to having this important conversation on free expression with you next week.

Thanks,

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