

# Free speech needs more method, less madness

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To me, any essay in defense of free speech cannot be anything but good. Just as a sculpture made of gold is a thing of value simply by virtue of preciousness of its material irrespective of its aesthetics and artistry, the subject – freedom of speech – confers instant value to any essay about it.

And yet, there is more than the worth of material that gives value to a work – be it a sculpture or an essay. Excellent as it is, the passionate defense of free speech against those who would stifle it, offered in the recent [“The Pitfall of Truth: Holy War, its Rationale and Folly”](#)