

TRUST in FREEDOM



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A four-part series exploring the level of trust in our basic democratic freedoms – to speak, to believe, to educate and to represent ourselves creatively.

PART 4:

Trust in Freedom to Express Belief: Where Does Belief Belong?

In the charged context of contemporary society, it is no longer clear whether we still trust in the freedom to express our beliefs. When, and in what ways, are we really free to express our spirituality? If freedom of belief is a fundamental legal right, then why is its expression limited from so many quarters? Should national security trump religious expression? Does multicultural inclusion lead to moral relativism and social disintegration? Is the display of traditional religious symbols offensive to those of other faiths? Where does belief belong in democratic society today?



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