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Free Speech

Truth is the cornerstone of a healthy democracy. But epsecially

* A democracy is only good as the people who make it up. And the people are doomed if they don’t have access to the truth.
  + Or
    - A democracy is only good as the people who make it up. And the people are not good if they don’t have access to the truth.
* Noam Chomsky – if you don’t support freedom of speech for those you are most opposed to, then you don’t support freedom of speech.
* The paradox of countering misinformation and disinformation with fact checkers
  + Who knows the truth
  + Who’s going to watch the watchmen
* Silencing the truth
  + Criticizing the Soviet Union
    - Silencing those who expose wrongdoings of the government
      * Snowden, Assange, Manning, and Hail
  + Iraq war
    - The government lying about the WMDs
      * This was the mainstream narrative which was seen as “correct”
        + To say Iraq didn’t have WMDs wasn’t the case
* No one with power should police speech
  + Including the government, corporations, or any other powerful institutions
* Freedom of speech entails more than freedom from the government policing ones speech