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Summary: Gen Z'ers – particularly those born since 2000 – are less likely to support free speech rights for three groups with controversial views than Boomers and Gen X'ers. Support of free speech rights for all four viewpoints steadily increased from the Greatest Generation (born 1900-1924) to the Silent Generation (1925-1945) to the Boomers. It then fell for racists but continued an upward trajectory for communists and militarists. Among Silents, Boomers, and Gen X'ers, liberals -- not conservatives -- were more likely to support free speech rights for racists. Then, beginning with Millennials and accelerating for Gen Z, the lines cross, with liberals becoming much less supportive of free speech rights for racists. Boomer and Silent liberals involved in the free speech movement at UC Berkeley in the 1960s fought for more free speech. Their Gen Z liberal grandchildren are fighting for less. Related: [Generation Z and the Transformation of American Adolescence: How Gen Z's Formative Experiences Shape Its Politics, Priorities, and Future](#) and [Gen Z Really Does Have a Work Ethic Problem and Teens, Social Media and Technology 2023](#)

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