Ethics in Technology

Freedom of Expression

Imagine you are part of a local social media group that dines at and discusses local eateries. After a group member has a poor experience with waitstaff at a restaurant, a few fellow group members decide that they will write scathing reviews of the eatery, despite never having dined there. They want to get others on board to ensure that the restaurant receives less business in the future. Consider how you would react to this. What types of ethical issues come into play when assessing freedom of expression?

At the end of this module, you will be able to answer the following questions:

- What is the basis for the protection of freedom of expression in the United States, and what types of expressions are not protected under the law?
- What are some key federal laws that affect online freedom of expression, and how do they impact organizations?
- What important freedom of expression issues relate to the use of information technology?

Chapter 5: "Freedom of Expression"



Essential Question:

How do I determine which freedom of expression issues affect the usage of technology?

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