

## DISPUTATION CXLI

November 12, 2015

Good-evening Peucinians,

I write this email with a beer in one hand, a bag of chips in the other, and a long night ahead of me. Yes, it's midterms, and all of us are busy writing papers, problem sets, presentations, and coping in whatever way we can. So given my current condition, forgive me if this email isn't as long or eloquent as the others - although I'm sure most of you don't have any objection to this...

### **RESOLVED: THE COLLEGE OUGHT RESTRICT IDENTITY DEMEANING SPEECH**

**Affirmative: Lucy Knowlton '16**

**Negative: Samuel Lewis '19**

This topic has been on everyone's minds recently, as social media has heightened our awareness of bias incidents across college campuses. Yet, don't let the #trending nature of tonight's disputation undercut the issues at hand. Here are some questions that you might ask yourself before coming to the table tomorrow night...

What are the limits the majority can impose on the individual and his freedom of expression? Is our right to free speech conditional? What protection ought the college afford those victim to identity demeaning speech?

Here is an excellent article (can you tell I'm tired?) - Thank you Dylan Devenyi for sharing this.  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/12/opinion/mizzou-yale-and-free-speech.html?smid=fb-ny-times&smtyp=cur&r=1>

**7:45 PM SHARP** Thursday November 12th  
Massachusetts Hall Faculty Room (Top Floor)  
Semi-Formal Attire

Sincerely,  
Αἴαντος

*Pinos Loquentes Semper Habemus*