



FREE TO SPEAK

A Documentary Series
with Nadine Strossen

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Nadine Strossen, host of the three-part public television documentary, *Free To Speak*, is the John Marshall Harlan II Professor of Law Emerita at New York Law School, past President of the American Civil Liberties Union (1991-2008), and a Senior Fellow with the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE). She is a leading expert and frequent speaker/media commentator on constitutional law and civil liberties.

“Free speech is currently embattled, all across the U.S. (and beyond), and all across the political spectrum,” said Strossen. “For many people who have the good fortune to live in societies where free speech is relatively secure—as in the U.S.—it’s too easy to take its benefits for granted and also to underestimate the dangers of censorship. *Free To Speak* should remind everyone of these important truths.”

Free To Speak integrates stories from around the world and throughout history to demonstrate the universal, eternal values of free speech. Strossen draws upon these diverse free speech controversies regarding religion, science, politics, academia, and the arts to show that free speech has been of urgent importance for people of all identities and ideologies and in all spheres of our lives. The three-part series will air on public television stations nationwide in fall 2023.

“We are honored to have Nadine host this important project,” said Rob Chatfield, president/CEO of Free To Choose® Network. “Her work with the ACLU, Academic Freedom Alliance, the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE), Heterodox Academy, the National Coalition Against Censorship, and as a law professor provides unparalleled expertise on the subject.”

The *National Law Journal* has named Strossen one of America’s “100 Most Influential Lawyers,” and several other publications have named her one of the country’s most influential women. Her many honorary degrees and awards include the National Coalition Against Censorship’s Judy Blume Lifetime Achievement Award for Free Speech (which will be presented in November 2023) and the American Bar Association’s Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award (2017). Strossen’s 2018 book *HATE: Why We Should Resist It with Free Speech, Not Censorship* has earned praise from ideologically diverse experts, including progressive Union Theological Seminary Professor Cornel West and conservative Princeton University Professor Robert George. *HATE* was selected by Washington University and Washburn University as their “Common Read” for all incoming students in 2019 and





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2022, respectively. Her earlier book, *Defending Pornography: Free Speech, Sex, and the Fight for Women's Rights*, was named a *New York Times* "notable book" of 1995, and will be republished with a new Preface in 2024 as part of the NYU Press Classics collection. In fall 2023, Oxford University Press will publish her book, *Free Speech: What Everyone Needs to Know* ®.

Strossen has made thousands of public presentations before diverse audiences around the world, including on more than 500 different campuses and in many foreign countries, and she has appeared on virtually every national TV news program. Her hundreds of publications have appeared in many scholarly and general interest publications.

Strossen graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Harvard College and magna cum laude from Harvard Law School. Before becoming a law professor, she practiced law in Minneapolis (her hometown) and New York City. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.



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