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About the Author

Greg Lukianoff is an attorney and president of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. His writings on campus free speech have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, and the *Washington Post*, in addition to dozens of other publications. A regular columnist for the *Huffington Post*, he is a frequent guest on nationally syndicated radio programs and has made numerous television appearances, including on the *CBS Evening News* and *Stossel*. He received the 2008 Playboy Foundation Freedom of Expression Award and the 2010 Ford Hall Forum's Louis P. and Evelyn Smith First Amendment Award on behalf of FIRE. Lukianoff is a graduate of American University and Stanford Law School.

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