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Freedom of Expression, the First Amendment and the Public University

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Who Is The Speaker?

- Public Citizen
- University Employee
- Faculty Member
- Student
- Speakers Invited by the University

Where Is The Expression Occurring?

- Public Forum
- Designated Public Forum
- Nonpublic Forum

What Is Being Expressed?

- Political or Religious Speech/Matters of Public Concern
- Symbolic Expression
- Academic Freedom
- Commercial Speech

What About Hate Speech?

In the United States hateful speech is fully protected by the First Amendment.

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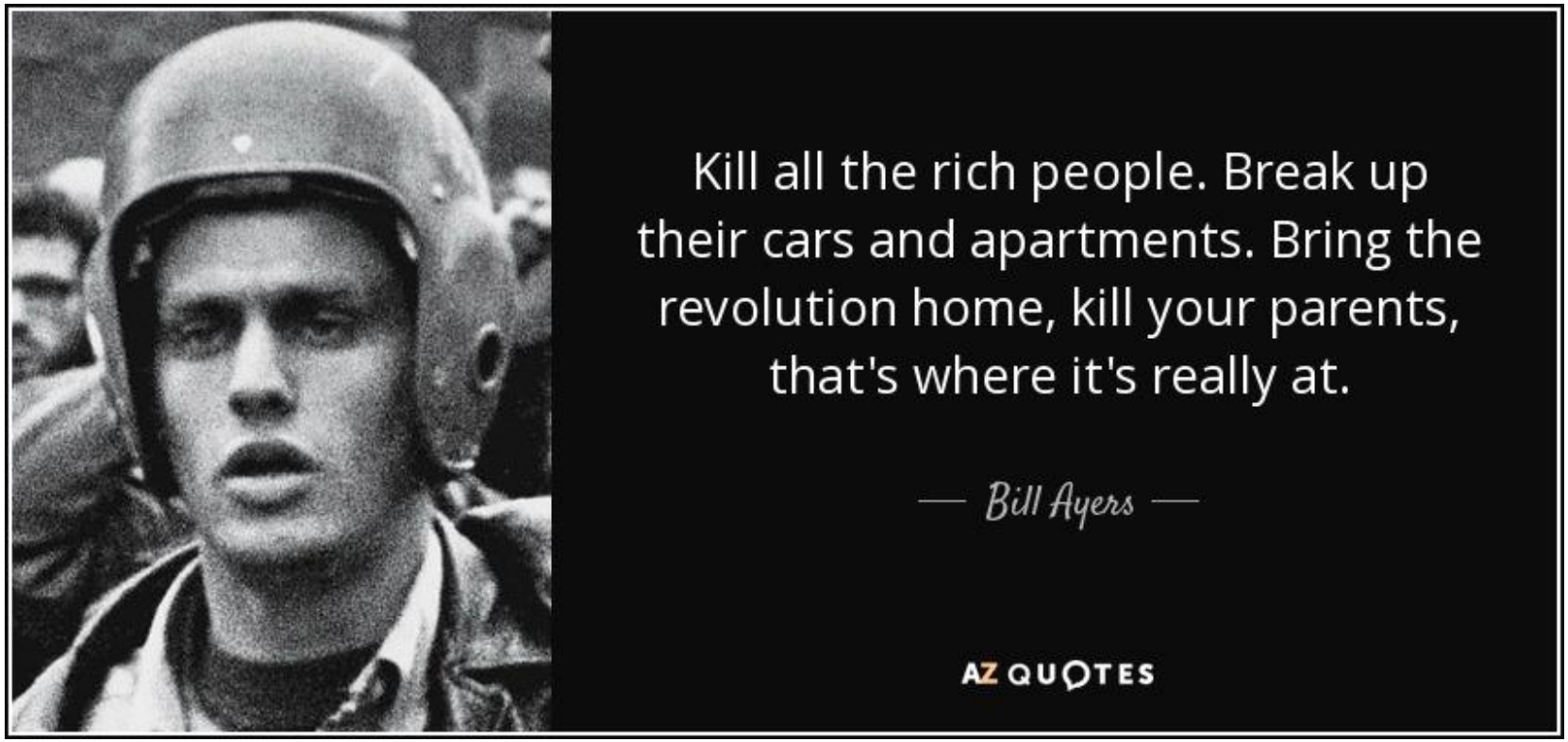
Kill all the rich people. Break up their cars and apartments. Bring the revolution home, kill your parents, that's where it's really at.
— Bill Ayers —
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Limitations On Free Speech

- Speech that incites actions that would harm others
- Making and distributing obscene materials
- Reasonable Time Place and Manner Restrictions

Questions?