

As it is for all American citizens, my free speech is protected. As a professor following the longstanding tradition of inquiry by intellectual giants who challenged the claimed shape of the earth, Euclidian geometry, and the validity of tri-tones and parallel fifths, I possess the right and duty to question anything and everything. Thus, when a foreign head of state invites American children living in their nation to attend a Christmas celebration at that nation's most important political edifice, I consider that a classy move. Our American children were not required or coerced into attending. Due to the current political climate – because it was Mr. Putin who made the invite – some have deemed that comment hate speech. My comment stands and is anything but hateful.

When one responds to a comment demanding the baseless impeachment of President Elect Donald J. Trump, an ironic and likely baseless response alternatively suggesting the impeachment of someone whose birth certificate has been carefully studied by experts and deemed a forgery numerous times, that statement is described as racist. Challenging common and unconfirmed beliefs is not racism.

Lastly, as a citizen and professional, my assessments regarding the professionalism, ability, or lack thereof of any commentator or performer are as valid as are anyone else's in my field. Like millions upon millions of Americans, personal experience suggests that American news media is today biased and highly suspect. Consequently, while I am sorry if anyone was offended by my Constitutionally protected exercises of free speech and inquiry, I do not apologize for exercising my rights. Moreover, I retain and will fully exercise the right to pursue legal action against anyone slandering me or attempting to subvert the Constitutional rights of people because their beliefs are not in lockstep with a mob. This proud citizen of our free society will not cower or be silenced by mob retaliation attempting to forbid the exercise of Constitutionally protected rights.

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