

Student Sample B

Grade 7 Argument Writing Performance Task: Social Media

Should Social Media Place Greater Limitations on Free Speech?

I think that some certain things should be unable to be written/said, but if you put a lot of limitations on what people can and cannot say then it is taking away the right of free speech. But I do still agree that some things should not be said, such as threats that could potentially harm the public of who ever it was directed to. Some other things that should not be communicated is between organized criminal organizations, they should not be allowed to communicate through social media because of the potential risk of evil planning that maybe harm the public.

But in some situations I think there is too much limitations on free speech, such as the case of the girl who posted something on facebook “saying her hall monitor was ‘mean’”, she had to turn over her facebook account to the administrators with a “sherriff’s deputy present” as written in the second source for both quotes. I highly disagree with this because she made the post outside of school and she got suspended for something that was a mere opinion, they took away her right to free speech and forced her to give personal account information to them.

I does agree with the statement from source 2 that states “students do not shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate” meaning they don’t lose this right as soon as they go to school, I agree with this because I think that no matter where you are you should be able to say whatever you want with slight limitations on violence or threats, so I also think that in the Mary Beth Tinker article, she should not have been forced to take off the arm band because the school was trying to take away the right to free speech, which is why I disagree with it.

In conclusion I think that there should be some limitations on free speech but only when it could potentially harm the public, but I also think that schools cannot be able to take away the right to free speech in or out of school, but thank you for reading my essay, I hope you enjoyed and you understood my opinions and how I illustrated them.