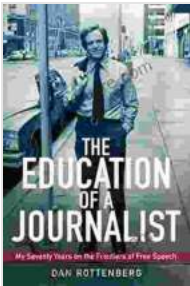


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I've been fighting for free speech for seven decades. It's been a long and winding road, but I wouldn't trade it for anything. I've seen the best and worst of humanity in my time, and I've learned a few things along the way.

I've learned that free speech is essential to a free society. It's the foundation of our democracy, and it's what allows us to hold our government accountable. Without free speech, we're nothing more than sheep.

I've also learned that free speech is not always easy. It can be dangerous, and it can be costly. But it's worth it. It's worth fighting for, even when it's hard.

In this article, I'm going to share my thoughts on the importance of free speech, the challenges it faces today, and the lessons I've learned along the way.

## **The Importance of Free Speech**

Free speech is the cornerstone of a free society. It allows us to express our thoughts and ideas without fear of reprisal. It's what allows us to challenge the status quo and hold our government accountable.

Without free speech, we would be living in a very different world. We would be living in a world where the government could control what we say and think. We would be living in a world where dissent is silenced and independent thought is punished.

That's why free speech is so important. It's what protects our other freedoms. It's what allows us to live in a free and democratic society.

## **The Challenges to Free Speech Today**

Free speech is facing a number of challenges today. One challenge is the rise of political correctness. Political correctness is a form of censorship that seeks to silence speech that is deemed to be offensive or harmful.

Another challenge to free speech is the growth of social media. Social media platforms have become powerful tools for both good and evil. They can be used to spread information and connect people, but they can also be used to spread misinformation and silence dissent.

Finally, free speech is also being challenged by the government. The government has a long history of trying to suppress speech that it deems to

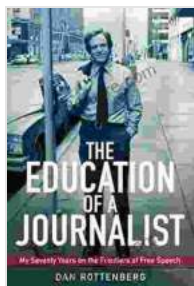
be dangerous or subversive. This is a dangerous trend, and it's one that we must all be vigilant against.

## The Lessons I've Learned

I've learned a few things in my seventy years of fighting for free speech. Here are a few of the most important lessons:

1. Free speech is not absolute. There are some limits on what can be said. For example, we cannot incite violence or threaten national security.
2. Free speech is essential to a free society. It's the foundation of our democracy, and it's what allows us to hold our government accountable.
3. Free speech is not always easy. It can be dangerous, and it can be costly. But it's worth it. It's worth fighting for, even when it's hard.

I've been fighting for free speech for seven decades, and I'm not going to stop now. Free speech is essential to a free society, and it's worth fighting for. I hope that you'll join me in the fight to protect free speech.



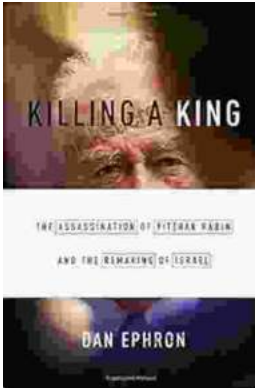
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