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## **Civil Liberties Code**

Antioch College, as an educational institution, is dedicated to the search for truth and to the development of individuals for their roles in society. This educational function demands a community in which mutual tolerance and understanding flourish. It depends upon freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom to assemble, freedom of conscience and opinion, the right of members to the same freedoms that all citizens have in carrying beliefs into action, the right of privacy, and the right to fair hearings. We regard these as fundamental necessities of genuine education, individual worth and dignity, and democratic government. The nature of the Antioch College community demands these freedoms and obligates its members to maintain them in practice and to observe the responsibilities that go with these freedoms in all phases of the Antioch College experience.

1. Community members, individually and in groups, shall be free to state and discuss their opinions openly. They shall be free to publish and to distribute their own publications, posters, and handbills.
2. Community members shall have the right to free association with individuals or groups and the right to organize and conduct their own meetings.
3. Community members and recognized groups shall be free to invite speakers of any persuasion to campus.
4. Community members shall be free to reach, hold, and state their own beliefs: religious, moral, political, economic, and educational.
5. Entirely consistent with the openness of the Antioch College community is its respect for privacy. In addition to public communication, there must be confidential communication, which may be regarded as privileged.

6. Community members shall have the right to take lawful social or political action to express or further their beliefs.
7. Community members shall have the right to participate in groups for the purpose of furthering their beliefs. While such groups shall not be required to furnish lists of their membership or participants, the openness of the community requires that there shall be no secret organizations, and the welfare of the community requires that it know at all times the responsible leaders of all groups that use campus facilities.
8. Individuals and groups, in the exercise of civil liberties, are expected to act in accordance with community standards and are accountable to the Antioch College community for their actions.
9. Community members and groups shall have the right to fair hearings at all levels of the community's due process.

When a person joins the Antioch College community, they implicitly agree to abide by community agreements, whether or not they concur fully with them, as long as the agreements are in place.