

Prohibition, as a form of prior restraint of speech, precludes the opportunity for conversation, discussion, and learning around whatever the subject matter may be. The Salem Witch Trials in the Massachusetts Bay Colony applied a similar prohibition against those who were identified as witches by the community. These persons were tried, and executed, frequently by forced immolation, based solely upon the claims of others. There was, in fact, no defense against being a witch, just as there is no defense against being a symbol of hate.

Let us learn from the mistakes of our past.