

The Zen of Tolerance

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1. **freedom of speech:** You are entitled to voice your opinion.
2. **freedom from noise:** You are not entitled to force it upon everyone.
3. **freedom from harassment:** You are not entitled to force it upon a subgroup repeatedly. You are not entitled to force your opinion upon someone if you are part of a group and each of you wants to do it.
4. **freedom from injury:** You are also not entitled to hurl hate towards participants or traumatize them, since that would disrupt communication.
5. **freedom to unsee:** If you cannot stay respectful and friendly after being asked to, I will unsee you and advise others to do the same with a clear and brief explanation, so they can take an informed decision.

I will use [technical means](#) to realize the Zen of Tolerance.

The Paradox of Free Speech

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Constant outrage disrupts communication. As does constant mocking.

This is the paradox of free speech: your freedom of speech is worth as much as mine. It ends where it impedes on mine. And vice versa.

Realizing the Zen of Tolerance

In [Freenet](#), FMS and the WebOfTrust plugin implement a technical method which can be used to realize this. The Federation [is also experimenting](#) in this space.