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Speech First Condemns Biden's Title IX Rule Changes that Chills Free Speech

Washington, D.C. (March 6, 2023) – Today, the Executive Director of Speech First Cherise Trump outlined how President Biden and his Department of Education's proposed rule changes for [Title IX](#) coerce and compel speech.

[Cherise Trump](#), Executive Director of Speech First, issued the following statement:

"President Biden and his Department of Education are exacerbating the free speech crisis on college campuses across this nation by [throwing out the Davis standard](#), which defines harassment as "severe, pervasive, *and* objectively offensive." This would leave students open to severe punishment under Title IX policies for actions as innocuous as asking someone out on a date or not using their pronouns. By redefining harassment more broadly than the *Davis* standard and including gender identity into Title IX, Biden and his Department of Education are undermining Supreme Court decisions and eviscerating the value of the rule. These policies will kill free expression and open discourse on campuses nationwide. In order to achieve a worthwhile education, students must be able to express their thoughts and opinions, no matter without fear of reprisal from the university or the state."

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