

I disapprove of what you say,  
but I will defend your right to say  
till death.

## Outline

### 1- Introduction

**Thesis Statement:** Having difference of opinion and right to express ones thoughts are essential elements of a peaceful society. However, it must not exceed its limits/boundaries.

### 2- Breakdown of the Phrase: I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend your right to say till death.

(i) Meaning of "I disapprove what you say"

(ii) Meaning of "I defend your right to say till death"

### 3- How difference of opinion may be manifested?

(i) It can be manifested through print or mass media or writings.

For example: Hamdard, Comrade, and

Tahzeeb-ul-Akhlaq magazines by Moina Mohammad Ali Johar and Sir Syed Ahmed Khan respectively

(i) Right to dissent is not absolute.

Case in Point: Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes quote "freedom of expression does not allow one to shout fire in a crowded theater"

4- Significance of the Disapproval and the Tolerance of the Disapproval  
"Right to dissent and obligation to tolerate the dissent"

(i) It encourages peaceful coexistence.

Case in Point: Chastet of Madras

(ii) It fosters religious tolerance.

Evidence: "For you is your religion, and for me is my religion", Al Quran.

(iii) It helps in scientific advancement

For Instance: Galileo discovered the earth's revolution around the sun, dissenting against the ancient idea of a stationary

solid system.

(IV) It acts a catalyst for democracy.

For Example: Martin Luther King role toward a more democratic and equitable nation.  
\* French Revolution.

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(V) Difference to opinion through dissent helps clarify different aspects of problematic issues.

Case in point: Process of US Constitution making

(VI) It acts as a check on the state's abuses of power

Example: Edward Snowden

(vii) Dissent restrain a society from  
corruption and ineptitude.

Case Study: Watergate Scandal (Freedom  
of press) 1972-1974

(VIII) It secures human right.

For Instance: The United Nation  
Universal Declaration and Article 19  
of Pakistan Constitution.

(viii) It is a source of free flow of information and ideas.

Case in Point: Global Scientific Community

## 5- Harm of Cursing Dissent

It results in the rise of oppressive and totalitarian regimes.

Case Study: Nazi Germany under Hitler  
The National Fascist Party under  
Mussolini regime.

## 6- Conclusion

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# Introduction

During the civil rights movement in the 1960s, a young African American woman named Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white man on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. This seemingly ordinary act of defiance became a catalyst for the Montgomery Bus Boycott, sparking a wave of protests against racial segregation. Rosa Parks' steadfast refusal to comply with an unjust norm echoes the profound impact that individual action has on the broader struggle for justice and freedom of expression. It was one way Rosa Parks expressed her dissent; however, it can be manifested via writing, paintings or speeches but not at expense of peace. Dissent is crucial in human society because it promotes peaceful co-existence. It is a catalyst for democracy and inventions in scientific field. It not only secures human fundamental rights but also prevents dictatorship. Last but not the least dissent works as a check and balance mechanism in any society. Therefore, having difference of opinion and right to express one's thoughts

are essential elements of a peaceful society. However, it must not exceed its limits.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, dissent is a necessary factor for a peaceful co-existence in a society. Further, dissent must be contained within its boundaries. Even history has portrayed that societies where dissent is censored are degraded.

It is the dissent that leads to the peaceful flow of ideas among people which ultimately results in resolving issues and prosperous society. Moreover, many developed nations have acknowledged this notion, as depicted by UN and United Nations Universal Declaration.

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# buffer Paragraph/Crunch Paragraph

From the term "I disapprove what you say" means difference of opinion. It is not necessary to comply with others ideas. Two persons can have ~~diff~~ antithetical ideas towards a point. The term "I defend your right to say till death" means that one person should tolerate other view points and respect other ideas too. This freedom of expression is not only essential for democratic society and its progress ~~but also~~ it is also essential for every man and women development. Freedom of expression includes any form of communication that is capable of conveying meaning. For example besides including words; it is used for pictures, images, sounds, non-verbal communication etc. Nevertheless, right of expression may be subjected to some restrictions for respect of rights of other or other values. All major human rights treaties protect this right: article 10 of the European Convention of Human Rights, article 19 of international covenant on civil and political rights, article 13 of the American Convention on Human Rights, and article 19 of the Pakistan Constitution.