

# The Case of the Cursing Cheerleader

IMPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT SPEECH ON AND OFF-CAMPUS

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## Setting the Stage

- ▶ *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District*
- ▶ *Bethel School District v. Fraser*
- ▶ *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier*
- ▶ *Morse v. Frederick*

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# Tinker

- ▶ Material and substantial disruption
- ▶ More than a mere desire to avoid discomfort or unpleasantness



# Bethel School District v. Fraser

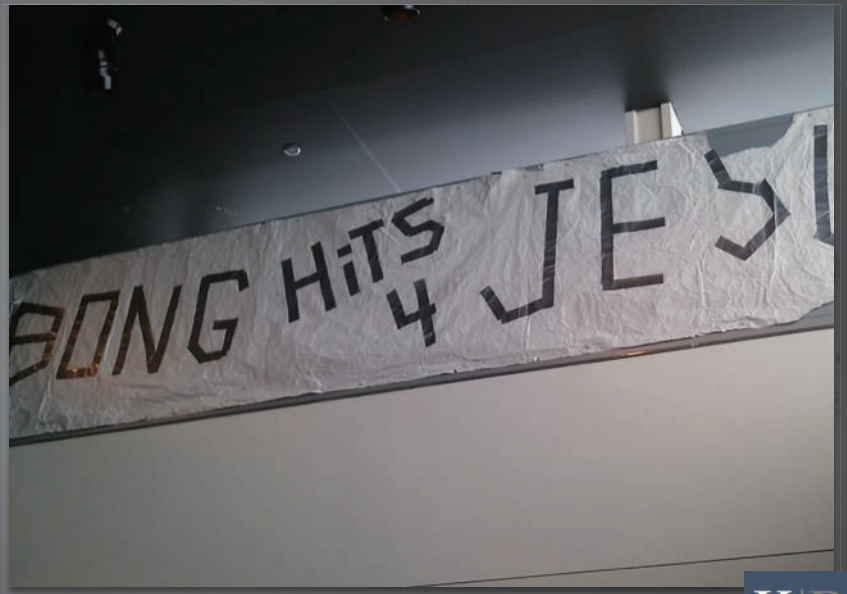
- ▶ Students' free speech rights are not "automatically coextensive with the rights of adults"
- ▶ Obscenities and vulgar language = not okay during an assembly

# Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier

- ▶ School officials can exercise, "editorial control over the style and content of student speech in school-sponsored expressive activities so long as their actions are reasonably related to legitimate pedagogical concerns."

# Morse v. Frederick

- ▶ Schools may regulate student speech at school-sponsored events when that speech promotes illegal drug use



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