In future, even beyond the Muslim world, I believe it will be the abuse of freedom that fuels debate. Indeed, in many areas people defend the principle of freedom to a point where freedom tends to become depravity, permissiveness and disrespect. At that point, Islam says "no." [2]

I am suggesting that freedom of expression is an incomplete value unless it is used honourably, and that the obligations of citizenship in any society should include a commitment to informed and responsible expression. [7]

Frankly, this so-called freedom of the press has reached a state of such licence that virtually anything can be printed. [6]

Freedom must not be allowed to degenerate into license, whether in universities or in society as a whole. When it has so degenerated, it has invariably destroyed the very civilisations which gave it birth. [5]

A passion for justice, the quest for equality, a respect for tolerance, a dedication to human dignity... constitute what classical philosophers - in the East and West alike - have described as human "virtue" - not merely the absence of negative restraints on individual freedom, but also a set of positive responsibilities, moral disciplines which prevent liberty from turning into license. [1]

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[1] School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, Commencement Address (Columbia, USA) 15 May 2006
[6] India Today Interview, Aroon Purie (India) February 1989
[8] Vancouver Sun Interview, Don Cayo (Toronto, Canada) 28 November 2008