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Cancel Culture

Read: [What College Students Really Think About Cancel Culture \(The Atlantic\)](#)

What it's about:

Cancel culture is a concept that triggers an immediate reaction. Some see it as “consequence” culture where the appropriate accountability is given to groups that have historically avoided such consequences. Others view it as a tool to avoid free expression of ideas that aren't mainstream or “woke enough.” This article does a deep-dive into how Americans as a whole - and college students in particular - are navigating this hot-button issue.

Why it's important:

Social media and partisan politics can often make it seem as though all of American culture is utterly hostile to ideas different from their own. However, while elements of that phenomena have some truth - what is playing out on many college campuses & in fraternity chapters is more complex than that. Diving into the multiple facets at play can help to form a common definition of what Cancel Culture means, build the recognition that every person has the capacity for growth, and affirm that some words and actions have appropriately negative consequences.

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Reflect & Discuss:

- Has the fear of cancel culture kept you from expressing questions, thoughts, or opinions to others? If so, discuss the situation and content.
- What positive effects on our society has Cancel Culture had, if any? What negative effects has Cancel Culture had on our society, if any?
- How does your chapter balance creating an inclusive space for people with varying perspectives, while also having honest, complex dialogue about tough issues?

Want to learn more?

[A glimpse at how Americans view cancel culture](#)