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Thatcher condemns Antifa shutting down Free Speech at PSU

SALEM, Ore.--In response to a College Republican meeting being shut down by Antifa, state Sen. Kim Thatcher, R-Keizer, released the following statement:

"These shut down tactics of intimidation and 'resistance' politics should never be tolerated. What we see in Oregon, and really across the United States, is a double standard where conservatives are not even allowed to exercise Free Thought, while the Left is allowed to exercise Free Action, even committing violence.

"What I witness playing out disturbs me not only as a conservative, and as a lawmaker, but as a mother and as a citizen. Our state's supermajority party ought to do better to police their own and formally condemn Antifa.

"Instead of chilling Free Speech and Free Thought, we should be chilling violence and intimidation tactics. Every day there is an example of left-wing activists claiming they feel 'threatened' or 'unsafe' simply for others expressing opinions they do not like.

"Semantic misappropriation and distortion of truth has clouded reality and my fear is that we continue to march down this road.

"Look at where we are now, where will it take us?"

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