

“Self-Censored” (Documentary)

Nine students with a **Christian** background are gathered in **Vienna** to talk about their experiences in **university** or school.

The **freedom to express** our beliefs freely and publicly is one of the cornerstones of a **democratic society**. Unfortunately, recent studies show that the phenomenon of **self-censorship** (the fear of sharing an opinion due to social or practical consequences) is negatively **affecting** different groups of **society** (religious and non-religious people alike). We believe it is crucial to **raise awareness** about this problem to avoid its normalisation.

The Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians (OIDAC Europe) has produced a documentary about **self-censorship** among **Christian university students in Europe** and its effects on **freedom of speech**!

The film discusses how **freedom of speech** is affected when universities fail to arrange a neutral space for **open discussions**. The goal is to **inspire a spirit of mutual respect** towards different world views and religions.

This project leads to reflections on **Christianity**, society, freedom of speech, polarisation, social media, and many other topics. The students also share their ideas on how to **encourage open conversations** and mutual respect among groups of individuals holding different opinions and beliefs.

OIDAC Europe is a registered nongovernmental organisation in Austria and a member of the Fundamental Rights Platform of the EU-Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA). Its mission is to contribute to a Europe where Christians may fully exercise their fundamental rights to freedom of religion, conscience, expression, and association, without fear of reprisals, censorship, threats or violence.



Languages

- English
- German

Subtitles

- English
- German
- Spanish

Length

40 Minutes

Watch on YouTube (English):

<https://youtu.be/CD3EJnDlbRk>

Watch on EWTN (German):

<https://mediathek.ewtn.tv/sendung/self-censored-dokumentation>

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