



FREEDOM OF ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL EXPRESSION

GROUP #2 – POTUZHNI

PRESENTATION

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OUR AGENDA

1. “What is freedom of academic and cultural expression?”

**2. The problem we are
working on**


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4. Cases

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What is freedom of academic and cultural expression?

Academic and cultural expression refers to the freedom to explore, create, and share ideas within educational and cultural contexts. This includes the right to teach, research, publish, and participate in academic and artistic activities without undue interference, and the freedom to express oneself through various forms of cultural expression.





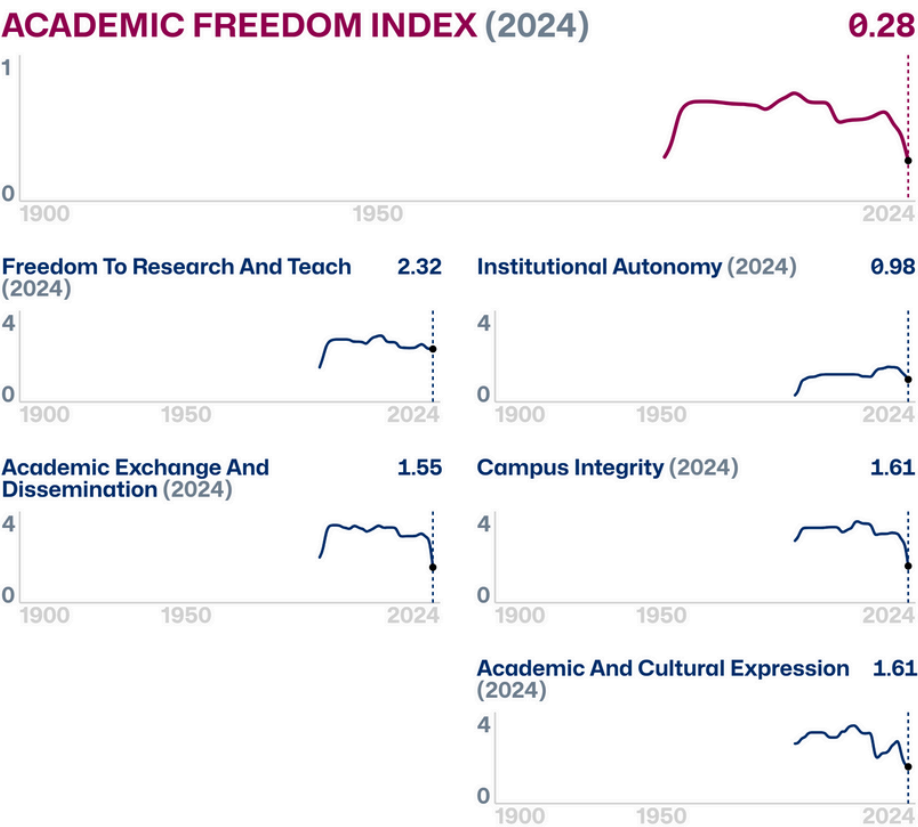
The problem we are working on

**The level of the Freedom of Academic
and Cultural Expression is declining
throughout the world.**



Academic and Cultural Freedom Index – Ukraine

Ukraine



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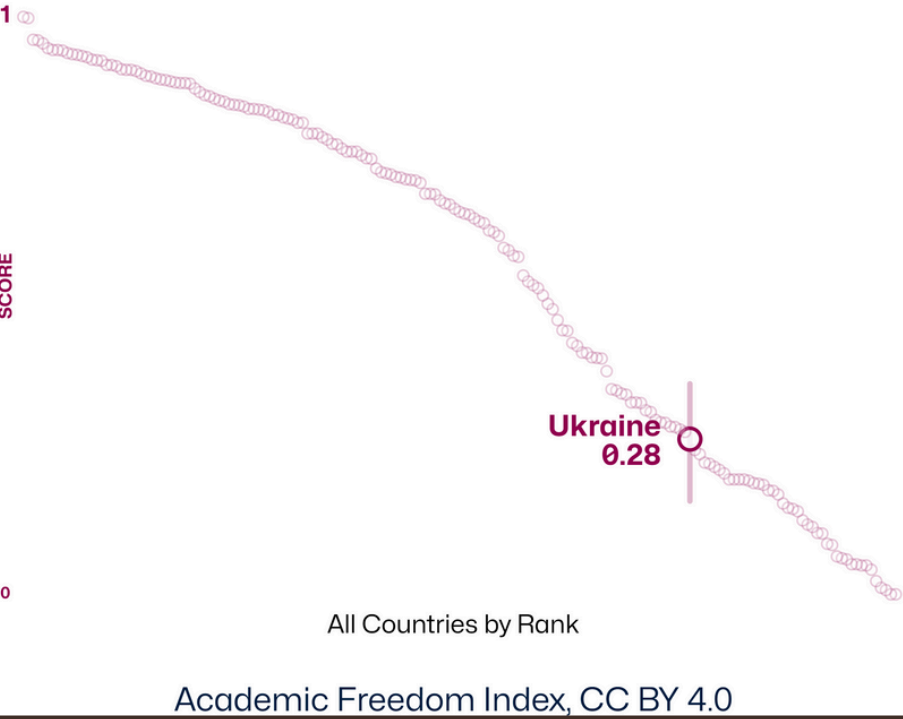
Ukraine

ACADEMIC FREEDOM INDEX (2024)	0.28	⬇️
Freedom To Research And Teach:	2.32	➡️
Academic Exchange And Dissemination:	1.55	⬇️
Institutional Autonomy:	0.98	➡️
Campus Integrity:	1.61	⬇️
Academic And Cultural Expression:	1.61	➡️

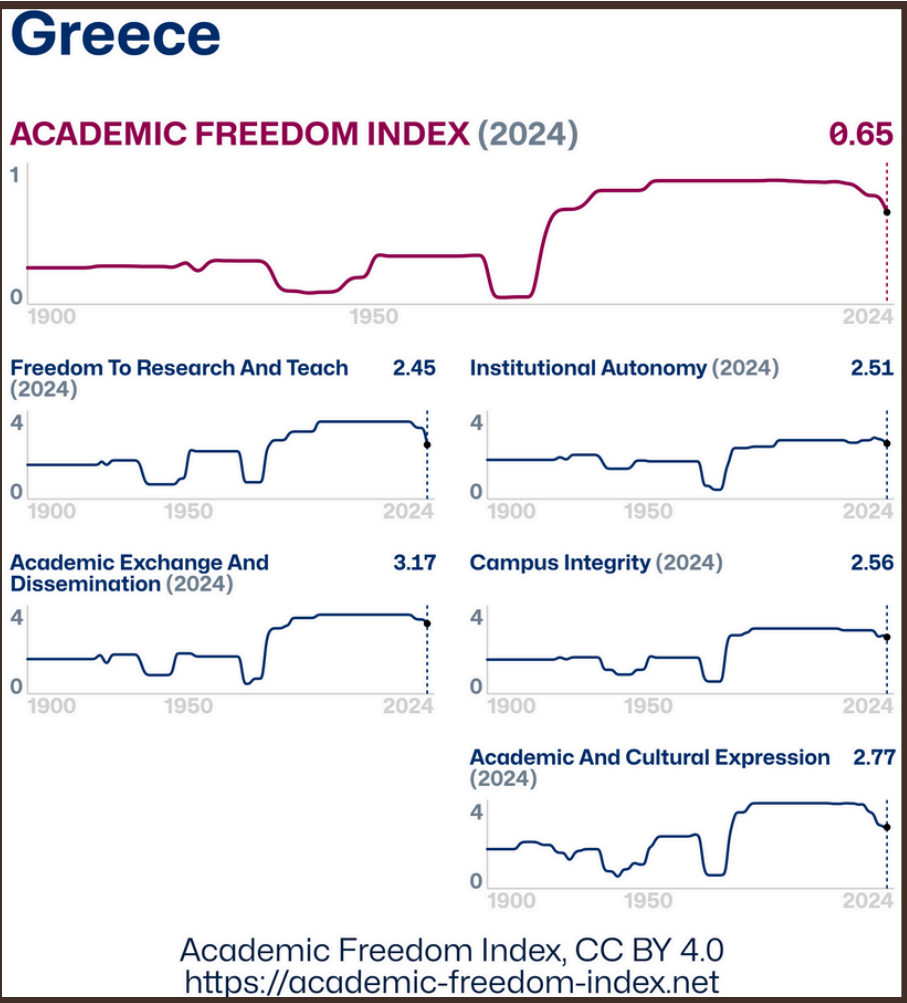
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Ukraine

CROSS-COUNTRY COMPARISON (2024)
Variable: Academic Freedom Index



Academic and Cultural Freedom Index – Greece



Greece

ACADEMIC FREEDOM INDEX (2024)	0.65	⬇️
Freedom To Research And Teach:	2.45	⬇️
Academic Exchange And Dissemination:	3.17	➡️
Institutional Autonomy:	2.51	➡️
Campus Integrity:	2.56	➡️
Academic And Cultural Expression:	2.77	⬇️

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Greece

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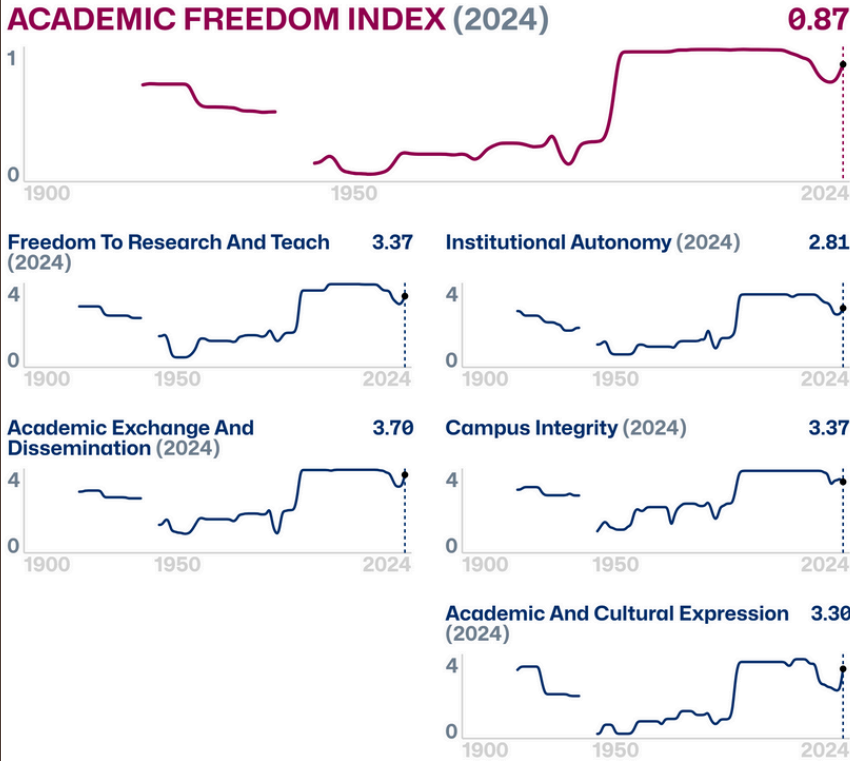
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Academic and Cultural Freedom Index – Poland

Poland



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Poland

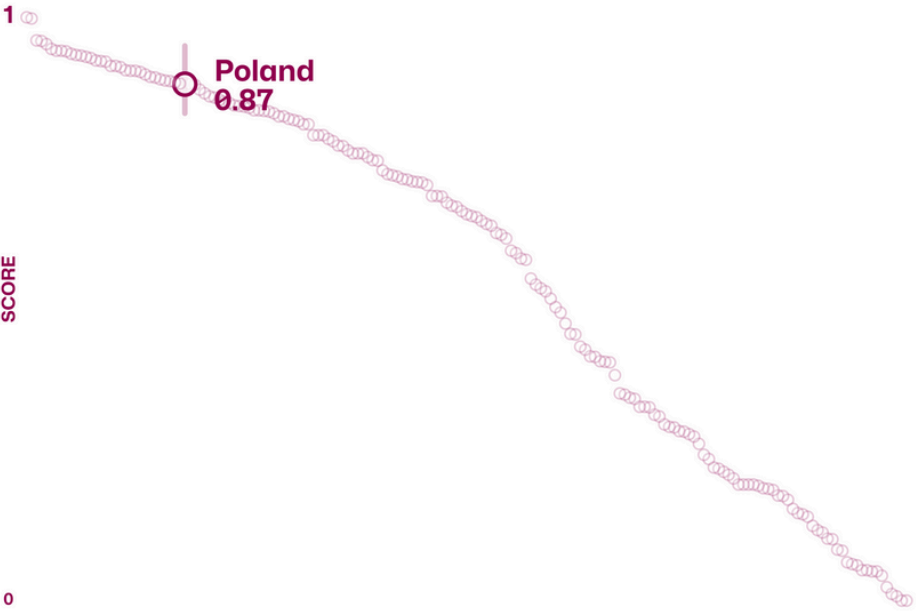
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Freedom To Research And Teach:	3.37	⬇️
Academic Exchange And Dissemination:	3.70	➡️
Institutional Autonomy:	2.81	⬇️
Campus Integrity:	3.37	⬇️
Academic And Cultural Expression:	3.30	➡️

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Poland

CROSS-COUNTRY COMPARISON (2024)

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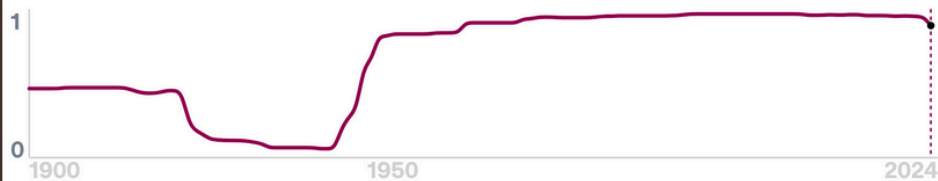
All Countries by Rank

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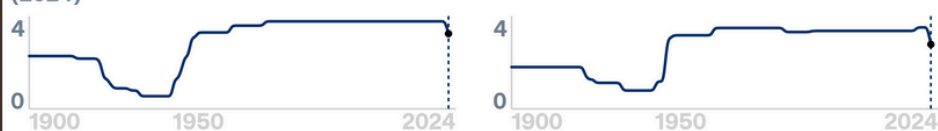
Academic and Cultural Freedom Index – Italy

Italy

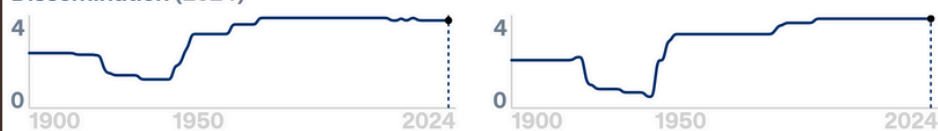
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Freedom To Research And Teach (2024) 3.24 Institutional Autonomy (2024) 2.78



Academic Exchange And Dissemination (2024) 3.78 Campus Integrity (2024) 3.85



Academic And Cultural Expression (2024) 2.91



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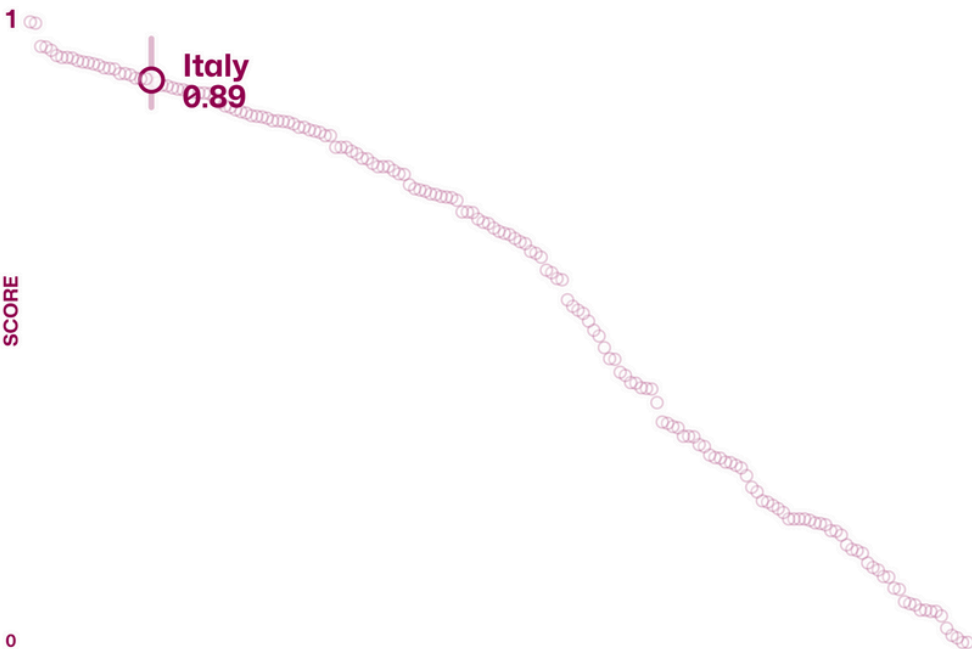
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Campus Integrity:	3.85	➡️
Academic And Cultural Expression:	2.91	⬇️

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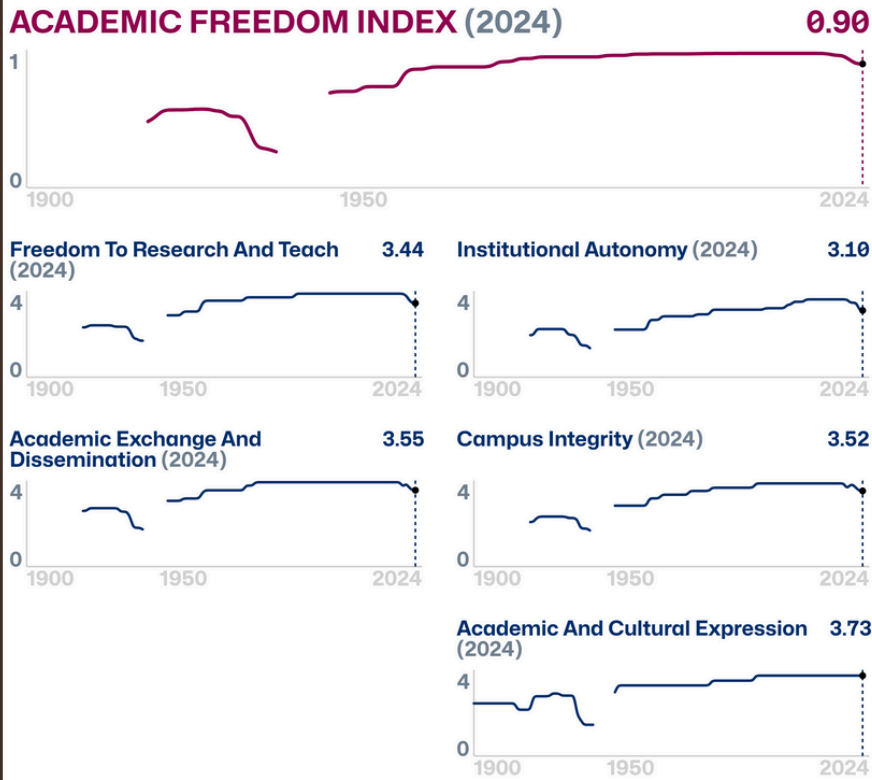


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Academic and Cultural Freedom Index – Austria

Austria



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Austria

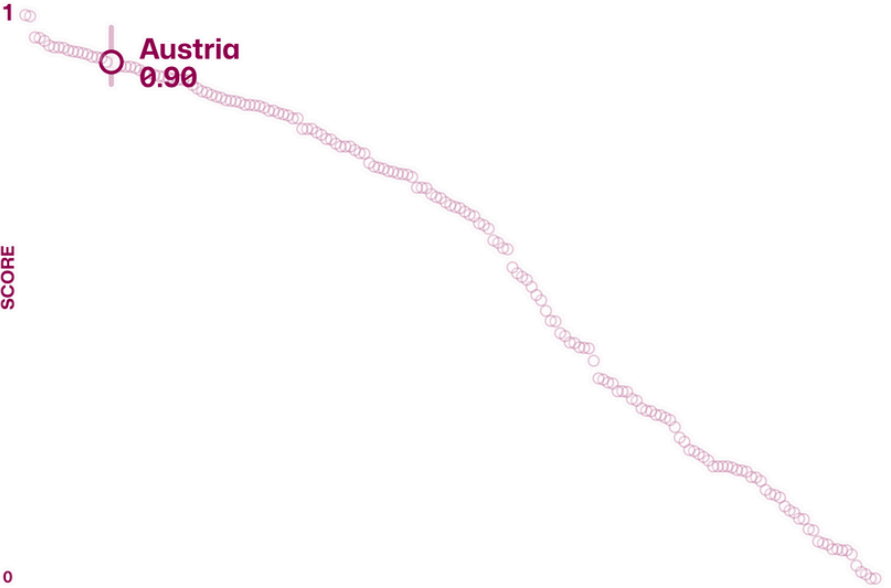
ACADEMIC FREEDOM INDEX (2024)	0.90	⬇️
Freedom To Research And Teach:	3.44	⬇️
Academic Exchange And Dissemination:	3.55	⬇️
Institutional Autonomy:	3.10	⬇️
Campus Integrity:	3.52	⬇️
Academic And Cultural Expression:	3.73	➡️

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Austria

CROSS-COUNTRY COMPARISON (2024)

Variable: Academic Freedom Index



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Cases – Greece – University Police

PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 53/2022

Government Gazette 132/A/7-7-2022

Establishment, organization, operation, regulation of personnel matters, and other issues of the University Institution Protection Teams (U.I.P.T.). Amendment of provisions of Presidential Decree 178/2014 "Organization of Hellenic Police Services" (A'281) and Presidential Decree 7/2017 "Restructuring – reorganization, establishment, and operation of regional services of the Hellenic Police" (A' 14).

University Police was abolished in 2023, just a year after its establishment, due to major protests from students and the public.

<https://www.e-nomothesia.gr/kat-astynomikos-astynomia/idrysi-leitourgia-uperesion/proedriko-diatagma-53-2022-phek-132a-7-7-2022.html>


Cases: Ukraine

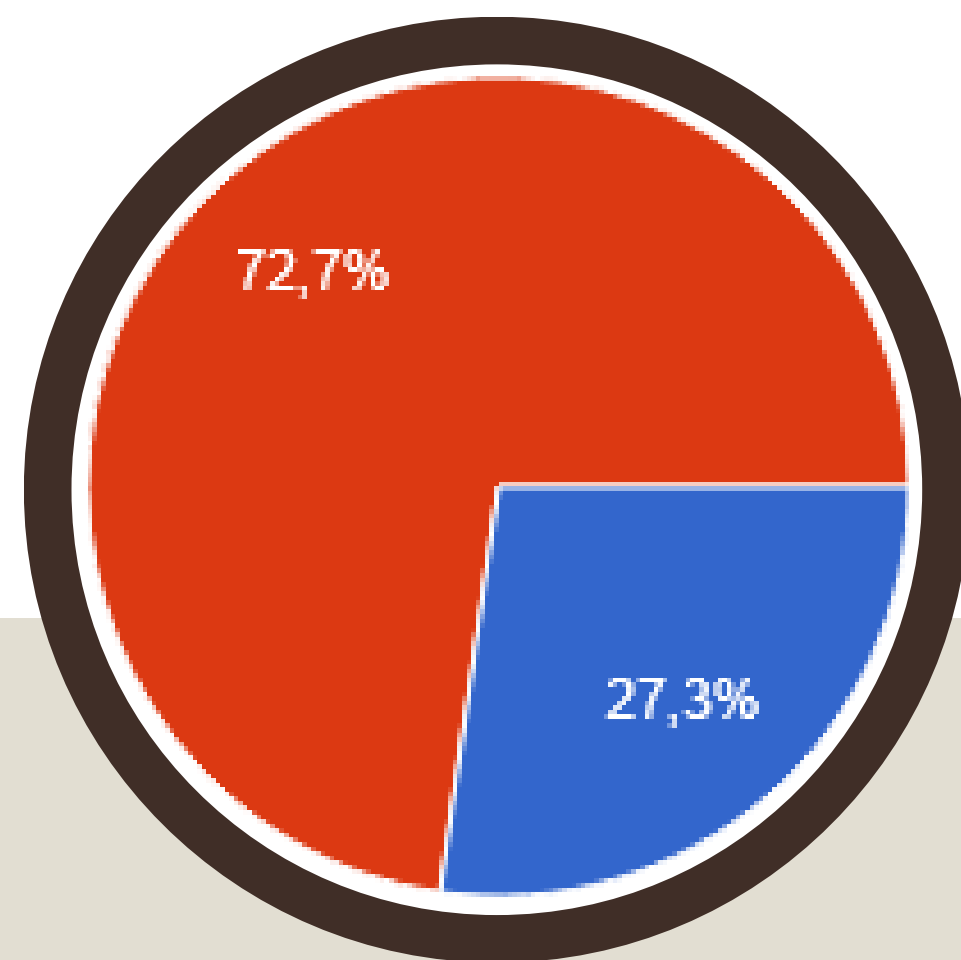
In 2014, following the Euromaidan Revolution and the outbreak of war in eastern Ukraine, a philosophy lecturer at V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University reported facing **pressure and harassment from colleagues and university administration for expressing pro-Ukrainian views**. At a time when tensions were high and political divisions ran deep, his civic stance was not only unwelcome but perceived as threatening by some within the academic community.

In 2019, a group of students at Lviv Polytechnic National University attempted to organize an event dedicated to International Women's Day, which included lectures and a feminist performance highlighting gender inequality. However, the university administration prohibited the event, **stating that it was too political in nature**. The cancellation of the event was seen by many students and activists as an unjustified suppression of important social discourse.



Questions for the interviews

- **What do you think should be improved in Universities in order to promote Freedom of Academic and Cultural Expression?**
 - **Have you ever experienced difficulties with cultural expression or felt a lack of academic freedom at your university? Please share your experience.**
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Have you ever experienced difficulties with cultural expression or felt a lack of academic freedom at your university?

NO
YES

Our statistics

(current results)

My professors are really open minded and I have never experienced fear or lack of academic freedom.

I love my uni! UAM is really cool, however, it lacks more events for people, who speak no Polish. And some people express very controversial opinions, which may lead to bad stuff

In a discussion regarding a political matter I felt like my classmates silenced my opinion without this being extreme as I was talking with facts.

I can say that I have felt and still feel a lack of effective communication between Polish students and international ones. The university doesn't really take an active role in promoting different cultures. Of course, there is no discrimination, but there is also not enough engagement.

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