

New Year, Old Threats

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In many states this month marks the beginning of a legislative session. For lawmakers and advocates alike, the next few months will be one of the busiest times of the year. The Free Exchange on Campus Coalition will be closely monitoring statehouses around the nation for new attacks on academic freedom and the free exchange of ideas.

This year legislation similar to Horowitz's "Academic Bill of Restrictions" has been introduced in West Virginia, Missouri, and Indiana. While these bills purport to promote "intellectual diversity," they instead seek to put restrictions and limits on what can be taught in college classrooms. Thankfully none of these initiatives have yet to even be given a hearing in committee. Of course the Coalition will be watching them, and any other threats that arise, to ensure that none of these bills is adopted.