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## **“Project Censored’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - The Global Crackdown on Free Expression”**

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**“Be Bold America!” **Airs June 19, 2026 at 5:00pm (PT)****

In this interview, on the global crackdown of free expression, Dr. Steve Macek from North Central College in Illinois will discuss his work to combat the growing attacks on free speech and academic freedom in the U.S. and around the world.

Over the past decade, free speech and academic freedom have faced a synchronized, global decline. This erosion is not limited to traditional autocracies; it has increasingly taken route within established liberal democracies – most notably, right here in the United States. The threats manifest in two primary ways: external political and legal coercion (*from governments and lawmakers*) and internal culture pressures (*leading to self-censorship and polarization*).

Tune in to “Be Bold America!” on Friday, June 19 at 5:00pm to learn how restrictions on free expression mirrors a country’s broader shift toward authoritarian governance.

**Interview Guest:**

[Dr. Steve Macek](#) is a professor of communication and chair of the department of communication and media studies at North Central College in Illinois. He teaches courses on the First Amendment, journalism history, media policy, media, criticism, and urban studies. Dr. Macek is the author of *Urban Nightmares: The Media, the Right, and the Moral Panic over the City*, that is a critical analysis of media discourse about American cities. His ads, commentaries and articles on censorship, academic freedom, media regulation and politics have been published in a wide range of newspapers, magazines, and websites.

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