In “When Can Free Speech be Restricted in the United States”, the authors explore the legal limits of free speech and the implications that free speech protections have in the context of the recent Charlottesville rally.

The authors begin the article by examining whether the first amendment protects hate speech (it does) and illustrates this with example and expert opinion.

After this, the authors analyze how the Brandenburg case limits speech that could lead to “imminent lawless action” and gives more examples and a piece of expert opinion to clarify this idea.

The authors follow this up by showing how the government does have some leeway to place some restrictions of speech when it pertains to a protest or rally by applying this idea to the context of the Charlottesville rally.

Finally the authors consider how Charlottesville might have changed how the government approaches free speech issues, suggesting that perhaps more limitations will be put on free speech rallies in the future.