



## Free Jimmy

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Last [Friday](#) (and [Saturday](#)), we supported the right of ABC's corporate leaders to ignore bullying comments by Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Brendan Carr and produce the late-night show, "Jimmy Kimmel Love!" to their heart's content.

I'm happy to [hear](#) that ABC will bring Kimmel back tonight.

Not glad because I like him or will watch his show. I don't. I won't. I'd cancel him were it up to me. But freedom's tops, so I get especially jazzed when people stand up to demand it.

And concerned when those in power attempt to take it away.

The very potent public backlash against the idea that ABC was muscled by the Trump administration into suspending Kimmel's show is why it has returned. That's a healthy sign of our political culture. Plus, take note that this pushback against the FCC chairman and President Trump hasn't come just from the Left but also, as *The Wrap* [reports](#), from many prominent [conservatives](#) including "Tucker Carlson, Ben Shapiro and Ted Cruz."

What Kimmel alleged — that the murderer of Charlie Kirk was somehow MAGA — was not only "without evidence" but clearly contradicted by the evidence. As well as being asinine on its face. And more than a bit callous.

Still, freedom of speech means the freedom to say what you think, no matter how boneheaded, whether those in power like it or not.

Sinclair Broadcast Group, owner of the largest chain of ABC affiliates, has already [announced](#) that its stations will not be airing Kimmel's program. As is their right.

Stick with freedom of speech, Mr. President. For all.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.