Freedom of speech has long been a core value of the liberal democracies, and nowhere has it been more strongly protected than in the United States, with its constitutional First Amendment prohibiting government, but not private sector entities,  from abridging freedom of speech or expression.

**Peter Baldwin** asks how effective this protection remains with the rise of digital media dominated by a handful of corporations with near monopoly dominance, and able to arbitrarily censor anything appearing on their platforms—a power ironically protected by the First Amendment. Could a class action legal case just launched change this situation?