

**Questions on Cancel Culture (Applebaum, Douthat, BBC, WaPo)**

1. Applebaum thinks cancellation (as she describes it) is bad, but what is the problem? Am I not free to avoid talking to you or associating with you, even if you've done nothing wrong? Isn't a company free to fire its "difficult" employees who make others feel uncomfortable, if it chooses? (Note that in the US much employment is "at will," meaning the employer need not have a "just cause" to fire you.) How would Douthat answer these questions?
2. "Applebaum overlooks the difference between government and private sanction. If a government throws you in jail without due process, you have no remedy. If Company Z fires you without due process (but in fact you did nothing wrong and are a good employee), another company will see your value and hire you. So there's no need to get all up in arms about 'cancellation.'" How do you think Applebaum would respond?
3. Is it worth getting worked up about who our public schools are named after? (Two kinds of people get worked up: those who want to change the names, and those who are upset that the names are being changed.)

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