

'Missed A Video' Summaries

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BREAKING NEWS VIDEO

Alastair Stewart presents the Briford News. The top story is that a writer called Judy Wycroft has been invited to take part in an event at Briford University. Judy's latest book sparked outrage for its arguments suggesting that white people deserve better treatment than other people in the UK. Some students and local people are shocked and angry that Judy Wycroft has been invited. Should Briford defend open debate or protect their community from abusive speech? The decision will be made by the Burnet News Club.

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AHMET

Ahmet is a journalist and free speech campaigner from Turkey. He lives in Briford with his wife and children. He used to work at a newspaper in Turkey but he had to flee to the UK when several of his colleagues were arrested and put into jail because of articles they had written. Ahmet says freedom of speech is under threat in Turkey and he doesn't want to see the same happening in Briford. Ahmet disagrees with Judy's viewpoint but thinks that stopping her from speaking would be censorship, which is when you stop, or don't allow, something to be heard, seen or read. He says that unless what someone is saying is illegal then they should be allowed to say what they want.

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PROFESSOR JOHNSON

Professor Johnson works at Briford University. She is the head of the Engineering Department and she organised the debate that Judy has been invited to take part in. Professor Johnson says that universities have a duty to promote free speech and that they have a responsibility to help students expand their thinking by exposing them to arguments they don't agree with. She thinks that the best way to deal with arguments you disagree with is to challenge them in a proper public debate because the best arguments will win out.

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KATE ALLAN

Kate Allan is the Member of Parliament for Briford. She has lived in Briford all her life and now represents her community. Briford University is one of the top universities in the country and Kate is worried that letting Judy speak will make it seem like her views are legitimate and so should be trusted and listened to. If Judy shares a stage with world leading experts then the audience might also think her views are normal or even acceptable. She also says that Judy doesn't back up her arguments with reason or evidence and won't engage in a proper debate, so it's not worth letting her come to the event.

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KENNY

Kenny is a student at the university. He has taken a year off from his studies to be the university's welfare officer. In this role he has to look after the wellbeing of the students. Kenny has organised a protest to demonstrate against Judy speaking at the university. He is worried that Judy's words could cause psychological and physical harm. He thinks her words are dangerous, threatening and will make students feel unsafe. And he worries that allowing Judy to speak could spark action and put students' physical safety at risk too, like when Donald Trump was elected in the US and there were more attacks against minorities.

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FINAL VOTE

In a Briford News Bulletin, Alastair Stewart announces that it's time to vote and that the Burnet News Club's decision will be final. The club has to decide: should Briford defend open debate or protect their community from abusive speech?

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THE RESULTS

RESULT 1: Let Judy speak at the event

In a Briford News Bulletin, Alastair Stewart announces that the Burnet News Club has voted to allow Judy to speak at the event at Briford University. Journalist Ahmet says that he is pleased with the result.

RESULT 2: Drop Judy from the event

In a Briford News Bulletin Alastair Stewart announces that the Burnet News Club has voted to stop Judy speaking at the event at Briford University. Briford MP Kate Allan says that she is pleased with the result.

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