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<b>Fecha del incidente</b> <b>Date of incident</b>	Enero 28, 2022 January 28, 2022
<b>País</b> <b>Country</b>	Estados Unidos de América United States of America
<b>Institución</b> <b>Institution(s)</b>	Collin College
<b>Descripción</b> <b>Description</b>	<p>El 28 de enero de 2022, los funcionarios del Collin College informaron a Michael Phillips, profesor de historia y estudioso de las relaciones raciales, que su contrato no se renovarían, aparentemente debido a sus comentarios públicos y privados sobre cuestiones como la retirada de las estatuas confederadas, el tiroteo masivo en El Paso y la gestión de la universidad de la pandemia de Covid-19.</p> <p>Según una demanda presentada el 8 de marzo de 2022 por Phillips, que está representado por la Fundación para los Derechos Individuales en la Educación (FIRE), el Collin College le ha sancionado en varias ocasiones por ejercer su libertad de expresión. Las acciones disciplinadas incluyen la coautoría de una carta abierta de académicos pidiendo la retirada de las estatuas confederadas en agosto de 2017, la entrevista con el Washington Post en relación con el tiroteo masivo en El Paso en agosto de 2019, la publicación de críticas a la respuesta del Collin College al Covid-19 en su página personal de Facebook en junio de 2020 y agosto de 2021, y la sugerencia durante una de sus clases de que los estudiantes consideraran llevar máscaras en septiembre de 2021, algo que la escuela había prohibido.</p> <p>A pesar de que la Asociación Histórica del Este de Texas nombró a Phillips "Educador del Año" y de que un consejo de profesores recomendó que se renovara su contrato, se le comunicó a Phillips que el presidente de la universidad había aprobado su no renovación el 28 de enero de 2022 y, más tarde, ese mismo día, se le entregó una notificación por escrito. Otros dos ex profesores del Collin College han presentado demandas similares por represalias contra la libertad de expresión, mientras que otro ha hecho públicamente acusaciones similares contra la universidad, pero no ha recurrido a la justicia.</p>



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	<p>*****</p> <p>On January 28, 2022, Collin College officials informed Michael Phillips, a history professor and race relations scholar, that his contract would not be renewed, apparently due to his public and private commentary on issues such as the removal of Confederate statues, the mass shooting in El Paso, and the college’s handling of the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>According to a lawsuit filed on March 8, 2022 by Phillips, who is represented by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), Collin College has disciplined him on several occasions for exercising his freedom of expression. The disciplined actions include co-authoring an open letter of academics calling for the removal of Confederate statues in August 2017, interviewing with the <i>Washington Post</i> regarding the mass shooting in El Paso in August 2019, posting criticism of Collin College’s Covid-19 response on his personal Facebook page in June 2020 and August 2021, and suggesting during one of his classes that students consider wearing masks in September 2021, which the school had prohibited.</p> <p>On August 31, 2021, two administrators informed Phillips that they were not recommending the renewal of his contract and he consequently filed a grievance against his non-renewal, which was denied in December. Despite the East Texas Historical Association naming Phillips “Educator of the Year” and a faculty council recommending that his contract be renewed, Phillips was told that the college’s president had approved his non-renewal on January 28, 2022 and later that day he was provided a notice in writing. Two other former Collin College faculty have filed similar lawsuits for retaliating against free speech, while another has publicly made similar allegations against the college but has not sought legal recourse.</p>
<p><b>Fuentes Sources</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.texastribune.org/2022/03/08/collin-college-free-speech-lawsuit/">https://www.texastribune.org/2022/03/08/collin-college-free-speech-lawsuit/</a>  <a href="https://www.thefire.org/cases/collin-community-college-district-history-professor-fired-for-talking-about-history-criticizing-the-colleges-covid-19-">https://www.thefire.org/cases/collin-community-college-district-history-professor-fired-for-talking-about-history-criticizing-the-colleges-covid-19-</a></p>



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