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### SAAS Statement in Defense of Academic Freedom

The Spanish Association for American Studies (SAAS) is an association that, as stated in its by-laws, aims to promote and encourage the study of all areas of American Studies, assisting individuals and groups in developing their work and sharing their cultural and scientific interests. This goal also guides the cultural and intellectual policy of the Association and its attempt to redefine and understand the interdisciplinary character of these studies in Spain.

SAAS is an independent non-governmental association dedicated to studying the United States, and as such, we believe that the integrity of cultural and scientific knowledge should be preserved and promoted. Critical thinking is crucial for the development of any society. We believe in the freedom to develop research, share ideas, and also to disagree. It is our duty, as academics, to exercise critical thinking in a safe environment.

For SAAS, the United States is a nation whose people, culture, and history hold significance and deserve our attention. We believe that free speech and academic freedom are foundational values in any institution of higher education. Any threat to these freedoms must be condemned. We want, therefore, to uphold these shared values with the universities, educational institutions, and colleagues in the U.S., and convey to them that, from Spain, we stand with them in the defense of critical thinking, academic freedom and respect for human rights.

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