CONNECTICUT FREE SPEECH KERFUFFLE

Actions have consequences. This bubble map shows how one event can lead to another. What do you think might happen next?

The ribbons may be allowed back up. Allowing free speech via the ribbons means officials must allow all types of free speech.

People could put up other ribbons, signs, or posters on the trees.

The trees could become damaged by signs.

The park could become less attractive due to the clutter of signs.

Fewer people may want to visit the park.

Businesses in the area may lose revenue due to fewer customers.

Some people may move away due to financial reasons.

The signs might advocate for things you agree with, like cleaning up litter. Or they might support a political candidate you don't like.

Some may find the signs offensive and not visit the park.

Locals and visitors could consider and talk about other opinions.

Some people may change their minds about certain issues.

People could cause strife due to ideas they don't like. Some may argue online or in person.

The sign-posters could get more support for changes they want.

Some people may enlist more support for their causes, leading to practical changes like organizing litter pick-ups or electing a certain official.

Some residents protest.

Some residents may get so mad that they cause damage to town property or issue threats to officials.

The town may incur more expense to fix damage or hire security.

The town might raise taxes to cover costs.

Residents' costs go up due to increased taxes.

Some people may move away due to financial reasons.

The officials may keep the ribbons off the trees.

Some residents put ribbons on their own properties and businesses.

Permanent messages are not allowed on the trees.

The trees stay healthier.

The town green looks neater.

The conflict attracts news coverage. Reporters come to town.

News coverage adds pressure to the conflict—both sides attract support to their causes.

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What do you think comes next?