



# Tips for Managing Today's College Classroom



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# Evolution of the College Classroom



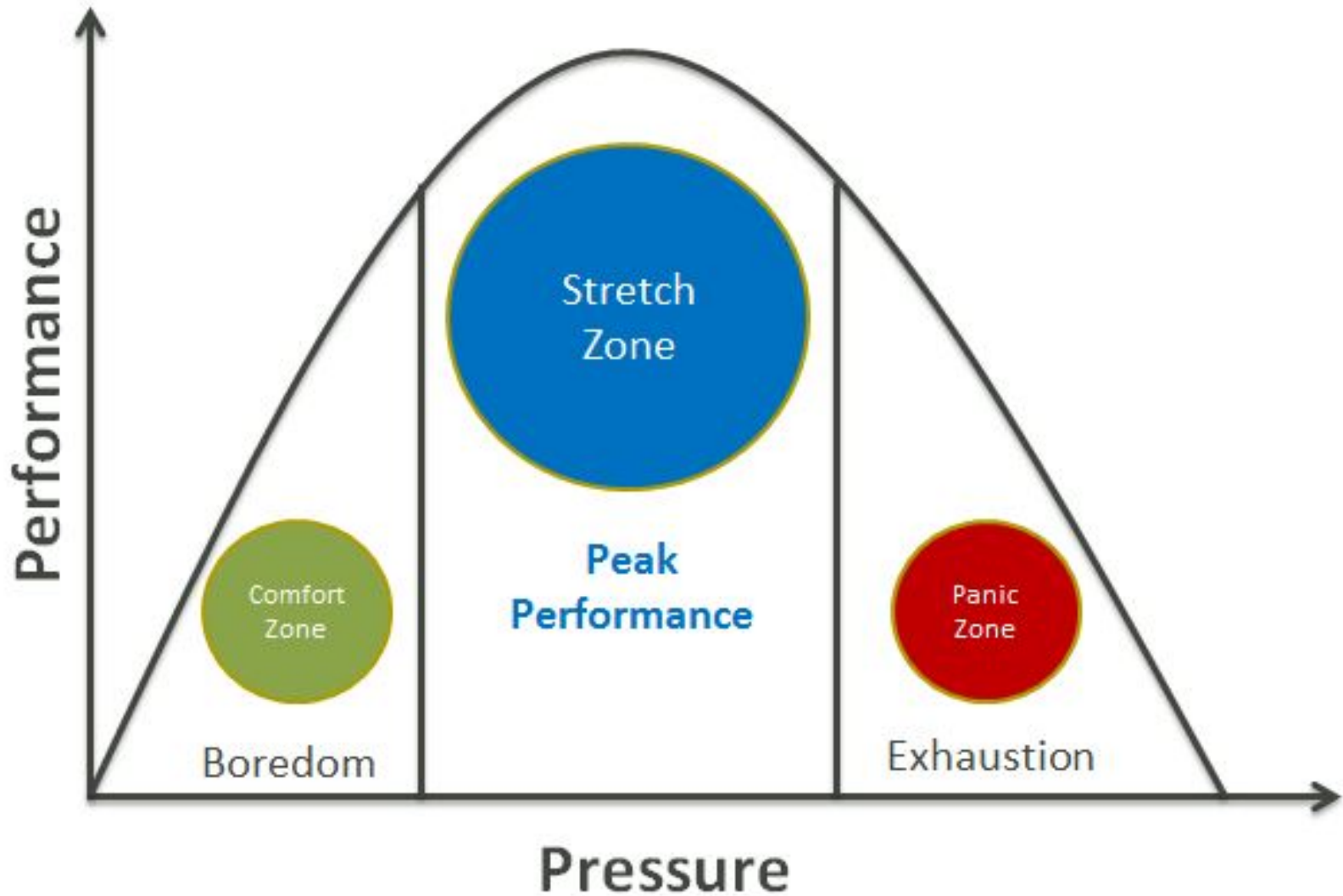
🍎 Welcome Friends 🍎



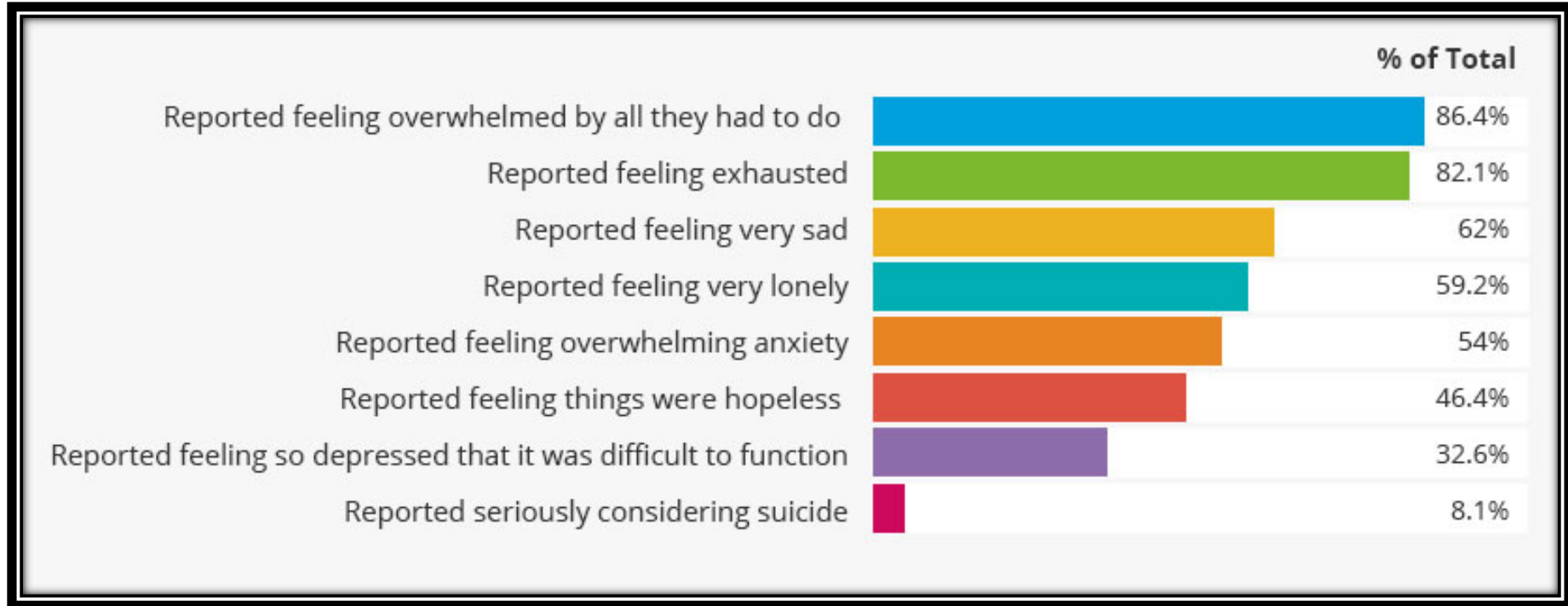
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# The Pressure is Real!



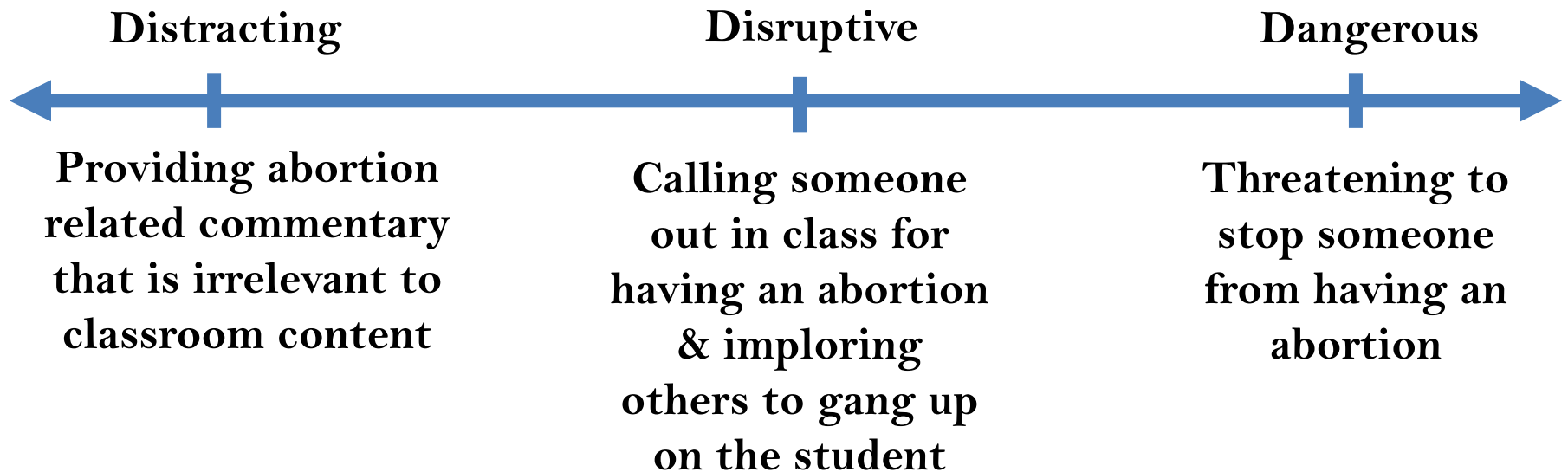
# Today's College Students



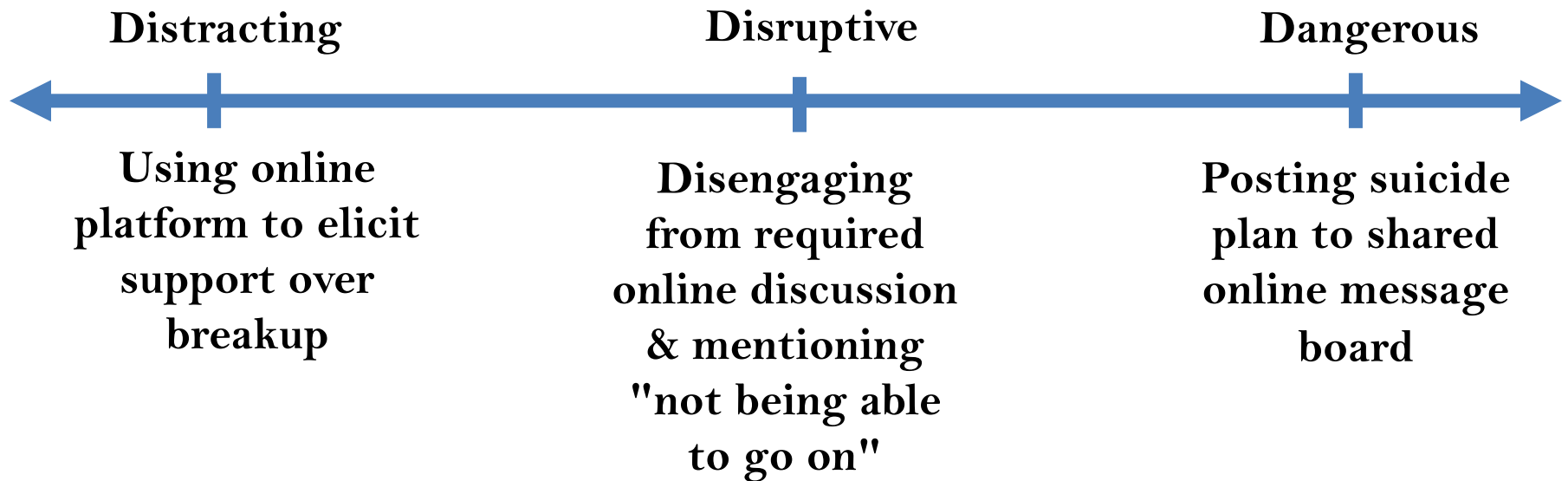
# Range of Behaviors



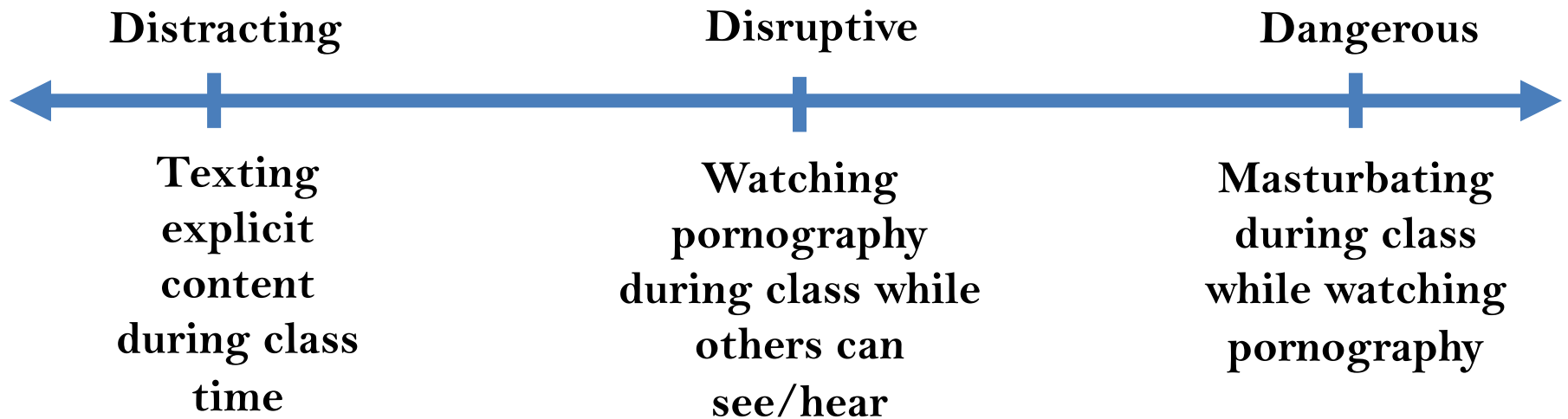
# Deeply Held Beliefs & Speech



# Emotional Distress & Threat to Self

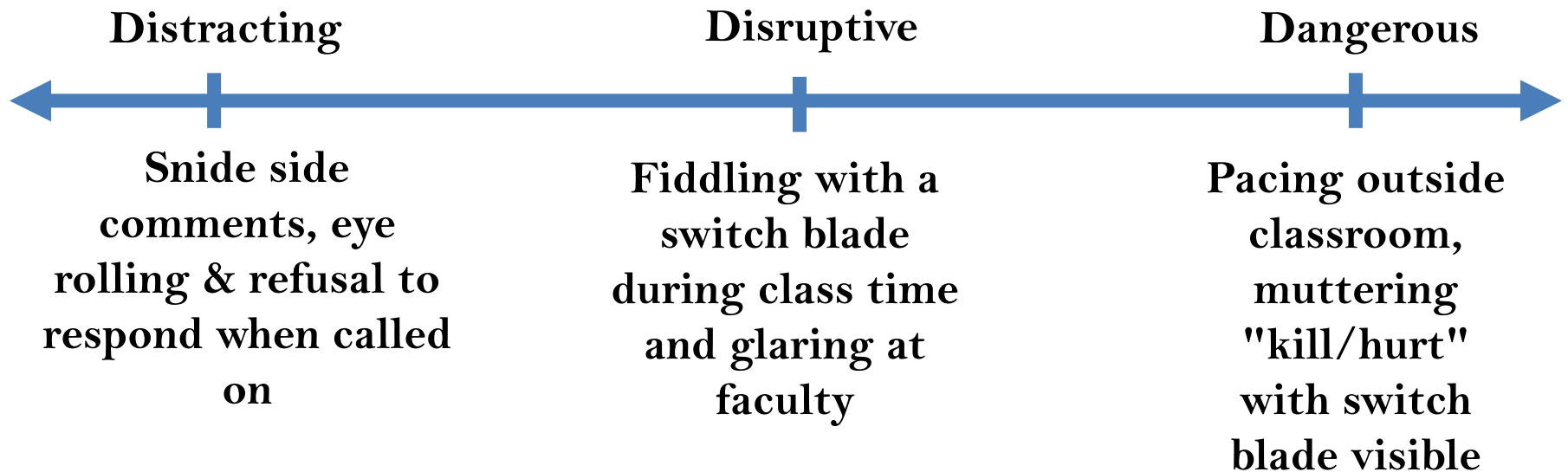


# Misuse of Technology





# Disrespect, Disregard & Dangerousness



# Barriers to Addressing Concern

- Fear of upsetting others
- Fear of getting upset
- Fear of violating a student's free speech



# Limits of Free Speech

- Just because you **CAN** say something, doesn't mean you should
- People are **NOT** free from the consequences of their speech
- Excessive consequences may constitute suppression of speech
- Responses to free speech are also free expression



# Academic Freedom

- Not the same as free speech
- Doesn't mean faculty can say whatever, whenever
- Recognizes scholars' independence as teachers, writers & researchers
- Purpose is to protect them from undue influences
- Freedom comes with responsibility



# Best Practices

Faculty should at all times:

- Be accurate
- Exercise appropriate restraint
- Show respect for opinions of others
- Stick to the subject
- Make every effort to indicate that they are not speaking for the institution
- Be civil & use circumspection





# Know Your Rights

- Be sure to read your contract & handbook
- Know what you can and cannot do
- Don't assume
- Go to supervisor for support & guidance



# Red Folder Project

- Recognize indicators of distress
- Respond appropriately to the situation
- Refer the student to resources



# Indicators of Distressed Students

- Academic
- Physical
- Psychological
- Safety Risk



# Respond Appropriately

- Stay Safe
- Stay Calm
- Take Your Time
- Seek Consultation
- Use Active Listening Skills
- Ask Direct Questions
- Give Concrete Help
- *Remember: Mandated Reporting*



# Refer to Resources

- **Emergency Services**
  - University Police
  - Penn State Crisis Line
- **Campus Resources**
  - CAPS
  - Student Conduct
  - BTMT
  - Student Care & Advocacy







# Thank You!



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