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For almost ^{over} half a century Dr. Quentin Young has been ^{a vigorous} an advocate and a champion for the first amendment. Not only has he endorsed it and struggled to protect it, but he also has used it frequently speaking out on issues which at the time may not have been popular. He was an early opponent of the death penalty in Illinois. He was a leader in the Civil rights movement and while Dr. Martin Luther King led marches through Marquette Park in 1966, he was Dr. King's physician. He spoke out almost at its inception against the war in Vietnam and speaks out regularly questioning the need for our ~~pre~~ invasion of Iraq. He opposes the Patriot Act ~~and that is~~ because

he is a ~~p~~ real patriot, ~~above all~~ ^{slightly} ~~four years~~ (3)
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Convention in Chicago he organized the
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which was on hand to give assistance to
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It was a great show watching Dr.
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Above all, Dr. Quentin Young has been
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award because ^{his courage in supporting} ~~to~~ of the many unpopular
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served as chairman of the Department of
Internal Medicine at Cook County Hospital
and how I wish he had been head of
the Department while I was President. We
would have had some fun working together.
He professionalized and humanized the treatment
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 served as President of the Chicago Board of
 Health and in addition to all that the
 indefatigable Dr. Joe Quentin Young has been
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 Public Radio. Let me not forget
 how many times Dr. Young has at this very site
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celebrates freedom of speech, towards
to a great American, ^{patriot} Dr. Quentin Young.

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Presentation to Dr. Quentin Young
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Dr. Quentin Young has exhibited so much courage and wisdom in his life that the award would have been presented today not by one, but by two of the previous recipients. Studs Terkel and Leon Despres who have been foremost in this city in exercising and protecting free speech for over half a century. Unfortunately both of them have been disabled by recent falls so I have the privilege and extreme honor of presenting this award.

For over half a century Dr. Young has been a vigorous advocate and a champion for the first amendment. Not only has he endorsed it and struggled to protect it, but he also has used it frequently speaking out on issues which at the time may not have been popular.

He was an early opponent of the death penalty in Illinois. He was a leader in the civil rights movement and while Martin Luther King lead marches through the Marquette Park in 1966, he was Dr. King's physician. He spoke out almost at its inception against the war in Vietnam and speaks out regularly questioning the need for our invasion of Iraq. He opposes the Patriot Act because he is a real patriot.

Before the disastrous 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago, he organized the Medical Committee for Human Rights and was on hand to give assistance to those who were beaten and maced at the convention. For that he was called before the House Un-American Activities Committee to answer questions regarding his role in the riots during the convention. It was a great show watching Dr. Young spat with the committee members. Above all, Dr. Young has been the leading advocate in the United States for a system of National Health care covering every American without the need for private insurers.

Dr. Quentin Young merits the John Peter Altgeld Award because of his courage in supporting many unpopular issues, many of which with the passage of time became majority opinions.

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Let us not forget how many times Dr. Young has mounted a soap box at this very site to appear in the Bughouse Square debates.

Quentin, you are not an eagle forgotten. From your large appreciative and beholden constituency and on behalf of the Newberry Library's Bughouse Square Debates Committee and for your leadership in protecting free speech, it is my great honor to present the John Peter Altgeld Freedom of Speech Award to a great American patriot.