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## Higher Mis-Education

### THE STEALTH JIHAD IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS

by Carole Hornsby Haynes, first published at *American Thinker*.

**S**ince the October 2023 terrorist attack on Israel by Hamas, college campus rallies in support of that barbaric act have erupted across the United States. Israel is only one part of the global plan of Islam.

Islamic law — Shari’ah — requires Jihad to be waged as “warfare against non-Muslims” until all the world is under Islamic law. Jihadist doctrine is advanced by both violent techniques and “civilization jihad,” a stealth subversive effort to destroy Western civilization from within a nation by its own hand. The pattern of Islam is to use the courts, schools, art museums, and other major institutions including outreach to churches to infiltrate, gradually introduce Shari’ah, and then finally takeover a nation. American education is a prime target.

For more than sixty years, billions of petro-dollars have been donated to American universities to alter public opinion and U.S. foreign policies. This subversive shaping of the mindset has reached a wide swath of American society through students studying for careers in banking, business, law, public health, education, and urban studies. Through university outreach, programs in the Middle East are developed and provided to

K-12 and adult education students.

Gifts to American universities are designed also to enhance the image of the Arab states and their rulers, effectively tamping down public criticism of Muslim hostility to Jews and Christians. One of the more recent donors and the largest investor in universities, Qatar has an image problem as a funder and supporter of both terrorist groups — Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood — and as home base to the rabidly anti-Israel, anti-American Al Jazeera.

Former English diplomat John Kelly noted, “They expect a return upon their donations to institutions of learning and their subsidies to publishing houses; whether it be in the form of subtle propaganda on behalf of Arab or Islamic causes, or the preferential admission of their nationals, however unqualified . . . or the publication of the kind of sycophantic flim-flam about themselves and their countries which now clutters sections

of the Western press and even respectable periodical literature.”

Arab donations between 1986 and October 2022 totaled nearly \$11 billion with more than 10,000 contracts



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and gifts spread across 273 institutions. The total is grossly underestimated because numerous donations have gone unreported. Beginning with Aramco’s funding in the early 1950s, donors from Arab states have quietly made contributions to American universities, hijacking the field of Middle East Studies with faculty, including college presidents, who are using their positions to advance political agendas that are pro-Arab/Palestinian, anti-Israel, and pro-Islam.

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Though the far left has never had any real political power, they have controlled the social and cultural narrative. During the summer of 2020, academics defended looting and/or supported the destruction of the nuclear family while Fortune 500 CEOs did nothing.

The brutality of Hamas in murdering babies, raping women, and taking the elderly and disabled as hostages was cheered on by left-wing student groups. Academics also weighed in. A Cornell University professor speaking at a recent pro-Palestine rally called the attacks “exhilarating.” A Stanford University instructor told her Jewish students to stand in a corner like “Israel does to Palestinians.” Other academics have posted their support on social media. Administrators remained silent.

Has the radical left gone too far? Some brave souls are standing up. It began with Bill Ackman, the hedge fund billionaire, who read an open letter signed by over 30 student groups at Harvard — his alma mater — which blamed Israel, instead of Hamas, for the murders. Ackman and several other CEOs contacted Harvard to get a list of the members

Board of Advisors at Wharton who donated \$50 million to the school in 2018, called for donors to cease any further donations until the university’s leadership changes. Vahan Gureghian, a member of the University of Pennsylvania’s Board of Trustees, resigned. The Huntsman family announced they have closed their checkbook on all future giving to UPenn. David Magerman, who helped build the trading systems of Renaissance Technologies, said he will cease funding to UPenn. The 80th richest man in the world, Israeli billionaire Idan Ofer, and his wife Batia, resigned from the executive board of Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government.

Others followed. *Playboy* cut ties with the porn star Mia Khalifa for cheerleading the massacres in Israel.

Some of Hollywood’s biggest stars are speaking up in support of Israel. Even TMZ got in on the game, reporting that Black Lives Matter Chicago has embraced the terrorism of Hamas.

Meanwhile, all those rabid Harvard activists who gleefully signed a pro-murder statement were in a blind panic and tried to explain away their participation, saying they did not read the letter. Sure. Are we to believe that very smart Harvard students do not read before they sign? Public beware of Harvard-educated lawyers. In the end, all students removed their names. They are learning that actions do have consequences.

First, there was Bud Light and then Target, followed by the snowballing scandal surrounding Ibram Kendi’s antiracism center at Boston University. With the loss of donors, the university administration sud-

denly saw the virtue of institutional neutrality. Harvard, Northwestern, and Stanford’s presidents have issued statements that they will cease responding to political, geopolitical, or social issues that do not directly impact the core mission of their universities. They should have adopted this policy long ago. These cocky academics seem to care little that the public has lost confidence in higher education and, more especially, elite universities.

As Ackman pointed out, “None of these institutions are solvent without the support of their alumni. Perhaps this is the beginning of a catalyst for change.” The question is whether it is too late for these arrogant institutions to regain their reputations.

Most important is that no foreign money be allowed to flow into our educational institutions to shape the mindset of students and influence American policy to support a radical ideology. Since its birth in 1987, Hamas has declared it aims to destroy Israel. The fact is this Islamic terrorist group intends to annihilate not just Jews but anyone who is not a Muslim.

The pro-Hamas rallies where students celebrated the mass murders and beheadings show just how successful the indoctrination has been. Since the United States shares with Israel the greatest number of the world’s Jewish population, allowing Islamic indoctrination of students creates an enemy within and poses a dire threat to our national security. 🐦



of each Harvard organization that issued the letter. They are refusing to hire anyone who signed the letter. Job offers to some graduates already have been rescinded.

Marc Rowan, the chairman of the

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# TAXPAYER FUNDED BIGOTRY

by Adam Andrzejewski, CEO & Founder of OpenTheBooks.com.

In their recent congressional testimony, the presidents of Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the University of Pennsylvania refused to denounce terrorism or explain whether calls for the genocide of Jews represent harassment or bullying on their campuses. Parents who watched this spectacle are wondering where the \$80,000 a year they pay in tuition is going, and whether the “education” their children are receiving is worth the price tag. American taxpayers who can hardly afford an Ivy League education but are equally disturbed by the moral rot they are seeing might be even more alarmed to discover that they are personally underwriting it.

While parents should be free to pay for any form of education they want, the fact is American taxpayers contribute more to Harvard than the parents of Harvard students do. Prohibitively expensive universities that turn out students who believe that open antisemitism and championing terrorism are forms of “social justice” do so on the taxpayer’s dime. That’s because they all enjoy tax-exempt status as “educational” public charities. But are these institutions serving the public interest? And how much are the lessons that students are learning at these wealthy “public charities” costing the American taxpayer?

The auditors at OpenTheBooks.com, a nonprofit government-spending watchdog that I direct, examined 10 universities — the Ivy League, plus Stanford and Northwestern. We found that during five years from 2018-22, these wealthy universities collected \$45 billion in taxpayer subsidies, special tax treatment, and federal payments. These universities

collected a stunning \$33 billion in federal contracts and grants.

Additionally, the universities we surveyed profit handsomely from “nonprofit” tax breaks amounting to a benefit of roughly \$12 billion. Wealthy universities pay only a 1.4% “excessive endowments” tax on their gains whereas wealthy individuals pay up to 23.4% on their capital gains.

The University of Pennsylvania, whose then-president, Liz Magill, seemed to smirk at the idea of being questioned by Congress, collected \$3.7 billion in U.S. government grants and contracts, mostly for research, between 2018 and 2022. Over the same five-year period, UPenn’s endowment ballooned to \$21 billion from \$13.4 billion.

It seems these schools are more federal contractors than educators — with federal payments exceeding undergraduate student tuition.

What is UPenn doing with the U.S. government money it deposits into its swollen coffers? In September 2023, UPenn helped sponsor the Palestine Writes Festival, which organizers claim is “dedicated to celebrating and promoting cultural productions of Palestinian writers and artists.” However, the event showcased multiple writers deemed antisemitic by the Anti-Defamation League, most famously Pink Floyd’s Roger Waters,

and, initially, poet Refaat Alareer. After the October 7, 2023 massacre and reports that at least one baby’s remains were found in an oven, Alareer tweeted “with or without baking powder?”

Just days before Oct. 7, then-UPenn President Liz Magill had refused to move the event off campus. In the eyes of many donors, Magill then failed to sufficiently condemn or even bother to regulate or police ensuing protests that included chants of “from the river to the sea” — a call for the ethnic cleansing of Jewish citizens of Israel — and vandalism of school property. Angered donors include billionaire Cliff Asness, former trustee Vahan Gureghian, and venture capitalist David Magerman. In a letter to Magill, Magerman wrote, “I am deeply ashamed of my



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association with” the university. “I refuse to donate another dollar.” Investor Steve Eisman went so far as to demand his name be removed from a scholarship, telling CNBC, “I do not want my family’s name associated with [UPenn], ever.”

An aide to House Committee on Education and the Workforce chairwoman Virginia Foxx said that Columbia University President Mi-

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nouche Shafik was invited to the hearing, but had declined over a scheduling conflict. Nevertheless, Columbia's own lightning-rod moments won't soon be forgotten. Business school assistant professor Shai Davidai gathered students and asked them to record a 10-minute declaration in hopes they would spread it across the globe on social media. He called Shafik a "coward" for allowing pro-Hamas chants and rallies to go unchecked. "Imagine not being able to go to your work because your boss does not value your life because your boss supports pro-terror organizations," he said. His message for parents was brutal: "We cannot protect your child."

Columbia's five-year, taxpayer-funded haul? \$5.8 billion in U.S. taxpayer money — while its endowment swelled to \$13.3 billion from \$10.5 billion.

That brings us to Harvard. Donor Bill Ackman, CEO of Pershing Square Capital Management, has helped spearhead the revolt of donors and Ivy League parents after dozens of university groups signed a letter blaming Israel for Hamas' barbarism. Through open letters shared with journalists and exhaustive posts on X, Ackman has chronicled antisemitism at Harvard, calling the situation "dire and getting worse."

Here's just one example at Harvard: at a so-called "die-in," protesters physically surrounded an Israeli graduate student, blocking his vision and ability to navigate the campus. His fellow students grabbed at him, shoved him, and shouted "Shame!," boxing him in and intimidating him. While reports were filed with the university police department and the FBI, Harvard would not comment on internal disciplinary actions.

Harvard has collected \$3.3 billion in federal contracts and grants. With

a \$50.9 billion endowment, Harvard doesn't need taxpayer money to coddle discrimination or antisemitism. But then why is it receiving federal money to begin with — not to mention massive federal tax breaks on its endowment?

Following the congressional hearing, multiple UPenn students filed a lawsuit against the school for running afoul of civil rights law by failing to apply its code of conduct against anti-Israel agitators, hiring "rabidly antisemitic professors" and ignoring requests for help from Jewish students. Speaking to reporters at the Capitol complex, plaintiff Eyal Yakoby said, "36 hours ago, I along with most of campus, sought refuge in our rooms as classmates and professors chanted proudly for the genocide of Jews while igniting smoke bombs and defacing school property."

If none of this sounds particularly charitable, there is plenty to be done about it. Currently, these institutions can both fundraise from vast alumni networks while also raking in billions from the government. While donors pad the endowments that ostensibly keep the lights on, prestige-building research is funded to the hilt by taxpayers. But the same body that held this tense hearing also holds America's purse strings.

In addition to examining the tax-exempt status of institutions that tolerate open antisemitism and other expressions of radical bigotry, House appropriators need to go line by line with a red pen through the \$7 billion doled out each year to these 10 wealthy universities. A laundry list of projects are either wasteful, wacky, driven by radical ideology, or all of the above. In 2022, UPenn spent over \$700,000 studying "structural racism and discrimination in pandemic vaccine allocation." It spent \$2 million of our tax revenue

to "support the preservation of cultural heritage sites" of minorities in northern Iraq.

In 2012, Columbia famously spent \$5.7 million on fake voicemails from the year 2065, after the world has supposedly been decimated by climate change. Cornell in 2014 took \$1 million for a study, "Where It Hurts the Most to Be Stung By a Bee."

More fundamentally, lawmakers should revisit what it means to be a public charity in the tax code. As others have observed, these wealthy universities are "hedge funds with schools attached." Why such wealthy institutions should continue to enjoy public sponsorship while incubating discrimination, racism, and antisemitism and advocating on behalf of terrorists seems like a good question for Congress to answer.

Public funding of any type of discrimination simply cannot be tolerated. 🦅

### What "From the River to the Sea" Really Means.

The Jordan River is the eastern border of Israel and the Mediterranean Sea forms the western border. If the Palestinian Arabs achieve their goal of owning the land between



"the river and the sea", then the country of Israel will cease to exist. Anyone who chants the slogan is calling for the abolition of the country of Israel. Meanwhile, the majority of the population who lives in Jordan is Palestinian. The two-state solution to the Middle-East problem already exists: Israel and Jordan.