

Harvard, kindly explain?

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Interesting? Dr. Swamy wrote an article that according to Harvard professor Diana Eck emphasized the “destructive” nature of the positions Swamy advocated in India, and characterized the proposals as going well beyond free speech to the advocacy of abrogating human rights, curtailing civil rights, and intruding on freedom of religion. I read the article too, but if I found objectionable, it is his position that Muslims should be disenfranchised if they do not acknowledge their Hindu ancestry. Excuse me, I find it so laughable all the esoteric debates of protection of free speech, human rights, protection of religion, civil rights engaged in the cozy halls of Harvard rooms by faculty living in their little world with little or zero knowledge of the happenings across the world. Nay, ignorance of what is occurring in their own backyard.

Human rights, women rights, religious diversity and let us not forget democracy, all this are mouthful words. Let us see. Harvard happily accepted a donation of 20 million dollars from Saudi prince S Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz in 2005 to establish a center for Islamic Studies. Saudi prince is part of the Saudi ruling establishment that enacted laws that give no rights to women, even to drive, sadly even if raped they need four male witnesses, where a 5 year old girl is allowed by law to be given in marriage to a 50 year old for settling financial disputes, where every little Saudi child is being taught, 'Jews and Christians are pigs' and contributed 15 out of 17 well educated Saudi's who perpetrated 9/11 attack on US due to such education, a country which allowed hundreds of girls die in fire because the girls are not wearing a hijab, . "Protection of religion", Saudi rules which Saudi prince is part of would just not allow any build places of worship of other religions, a Church, a Synagogue, a temple but have curbs on even worshiping at your home. I guess the color of the green wipes out all the so called high sounding principles.

Now what is 'Islamic Studies' I imagine. Well there it is, Shariah Law. Wait, does not US have its own laws for which many thousands have given and continue to give their lives to protect what is enumerated by our forefathers and has withstood the test of time for last more than 200 years. Has this 'Harvard Sages' looked at what Shariah Laws are? Death Penalty to Gays and Lesbians (Diana, be aware, under Shariah law you will get death sentence), women to be stoned, death sentence for apostasy, Jizya tax on non Muslims, women genital mutilation, cutting of hands and limbs for even small robbery, no music, no art, and it goes on and on. I see it now, one hundred years from now, Harvard, the all male institution of Islam creating students who will go out to the wide world to create a Dar Ul Harab, if it had not been already, creating a world of peace and tolerance where there is only Islam.

Talking about free speech versus hate speech? As FIRE indicated, is there something to distinguish free speech versus hate speech and who would make such a distinction. Diana? All these people, while they sit and ruminate the high sounded ideals, worrying about violence in India due to Dr. Swamy article and shooting down Dr. Swamy courses, there was not a single ripple in India for something written widely in India. Mind you every small thing that happened across the world would create an uproar, burning of buses, stoning Government buildings etc etc but this did not cause a single ripple. If there is anyone talking about this is Harvard, the great institution that protects the human rights of all people of all religions. Sadly, little did this 'Harvard sages' protecting 'human rights' know about Swamy's own personal life (who has a Muslim son-in-law) or his political life (when he fast unto death for justice to Muslims). Little do they know India and its history or even the current developments.

Alan Dershowitz is free speech, Danish Cartoons is free speech, Saudi prince money is acceptable, but Dr. Swamy is hate speech that he does not even deserve a chance to explain his position. Harvard, enough is enough, do not embarrass yourself. You will have more respectability if you at least acknowledge your shortcomings and move on. If Dr. Swamy decides to sue, not only you lose 20 million Saudi gave, but more importantly your respect.

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Harvard University declare Dr. Swamy guilty of hate speech?

In the name of freedom of speech, Universities like Harvard are known to hold conferences that have an anti-Hindu, anti-India agenda, such as the pro 'Kashmir cessation/freedom' conferences held by the organization of Ghulam Nabi Fai, who has now confessed in US courts about the source of his funding being Pakistan's ISI, to influence US policy on Kashmir. This has promoted policies that have virtually enabled genocide of Hindus in Kashmir! Don't such conferences demonize an entire religious community, namely the Hindu

community and aren't they allowed in the universities in the name of freedom of expression? It smacks of double standard that Harvard University should feel justified to brush aside this very freedom of speech to cancel Dr. Swamy's courses, citing some imaginary distinction between unpopular and unwelcome political views! In light of this and in the name of democratic principles, Forum for Hindu Awakening condemns Harvard University's decision to cancel Dr. Swamy's courses on Economics.

Harvard-- Indian Studies is now Islamic Studies

This decision of Harvard Faculty to drop 2 Summer courses of Dr. Swamy is unamerican, below the dignity of Harvard, smacks of dictatorship, and is the result of sinister manipulation/lobbying on the part of deadly combination of Leftists and Islamists well entrenched in Harvard who want to stifle freedom of speech in this great country with a view to appease radical Islamists.

Does Free Speech Exist at Harvard? The Case of Economist Subramanian Swamy

by Jerry Gordon from New English Review

Indian Economist Subramanian Swamy

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The Iconoclast

I received this article from a friend in Connecticut that appeared in today's edition of *Inside Higher Education* it confirmed that some of the faculty and students at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts are self appointed monitors supporting the OIC agenda of punishing blasphemy. That translates to any criticism of Islam is grounds for dismissal.

The *Inside High Education* article, "[Over the Line: Harvard kills courses by controversial summer school instructor](#)" is indicative of how dhimmified the groves of academia at elite American universities can be when the subject of Islam comes up. In Prof. Subramanian Swamy's case it is because he has nationalistic views on how to deal with Muslims in his native India. The Harvard Faculty, while professing support for freedom of speech, doesn't think it applies in the Swamy case, because he is "destructively" attacking another of India's great faiths, Islam. This despite the fact that the Economics faculty at Harvard thought him eminently qualified to teach his courses. It was left to the Harvard faculty Indian religious expert to press for a faculty vote to cancel Swamy's summer school courses.

Note these aspects of the controversy as reported in the *Inside Higher Education* article:

In an unusual move, Harvard University's Faculty of Arts and Sciences voted to eliminate two summer school courses in economics because of anti-Muslim statements the instructor made in an op-ed published in India.

When word about the op-ed spread in July, some Harvard students [demanded that Subramanian Swamy be fired](#). At the time, Harvard pledged to look into the situation, but noted that it is "central to the mission of a university to protect free speech, including that of Dr. Swamy and of those who disagree with him." But faculty members recently cited the nature of his statements as justifying the move to kill his courses rather than permit him to return to Cambridge.

The op-ed ran in *Daily News & Analysis* (and while that newspaper no longer has the piece online. The piece, a response to a bombing by Muslim terrorists in Mumbai, said that India could wipe out terrorism by taking certain steps, such as declaring India a Hindu state where "non-Hindus can vote only if they proudly acknowledge that their ancestors were Hindus," or demolishing mosques, or banning conversion from Hinduism to any other faith. Swamy was once an economics professor at Harvard, but he returned to his home in India, where is an outspoken nationalistic politician. But he has come back to Harvard each year to teach in the summer school.

[An account of the meeting](#) in *Harvard Magazine* said that the economics department chair, John Y. Campbell, told the faculty that his economics colleagues considered Swamy to be "competent" to teach the courses, and that none of the students who took his courses last summer had complained about him. The only student who mentioned the op-ed in a class evaluation rated the course favorably. The department had "expressed its view that it would not take a collective position on academic freedom or on

matters of speech, hate speech, or Harvard's reputation -- issues on which there were a wide range of views, in this case, within the department," Campbell was quoted as saying.

The proposal that eventually carried -- to decline to authorize Swamy's courses -- was made by Diana L. Eck, a scholar of India's religions. According to the *Harvard Magazine* account, she stressed that this was much more than an issue of a professor having some controversial views. She called Swamy's views "destructive" and said that his ideas involved limiting the human rights of others and denying freedom of religion. In light of the nature of his comments, she also wondered why his courses hadn't been "quietly dropped," rather than included in the proposed offerings for the coming summer.

She also quoted from a letter she and other Harvard faculty members sent to President Drew Faust last summer. The letter said in part: "Freedom of expression is an essential principle in an academic community, one that we fully support. Notwithstanding our commitment to the robust exchange of ideas, Swamy's op-ed clearly crosses the line into incitement by demonizing an entire religious community, demanding their disenfranchisement, and calling for violence against their places of worship. Indeed, India's National Commission for Minorities has filed criminal charges against Swamy, whose incendiary speech carries the threat of communal violence. When Harvard extends appointments to public figures, it behooves us to consider whether the reputation of the university benefits from the association. In this case, Swamy's well-known reputation as an ideologue of the Hindu Right who publicly advocates violence against religious minorities undermines Harvard's own commitment to pluralism and civic equality."

At least one American group, Philadelphia-based [Freedom for Individual Rights in Education \(FIRE\)](#) has risen to Prof. Swamy's defense.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education has spoken out against Harvard's taking any action against Swamy on the basis of his op-ed. The organization's [blog](#) noted that Swamy's op-ed calls for radical social change in India, but FIRE noted that American principles of free expression extend to calls for radical social change. As an example, it cited the legal right for people to call for the United States to become a communist country.

"We tolerate the widest possible range of political, social, cultural, and religious views because, for one thing, we trust in the marketplace of ideas to eventually sort it all out," the blog post said.

Unfortunately at Harvard, that marketplace of ideas has been censored by philo Islamic dhimmis like Professor Eck. In effect, she and others like her are violating traditional faculty department control over curricula and appointment of scholars to teach based on their credentials and evaluations.

Sic ignominy dhimmitude in American academia.

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Dr Swamy and Harvard

Harvard University chose to overact than ponder on larger issues that an academic institution must ought to..The issue is not the hate in the speech or the context of the speech of Dr Swamy that should be of alarm to harvard..its the vested forces within and outside it that wishes to jockey on Harvard's repute to settle political scores against Dr Swamy in general and Hinduism in particular. Harvard has unwittingly offered itself to be the platform for such vent..this is sad..this augurs ill for the institution. In expulsion, Harvard invited several other conflicts to now creep into its academic portico..I am sure, the role of an academic institution or academic community is not to be judgemental without debate and fail to debate before judgement..on both accounts, the academia of Harvard has failed..when i mean debate..i mean an open and an objective debate and not a closed one between its faculty members or within the vested interests..hence the issue is larger than Dr Swamy and his speech..its the choice of Harvard to be the platform for Hindu baitors..Ramkumar, Mumbai,India

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It is best that Indian Hindu Christians and Indian Hindu Muslims sever their links to these foreign religions to which they got forced into or lured into one way or another for historical reasons that may go back many generations in many cases, and, embrace their Hindu ancestry, forget about conversions, and be integrated initially as Christian Hindus and Muslim Hindus following the tenets of truth and dharma.

Sanatana dharma, Vedas, shastras are the universal principles and true guidance for humanity and nature. Any path to god has to conform with these natural principles regarding the nature of nature including matter, life, humans, and universe and beyond.

There is no merit in continuing a path of delusion, and, in bringing others to it. Institution Christianity, the Christian church has lost its moral, ethical, philosophical, spiritual compass, and, any real connection to the life, times or teachings of Jesus. Unfortunately, the history of the church is a sad, pathetic, shameful, cruel, criminal, evil story, and a great delusion. Salvation lies in opening the eyes to this, becoming thus awakened to the truth and to the understanding of one's own self and of others.

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I cannot believe this is America. Harvard deems truth 'reprehensible' --

That Muslims of South Asia were converted from Hinduism is a historical fact. Asking Indian Muslims to acknowledge it is only asking them to make a political statement of commitment to Indian nationalism. (Indian nationalism devoid of its Hindu content is rootless.) Those who refuse would certainly qualify as anti-nationals and such people should be disenfranchised, to say the least. There is absolutely nothing wrong in Subramaniam Swamy's position. His "disenfranchisement" from Harvard only indicates the influence anti-Indians are able to wield abroad.

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The US cannot afford to 'offend' muslims for muslim countries are the biggest market for their arms trade. that is why they make sure that there is always problems in these countries, they are the proverbial 'pinch the baby and rock the cradle'. my late father used to say wherever there is trouble you can be sure the american government will be there.

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"They live in a world of half baked theory churning industry called academics"-The lies Diana Eck and Sugata Bose saying to Harvard Administration on Dr. Swamy article

Absolutely it is not laudable decision made by the incompetent leadership of Harvard in the case of Dr. Swamy.

I agree to the noble expression of Dr Halemane in this regards. Similarly there is no point of making free speech at this juncture who will hear the voice of voiceless?

Neither Americans nor any westerns love our eastern philosophy and respect our santan dharm if they do that is just for the name sake to spying over our resources in the name of so called cheap , meaningless research and implement their projects to fulfil their own vested interest. They have a very sharp weapon that is divide and rule to the easterners. One one hand they have Bible and on the other hand they have poisonous words like democracy, transparency, good governance, development, human rights, women rights, third gender, minority, indigenous rights, poverty etc but all these weapons are to divide us. If they had known about the true meaning of sanatana then these words need to to be , They want to defy our values and culture wrong.

Ananda Vivek ji your worries "whether we will see the day of exposing these pseudo intellectuals" Of course these are the dooms ones. They are the vanishing points of western so called civilization. We shall over come Sunday.

Last but not least if we all are aware that Nalanda/ Takshashila Universities were in existence hundreds of centuries ago prior to establishment of these so called popular Universities like HARVARD Why not we can use the expertise like Dr. Swamy and thousands to produce good leaderships through establish University of सुशाशन नेतृत्व where courses can offer based on sanatan, dharm, eastern philosophy, Vaidik Gurukul syllabus.

If we are aware of the present chaotic days under so called leadership from pseudo politicians and we are neglected every where in the world as we are from one of the most corrupted countries in Bharat, Nepal south Asia and even in the world? Who cares? If we not ? If not now then when? Taken for granted there is no solution under the leadership of current pseudo politicians and intellectuals to over come with the current corruption and prevailing education system.

Is the option to establish the proposed University offered in this email right then who can volunteer in what capacity to lead it?