

To,
Dr Drew Faust-President,
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From
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Dear Dr Faust

This is regarding the dropping of the courses undertaken by Dr Swamy in your institution. Your prestigious university is globally acclaimed for its high standard of academic excellence and for his anchorage on values and human rights. It is this which make me write to you because one expects academic freedom as part of human rights. An institution as yours has these at its core of academic pursuits.

So it came as a shock when Dr Swamy's courses were dropped which means that he cannot and need not any more lecture in Harvard. I have read the article Dr Swamy had written a few months ago and in fact wrote supporting the thesis of his. This because as one belonging to a minority community (Catholic Church) I have been watching with dismay and trepidation the appeasement policy followed by my government and the driving of the Hindus as refugees and aliens in their own motherland. When one is driven to a corner it is a natural instinct to fight back for survival and this is what the Hindus are gradually realizing.

Dr Swamy's article one may agree or disagree but it remains a global reality and an Indian fact that Islamic terror is the greatest danger. The jihadis are well trained and motivated. It is also true that Islamic terror is not the only terror -we have become victims of-there is the 'saffron' terror (tagged so by our Home Minister) and also the Red terror-the naxal bloodletting. For peace all these three must be tackled. But in the quantum and number of times it has been the Islamic terror which as perpetrator been a menace. Dr Swamy has brought out in his article how to confront this. May be someone should have brought out strategies to confront the other two terror outfits. This does not negate the reality that Islamic terror is on the top of the list.

One may or not agree with Dr Swamy but one cannot deny the fact that he is outspoken, clear and has no hidden agenda and was speaking out the truth. He was within his rights as a concerned Indian and the article was published in a Mumbai paper I can understand if he spoke about this within your campus .You may have your reasons but I wanted to put forth mine. I cannot for a moment think or envisage that an institution as yours will curtail the freedom of speech and expression regarding a menace that has killed and maimed hundred of Indians in this country.

While accepting the fact that you and the academic body may have your perception of the whole article and reasons for the action take I appeal to you to review the decision and stand out to the world that academic freedom is interlinked with human freedom and rights and this in no way

will be compromised by Harvard.

I have been in the field of education-teaching at the masters' level Social work at Stella Maris College (autonomous)-Chennai affiliated to the Madras University . My husband (who was also a Prof in Lit. Loyola College Chennai) and I migrated from Tamilnadu to Gujarat for the last 4 years.I would very much appreciate your positive response –namely to reinstate Dr Swamy's courses and let the global communal get the signal clear and fine tuned that no political or any pressure will make Harvard bow to give up the soul line of all academic honesty and integrity.

With warm regards,

Dr Hilda Raja

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