

Dear Prof. Harry R. Lewis, Member of Faculty Council,
Dr. Drew Faust, President,
Dr Michael Smith, Dean,
Dr Donald H. Pfister, Dean,
Prof Claudia Goldin,
Prof. Sean D. Kelly

Copy to:
Prof. Diana L. Eck
Prof Sugata Bose

Prof. Ajantha

Subramanian
Globe

Mary Carmichael, Boston
Honorable Congressman Allen West

I am writing this regarding the action by the Harvard faculty of arts and sciences on Dr Subramanian Swamy's courses. It is unfortunate that Dr Swamy was not asked for his comments. This is not a good judgment on the part of Harvard University because it cannot enhance the reputation, definitely not a good practice in the interest of humanity.

It also seems from the reports that faculty present at the meeting did not have much time, just half an hour to give a serious thought to the implications of their vote. There may be faculty not present at the meeting, who have strong opinions on this issue but did not have an opportunity to vote because they were not made aware of the amendment to be proposed in advance.

The FREEDOM OF SPEECH is much more than individual's right to say what they want to because of its crucial role in the establishment of TRUTH and JUSTICE. It is difficult to imagine that curtailing the freedom of speech will not negatively impact the latter two. The Tenure granted to the faculty at universities is to protect that privilege while pursuing the TRUTH.

I would like to request you to forward this letter and attached documents to the faculty council members to see if they think that there should be a re-voting on this issue. After all they voted unanimously to allow the courses earlier. Economics Department approved the courses.

Here are the reasons why it is extremely important that Harvard faculty should re-consider their vote.

Dr Swamy indicated in the TV interview that some of the views in his article were expressed earlier by Dr Ambedkar, principal architect of the Indian Constitution. So it is important for the faculty to look at the writings of Dr Ambedkar for the sake of country and humanity. These issues are as relevant to US as to India.

Please read the "**Excerpts from the book by Dr Ambedkar**" (attachment)

Dr Ambedkar comes from Dalit Community in India. He therefore did not need lessons on 'hate' from any one including the faculty members who led the drive to drop Dr Swamy's courses. He is a graduate of Columbia university, a practicing lawyer and principal architect of the Indian constitution. He examined Islam from religious, political and military points of view in his book. He had the responsibility and the expertise. He characterizes Islam and Muslims in a precise language leaving no room for ambiguity.

One can get an idea of the level of knowledge these faculty members have by asking them the following questions:

Do these faculty have any idea as to the number of Riots and curfews in India during Ganesh festival?

Do they know what is starting the riots?

Do they know what is happening to Hindus in Muslim majority districts in West Bengal in the border state with Bangladesh? **Dr Sugata Bose is supposedly an expert in history.**

Do they know why the riots are more on Friday and centered around mosques?

Why wars are waged and encouraged during holy months?

How do they want to address the teaching of hatred at thousand of schools supported by Saudi Arabia in a "**socially responsible**" manner?

Please read the US Government report on teaching of hate in schools (Islam Schools- Published Reports, attachment). Most Schools are run for communities not for individuals. These published reports about Muslims and their schools is alarming to many.

What these faculty members are doing to prevent atrocities on minorities in Banfladesh? **Please read the Bangladesh Judicial Commission report** (Islam Schools- Published Reports, attachment).

Do they know what is happening to minorities in Pakistan?

People like Prof Diana Eck are trying their best to push the truth under the rug while covering it with false propaganda. They are distorting the TRUTH. That is where their expertize lies, not in the search for TRUTH.

Truth or pursuit of it should never become a victim of personal or political agenda. That is what gives a University good reputation. **Search of Truth is the true responsibility of faculty.**

I am copying Honorable Congressman Allen West of Florida on this communication because he expressed interest in the developments surrounding this issue.

Regards,

Dr Anand Garikepati