

**Harvard inquisition. .. One day Harvard will apologise to me for this --
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1. The turn of events is shocking for me since I knew Harvard as a part of it for over fifty years since 1962 first as a student and then as faculty. Last Summer after the op ed had appeared, Harvard President issued a statement stating that that "Free Speech is sacred for Harvard". But now four months later it turns to be "subject to majority opinion" of the faculty. I was judged behind my back and by deliberate distortion of what I wrote and without an opportunity to rebut the absurd and false charges. To me it seems like Harvard is now following the 21st century version Spanish inquisition or the procedure in dealing with Galileo.

2, It has no effect on me personally since I live in India as a political leader. Just one week after Harvard inquisition, I was nominated by a leading TV channel CNN- IBN as " Indian of the Year for Public Service.". Last two weeks I have been the cover story for my crusades against corruption in leading magazines. For the Indians it seems Harvard is irrelevant when it comes to for their own.

3. In 1976 when Harvard invited me to teach after I escaped Mrs Indira Gandhi's authoritarian rule and began an aggressive campaign against it, she had sent the Indian Ambassador to Dean of GSAS Prof Henry Rosovsky to protest against me for what I was writing in Indian underground media and to seek my sacking. The Dean was dismissive. He told the emissary that Harvard cares only for my academic contribution and not for my campaigns outside the campus which are peaceful. The decline in free speech standards in Harvard today from then is truly sad.

4. Harvard may have fallen prey to narrow interest groups. The rise of appeasement of unacceptable Islamic militant interests for endowments in US academia is quite alarming. It borders the Stockholm Syndrome. I believe also that Harvard is looking for endowment for its South Asian center from Ms. Sonia Gandhi, an Italian born former beneficiary of KGB funds and with long term association with the Habash Palestinian militants. At present I am trying through courts to send her to prison on corruption charges. I am given to believe that she took active interest in this sordid Harvard episode.

5. I do not know Eck. I remember her name from the sixties when someone asked me about her work on Hindu religion. Nor I know any of the petitioner except that they are a part of the Leftwing Loonies crowd.

6. The Dept of Economics which had supported my continued teaching informed the faculty at the meeting, that no student in his or her evaluation had complained of this op ed. Only one student referred to it and that too favourably. I had six Muslim students in a class of 40 including two Pakistanis. None protest to me or in confidence in the course evaluation.

7. One day Harvard will apologise to me for this. I shall await that day.

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