

As a Jewish Student, I Feel Unsafe on My Campus

I feel unsafe on my campus when there is an open forum about race, with a huge portion of the student body and faculty in attendance, and the sole comment made by a Jewish girl, which was submitted anonymously, expressing that Students for Justice in Palestine's methods make her feel targeted on campus, is booed by nearly everyone present.

Discrimination.

I feel unsafe on my campus when one of the audience's members gets up after said comment, interrupts the forum, and starts screaming for several minutes about how Israel is a terrorist country that murders people indiscriminately.

Blood libel.

I feel unsafe when this girl is cheered, loudly, for her hatred by the same student body and faculty that jeered at the comment made by a Jewish individual who feels threatened for simply existing on campus.

Anti-Semitism.

I feel unsafe that, in a supposedly safe space focused on oppression due to identity, I feel oppressed because of my identity.

Double standard.

To me, the term 'safe space' implies a space that is safe.

To me, the term 'safe space' implies that everyone should be able to sit in a room for their ethnic, religious, or racial identification.

To me, the term 'safe space' implies **listening** from the heart and **speaking** from the heart.

To me, the term 'safe space' implies **empathy**.

To me, the term 'safe space' implies that everyone has an opportunity to voice experiences with oppression, including African-Americans, including Jews, including Arabs, including Asians.

But that is not what this 'safe space' turned out to be.

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