

Trump Admin Freezes Billions to Harvard Over Antisemitism

The Trump administration is taking a firm stand freezing more than \$2 billion in federal funding to Harvard University after the school refused to comply with efforts to fight antisemitism on its campus. This moment represents more than just a political clash—it reflects a deeper battle over truth, righteousness and accountability in a time of growing lawlessness.

“Harvard’s statement today reinforces the troubling entitlement mindset that is endemic in our nation’s most prestigious universities and colleges,” the administration’s Joint Task Force to Combat Antisemitism said. “The disruption of learning that has plagued campuses in recent years is unacceptable. The harassment of Jewish students is intolerable.”

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As reported by Fox News, in response to Harvard President Alan M. Garber’s public refusal to comply with a list of demands meant to curb antisemitism, the Trump administration is pulling \$2.2 billion in grants and \$60 million in contract funding from the Ivy League institution. Garber claimed the Trump administration’s approach was not “cooperative and constructive,” and doubled down, saying Harvard would not accept the proposed agreement.

This bold move comes in sharp contrast to how the Biden administration handled similar incidents. Under Biden, antisemitic protests surged across campuses, often with little to no accountability. Now, the Trump administration is making it clear: if schools want taxpayer dollars, they must also

protect the civil rights of all students—including Jewish students.

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Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY), a Harvard alum, didn't hold back in her rebuke. "Harvard University has rightfully earned its place as the epitome of the moral and academic rot in higher education," she said. "Fueled by the radical groupthink Far Left faculty, inept University leadership, donations by foreign adversaries and pro Hamas terrorists, Harvard has fully embraced and tolerated the raging antisemitism threatening the lives and physical safety of Jewish students on campus."

While left-leaning politicians like Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey praised Harvard for "standing up for education and freedom," Christians must ask: freedom for what, exactly? Freedom to hate? Freedom to protest violently? Freedom to intimidate fellow students?

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Scripture commands us to "hate what is evil; cling to what is good" (Rom. 12:9), and to "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves" (Prov. 31:8). When elite institutions openly permit antisemitism while continuing to feed from the trough of federal funding, it's clear the standard of righteousness has been exchanged for political ideology.

President Trump has already suspended funding to every Ivy League university except Penn and Dartmouth and signaled a broader crackdown on institutions that permit or enable anti-Israel sentiment and harassment. His administration is also reviewing nearly \$9 billion in federal funding tied to Harvard, with investigations continuing across dozens of other universities.

This shift in posture should be welcomed by believers who still value justice, accountability and protection for all people—especially the Jewish community, who hold a special place in God’s covenantal plan.

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