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Liberal Professors

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One of this paper's regular columnists recently wrote an article concerning his take on the state of academia and its failure to include conservative professors on college campuses. Of course, he didn't think that was the way things are at all. Throughout his article he belabored the woes and throes of "McCarthyism" and how today's "political right" are going after the universities in the same "McCarthyism" vein. He refuses to acknowledge there is an agenda at work to stifle a conservative, Christian dialogue in college classrooms.

The article also trivialized the entire situation as a continuing war between Democrats and Republicans when he said, "*Republicans don't teach (in College) because there's no serious money in it.*" Dave, Dave, Dave, you're so anti-Republican (Bush), one would think your mom was frightened at a Republican convention while carrying you. The argument over liberal professors in our colleges and universities is not about Democrats and Republicans... it has to do with conservative values and the liberals' attempt to do away with them. Why Dave, I'll bet you actually think the ACLU is a benevolent organization founded for the good of the down-trodden and disenfranchised, instead of being the greatest enemy our country has ever had lurking within our borders. An enemy's greatest victory occurs when he gets one of us to believe, "*There is no enemy.*"

As far as no real money in teaching at colleges, I've got a friend who is a professor at a public university in WV who teaches 4 classes a week during his nine month term and draws down over \$70,000 per year. Not too shabby if you ask me.

I have three sons who went to college, and each of them can tell you tales about the inability to make their opinions known in classrooms of ultra-liberal professors. These same professors, whom you claim are only trying to get students to "*think for themselves,*" did everything they could through intimidation or ridicule to disallow conservative or religious ideology into the conversation. Our colleges and universities have become bastions of liberal beliefs and anti-Christian feeding grounds.

Those of us whom the left refer to as the "*radical Christian right*" are just common, ordinary God loving folk who don't want this nation to be turned into a Godless, socialistic, anything goes society, that resembles nothing like the great country our founding fathers intended. And Dave, your quote, "*Their party controls every branch of the federal government, most of the courts, news*

outlets, and corporations. It must be fear, then —fear of free inquiry, fear that they won't be able to sustain one-party rule indefinitely unless, like the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany, they dismantle academic freedom and get rid of the liberal eggheads...,” is absolutely ridiculous, with the exception of the “*egghead*” reference. True academic freedom, along with true freedom of speech, is not an act of stifling the words of those individuals or organizations one does not agree with. Yet that is what current liberal academia does in our colleges and universities. It is you, on the left, who are controlled by fear, who do not allow dissenting opinions into the discussion. You know if the truth is allowed to run rampant and have its say in the classrooms our students will actually have an intelligent alternative decision available to them. For those on the left that's a scary thought.

We of the conservative bent do not abhor intellectualism. True intelligence is encouraged... we welcome it. It is those of the liberal bent who confuse intelligence with demagoguery and use fear rumors, misrepresentation, distorted facts and just plain lies to keep control of those who refuse to think for themselves. Also, no person who follows the news these days will agree with the misguided statement that the courts and news outlets are “*conservative controlled.*” Those entities aren't even friendly to us, much less allowing us to control them.

Dave, you're a nice guy and I love you, but your vitriolic and negative thoughts are going to give you an ulcer if you aren't careful. Lighten up.

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