

As University of Pennsylvania alumni, we have been closely monitoring the situation at Penn with growing concern regarding the institution's bias towards Israel and the disturbing pattern of censoring and suppressing Arab, Palestinian, Muslim, and pro-human rights voices on campus. This troubling trend has even extended to [progressive Jewish student groups](#) who have courageously criticized Israel's genocide on the people of Gaza.

Regrettably, both faculty and students have fallen victim to [doxing campaigns](#), compelling them to reach out directly to the university administration for support and intervention. Notably, the recent resignation of then President Liz Magill was prompted by intense scrutiny of her remarks during a congressional hearing related to anti-Semitism. While it is essential to denounce all forms of anti-Semitism, it is equally regrettable that this legitimate concern is weaponized to stifle those who criticize the Zionist ideology or express concerns about the ongoing Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories, internationally recognized as the [Occupied Palestinian Territory](#).

Our apprehension has only deepened since Magill's resignation, as a delegation of [UPenn faculty members](#) undertook a visit to Israel in a gesture of solidarity on a 3-day tour starting on January 2nd, 2024.

We firmly believe that the actions of the UPenn faculty do not align with the sentiments of the student body.

We therefore call on the UPenn administration to:

- **Clarify affiliation:** We insist on a clear and unequivocal confirmation from the university regarding the nature of the UPenn faculty delegation's visit to Israel. It is crucial that the university affirms that this visit is not an official university-sponsored trip.
- **Advocate for Informed Perspectives:** We strongly encourage UPenn faculty members to broaden their perspectives by visiting the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. This firsthand experience will help them gain a deeper understanding of the broader context and support our call for a #ceasefire, aligning with the United Nations General Assembly Resolution.
- **Uphold Academic Responsibility:** As academics, it is the duty of UPenn faculty members to engage in a thorough examination of the facts, guided by principles of morality and ethics. We expect them to uphold these academic standards in their actions and decisions.

These action points aim to address our concerns and foster a more inclusive and informed environment at the University of Pennsylvania.

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