



TELL CONGRESS: Trump is pressuring nine universities to sign a loyalty pledge to his regime in order to get “priority access” to federal funding. The White House is trying to exert complete control over all corners of society, including public education. **Sign the petition: Stop Trump’s authoritarian loyalty pledges and protect federal education funding!**

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Trump is urging universities to sign a loyalty pledge in order to get “priority access” to federal funding.

The White House is using this pledge to pressure schools to cap international students, “protect conservative voices,” adhere to right-wing views on gender, and a list of other Trump admin education policy priorities.¹ The American Association of University Professors said this **loyalty oath would “usher in a new era of thought policing in American higher education.”**²

Trump is trying to exert complete control over every corner of society. The White House is using the threat to withhold vital funding — which universities rely on to teach students, conduct groundbreaking medical research, and discover scientific breakthroughs — as a **cudgel to force universities to submit to his agenda**. Congress must immediately oppose this loyalty oath and protect federal funding for higher education NOW!

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Trump has gone after the independence of media companies, law firms, tech corporations, schools, the Smithsonian, and even The Kennedy Center. The White House wants to control thought and speech in every classroom, business, museum, and home in the country.

Professors and faculty across higher education are speaking out about the dangers of Trump’s loyalty pledge, calling this a “real inflection point” in the fight for academic freedom.³

Governor Gavin Newsom responded to Trump’s loyalty pledge with a clear

rebuke saying, "California will not bankroll schools that sell out their students, professors, researchers, and surrender academic freedom."⁴ Congress must protect universities and stand up to this attack on education.

[Sign the petition: End Trump's authoritarian university loyalty pledges!](#)

Thanks for taking action,

Joey and the Demand Progress team

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