

# Claim

Claim: "In June 1936, Columbia University expelled student activist Robert Burke for leading an anti-Nazi demonstration."

## Actions

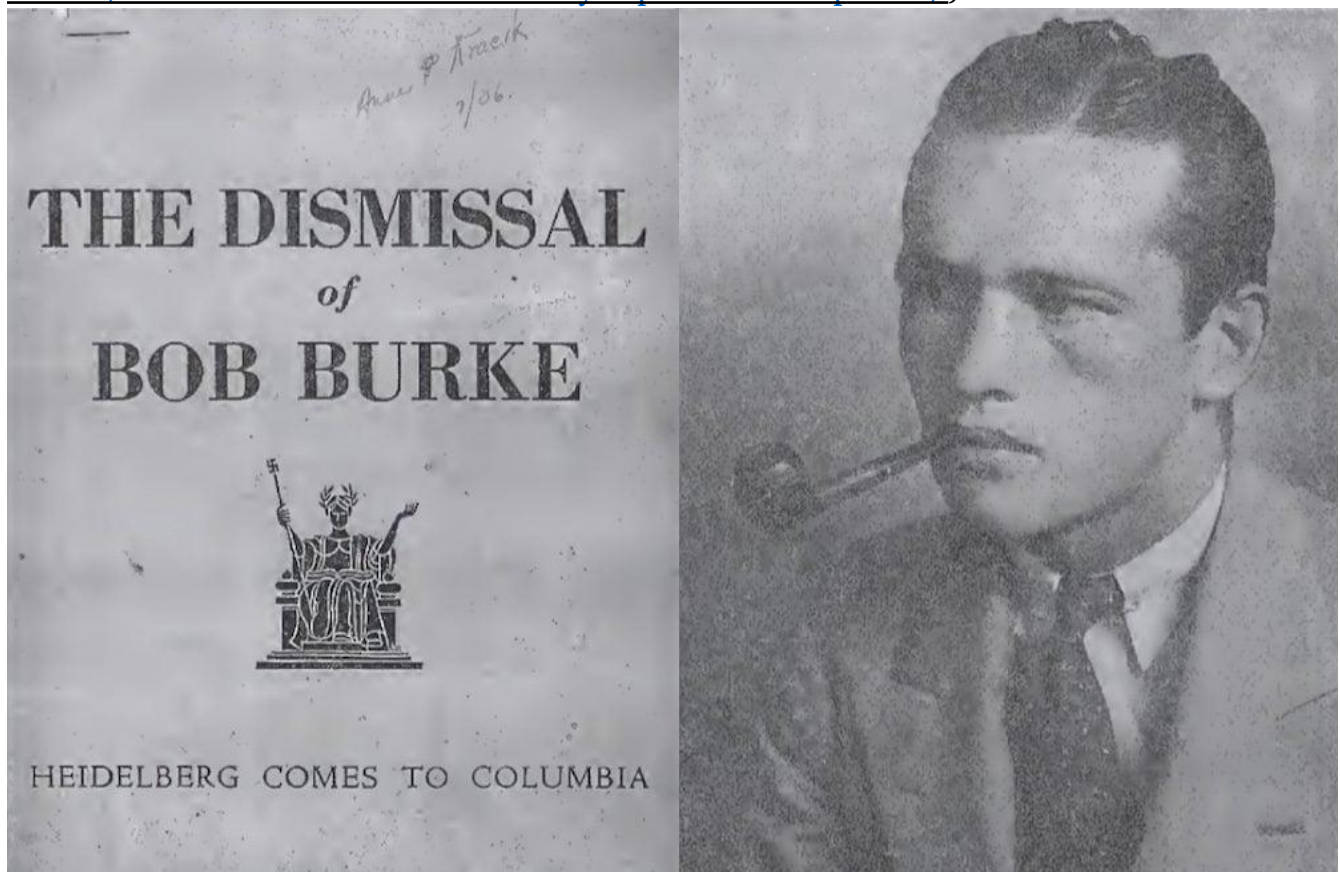
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web_search("Columbia University Robert Burke expelled June 1936")
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## Evidence

### Evidence from **web\_search**

Robert Burke was expelled from Columbia University in 1936 for leading an anti-Nazi protest, according to multiple sources. One source, an article from Blurred Bylines, specifies the date as June 16, 1936, and mentions that Burke was the president-elect of his junior class and a member of the American Student Union. The protest was against the university's ties to Nazi Germany.

The sources include an article from Wikipedia ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Student\\_activism\\_at\\_Columbia\\_University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Student_activism_at_Columbia_University)), an article from Medium (<https://medium.com/@blurredbylines/when-columbia-university-expelled-robert-burke-for-anti-nazi-protests-in-1936-d9f236c91794>), and an article from Blurred Bylines (<https://blurredbylines.com/articles/robert-burke-columbia-university-expulsion-1936-protest/>)



# **COLUMBIA HEARS PLEA FOR EXPELLED STUDENT**

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## ***Burke and Two Other Speakers Demand His Reinstatement at Gathering of 500.***

Three members of the American Student Union, including Robert Burke, who was expelled in June for leading the anti-Nazi demonstration last May, addressed a gathering of 500 students of the college and the various schools of Columbia University in front of Hamilton Hall yesterday noon, appealing to

### **Evidence from web\_search**

From [Source](#): Content: Columbia Magazine states that Robert Burke, a Columbia College student, was expelled for participating in a 1936 mock book burning and anti-Nazi picket on campus. [image:k](#) The article also mentions that the event was a protest against Nicholas Murray Butler's decision to send a delegate to the University of Heidelberg's 550th anniversary celebration. The article was published in Spring 2010.

### **Elaboration**

The evidence confirms the claim. Multiple sources, including Columbia Magazine, Wikipedia, and Blurred Bylines, state that Robert Burke was expelled from Columbia University in June

1936 for leading an anti-Nazi demonstration. The protest was against the university's ties to Nazi Germany, specifically, Nicholas Murray Butler's decision to send a delegate to the University of Heidelberg's 550th anniversary celebration.

## Final Judgement

The claim is supported by multiple reliable sources, including Columbia Magazine, Wikipedia, and Blurred Bylines, which confirm that Robert Burke was expelled from Columbia University in June 1936 for leading an anti-Nazi demonstration. The protest was against the university's ties to Nazi Germany.

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**Verdict: TRUE**

## Justification

Multiple sources, including articles from Wikipedia and Columbia Magazine, confirm that Robert Burke was expelled from Columbia University in June 1936 for leading an anti-Nazi demonstration against the university's ties to Nazi Germany, specifically, Nicholas Murray Butler's decision to send a delegate to the University of Heidelberg's 550th anniversary celebration.