

# Claim

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

# Actions

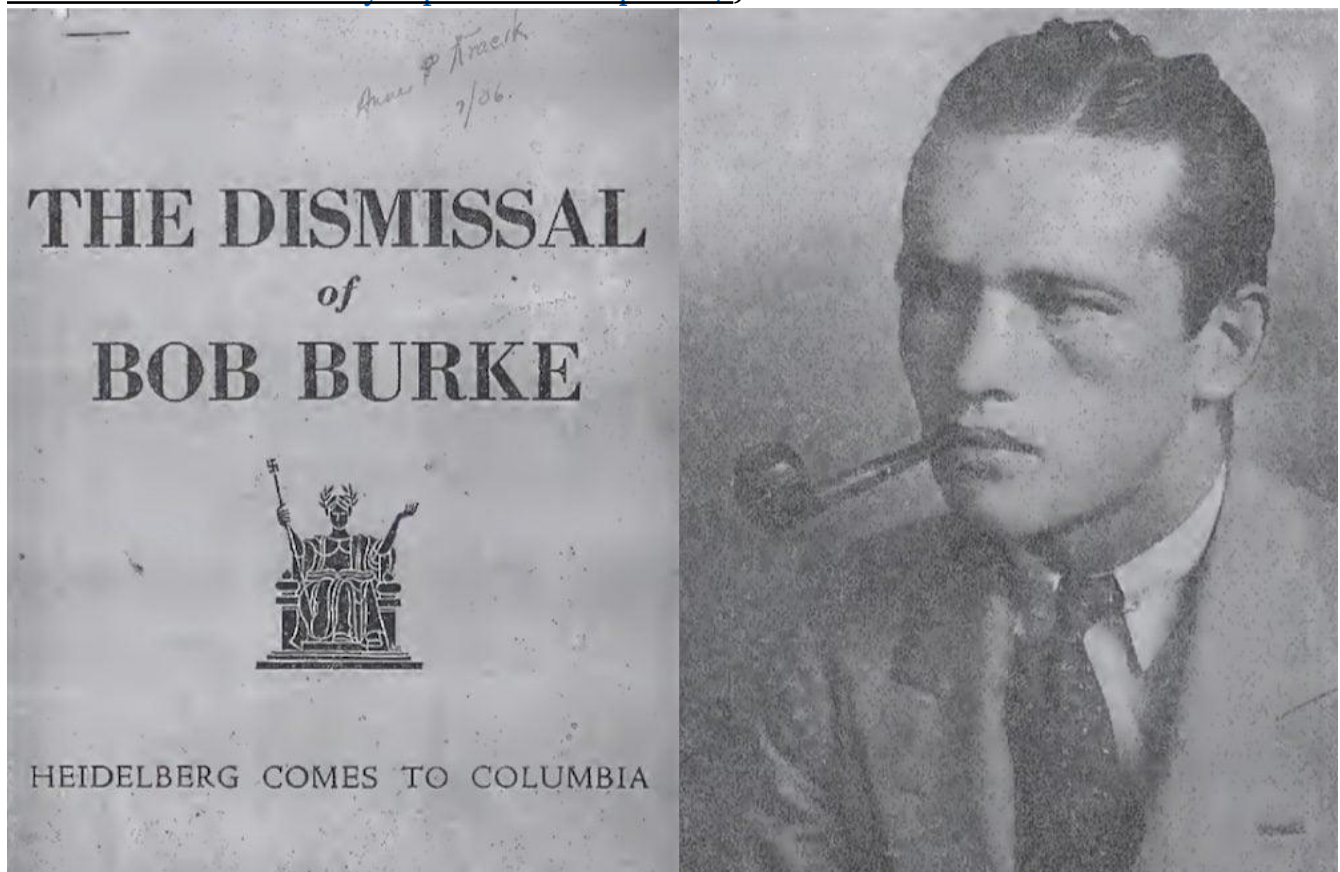
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# Evidence

## 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 states the protest was against Columbia's decision to send a representative to Heidelberg University. The protest took place on May 12, 1936, and Burke was expelled on June 16, 1936. Burke was also the president-elect of his junior class and a leading member of the American Student Union.

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)), and articles from Medium (<https://medium.com/@blurredbylines/when-columbia-university-expelled-robert-burke-for-anti-nazi-protests-in-1936-d9f236c91794>) and 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.***

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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 claim is accurate. Robert Burke was expelled from Columbia University in June 1936 for leading an anti-Nazi demonstration. The protest was against Columbia's decision to send a representative to Heidelberg University. The expulsion occurred on June 16, 1936, following

a protest on May 12, 1936.

## Final Judgement

The evidence confirms that Robert Burke was expelled from Columbia University in June 1936 for leading an anti-Nazi demonstration. The protest was against Columbia's decision to send a representative to Heidelberg University.

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**Verdict: TRUE**

## Justification

Multiple sources, including Wikipedia ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Student\\_activism\\_at\\_Columbia\\_University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Student_activism_at_Columbia_University)) and Columbia Magazine, confirm that Robert Burke was expelled from Columbia University in June 1936 for leading an anti-Nazi protest against the university's decision to send a representative to Heidelberg University.