

# Embattled Harvard University President Claudine Gay hit with more plagiarism charges

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## Harvard 'received a complaint outlining over 40 allegations of plagiarism,' according to the Free Beacon

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### Harvard president facing 40 new allegations of plagiarism

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Fox News' Molly Line reports the latest on the allegations.

Embattled Harvard University President [Claudine Gay](#) has been slapped with additional charges of plagiarism.

The [Washington Free Beacon](#) reported Harvard "received a complaint outlining over 40 allegations of plagiarism" against Gay on Tuesday, noting a letter was sent to Harvard's research integrity officer, Stacey Springs, outlining the claims.

"The document paints a picture of a pattern of misconduct more extensive than has been previously reported and puts the Harvard Corporation, the university's governing body — which said it initiated an 'independent review' of Gay's scholarship and issued a statement of support for her leadership — back in the spotlight," Free Beacon reporter Aaron Sibarum wrote.

### HARVARD BOARD STANDS BY EMBATTLED PRESIDENT CLAUDINE GAY, ADMITS 'INADEQUATE CITATION' IN SOME WRITINGS



Claudine Gay, president of Harvard University, speaks during a House Education and the Workforce Committee hearing in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 5. (Haiyun Jiang/Bloomberg via Getty Images)

The Free Beacon reported that it "independently verified the veracity of the new allegations against Gay, as well as the identity of the complainant," who is a professor at another university who requested "anonymity for fear of retaliation."

Earlier this month, Harvard Corporation, the school's highest governing body, announced it would stand by Gay despite intense backlash to controversial comments about antisemitism and accusations of plagiarism, although it admitted a probe found "instances of inadequate citation" in her academic writings.

The Free Beacon previously reported that in four papers published between 1993 and 2017, including her doctoral dissertation, Gay "paraphrased or quoted nearly 20 authors — including two of her colleagues in Harvard University's department of government — without proper attribution," according to an analysis by the investigative news site.

The Free Beacon reported it worked with scholars to analyze "29 potential cases of plagiarism," and most believed Gay, a political scientist, had violated Harvard's own policies against plagiarism by simply changing a few words at times without proper citation. The Manhattan Institute's Christopher Rufo and journalist Christopher Brunet also published instances of what they said were problematic sections of her Ph.D. dissertation that "violate Harvard's own stated policies on academic integrity."

**NAACP LEADER DEFENDS HARVARD PRESIDENT CLAUDINE GAY, SAYS CRITICS ARE 'ADVANCING A WHITE SUPREMACIST AGENDA'**



NAACP President Derrick Johnson recently defended embattled Harvard President Claudine Gay, claiming "attacks on her leadership are nothing more than political theatrics advancing a white supremacist agenda." (Getty)

According to the Free Beacon, new allegations included "dozens of additional cases in which Gay quoted or paraphrased authors without proper attribution" that were submitted to Harvard's research integrity officer.

"They range from missing quotation marks around a few phrases or sentences to entire paragraphs lifted verbatim," Sibarium wrote. "The full list of examples spans seven of Gay's publications — two more than previously reported — which comprise almost half of her scholarly output."

The Free Beacon obtained a copy of the complaint sent to Harvard's research integrity officer that said it was "impossible" for the school's probe to have reviewed all of the accusations in time to claim Gay didn't violate Harvard's standards for research.

"Know that it is impossible that your office has already reviewed the entirety of these materials as many examples below have not been previously reported or submitted to Harvard," the letter stated.

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Harvard did not immediately respond to a request for comment from [Fox News Digital](#).

"Lurking in the background of the complaint is the question of whether Gay, Harvard's 30th president, will be held to the same standards as the university's own students, dozens of whom are disciplined for plagiarism each year. The school has typically been softer on faculty accused of academic dishonesty, either giving them a symbolic slap on the wrist or dismissing the charges altogether," Sibarium wrote.



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