

HUNDREDS AT NYU FIND GOP 'IMMIG HUNT' AWFUL

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MAYBE THEY should have stuck to beer pong.

NYUs College Republicans drew 11 players to their "**Find** the Illegal Immigrant" stunt yesterday - and 300 angry protesters.

"It's a mock lynching," said 20-year-old junior Miranda Siegel, one of the demonstrators at the Greenwich Village campus.

The protesters showed up with signs including one that read: "Deport College Republicans." They chanted and marched in a circle on Washington Place, calling the game racist.

Even Mayor Bloomberg weighed in.

"Sometimes, and this is clearly a case, they [college students] do something that is not only distasteful but is just downright stupid," he said. "I think that is the nicest thing you can say about it."

The contestants didn't **hunt** an actual immigrant, but club secretary Cait Kannal, who wore a sign reading: "Hello, I'm an Illegal Immigrant."

The winner was sophomore Fraser Dachille, 20, of Baltimore, a **GOP** club member who collected a \$50 gift certificate to an unnamed retailer.

The **GOP** group defended the event as a way to draw attention to illegal immigration.

"This is a productive dialogue," said club President Sarah Chambers, a 21-year-old political science major from St. Louis. "I guarantee you, if we had a debate about the issue, all of these people would not be here."

Nora Poiv, the 21-year-old senior who heads **NYU**s Democratic club, said the Republicans shot down a recent invitation to discuss immigration in a panel format.

"The way they approached this was dehumanizing," Poiv said.

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