

## Student protests erupt at US campuses as Israel's war in Gaza continues

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### Body

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Israel's war in Gaza, Palestine, has prompted student protests and demonstrations on university campuses in the United States. These demonstrations have sparked heated debates over free speech and the ongoing conflict, leading to arrests and disruptions at prestigious institutions such as New York University, Yale University, and Columbia University. Here is the latest on the situation. Police arrest student protestors At New York University (NYU), the police intervened on Monday evening to dismantle a protest encampment near the Stern School of Business. More than a 100 students were arrested.

The demonstrators, mostly students, had reportedly demanded transparency regarding the university's financial ties to weapons manufacturers and companies involved in the Israeli occupation. Earlier that day, nearly 50 students were arrested at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, where authorities confronted hundreds of protesters, many of whom refused to disperse.

Protest encampments have also been set up at various other elite learning centres including the University of California at Berkeley, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the University of Michigan, Emerson College, and Tufts University. Concern for student safety Pro-Palestine protests on campuses have led to concerns about violence and anti-Semitism. A group called Students Supporting Israel cited instances of intimidation and verbal attacks targeting Jewish, Israeli, and Zionist students.

In response to such allegations, pro-Palestine protesters released statements condemning hatred and emphasised their commitment to peaceful protest and social justice.

They highlighted the dangers they faced, including misidentification, doxxing, and arrests, as they demanded accountability from their universities. Columbia University and Congressional testimony Columbia University president, Minouche Shafik, a week ago testified before the House Committee on Education and the Workforce on alleged anti-Semitism on college campuses.

New York Representative Elise Stefanik, a Republican, is among lawmakers who have called for action against university leaders for their alleged failure to effectively address the unrest.

On December 5, 2023, then-presidents of Harvard University, Claudine Gay, and the University of Pennsylvania, Elizabeth Magill, were also called to testify before the House Committee. Both resigned shortly after their hearings. Shafik said Columbia University "strives to be a community free of discrimination and hate in all forms and we condemn the antisemitism that is so pervasive today." She added that a working group had been established to "try to bring this crisis to a resolution."

A day after the hearing, Shafik authorised the New York Police to enter the campus, where more than 100 demonstrators were arrested, according to a report by the Columbia Spectator, a student-run media group.

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Columbia University has now shifted all classes to virtual settings in response to "intimidating and harassing behaviour" on campus, according to a report by The Guardian. Biden's response to campus protests The White House has condemned any calls for violence or intimidation targeting Jewish students, labelling them as anti-Semitic and dangerous.

A statement released by the White House read, "While every American has the right to peaceful protest, calls for violence and physical intimidation targeting Jewish students and the Jewish community are blatantly Antisemitic, unconscionable, and dangerous."

When asked about the campus unrest, President Joe Biden denounced "anti-Semitic protests" and criticised "those who don't understand what's going on with the Palestinians".

According to the Hamas-run Gaza Ministry of Health, Israeli forces have caused the deaths of at least 33,000 people and injured over 76,000 others since October 7 in the Gaza Strip.

In Israel, officials report that Hamas and other Palestinian militants have killed at least 1,200 people and injured 6,900 others in an attack on October 7.

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## Columbia faculty members walk out after pro-Palestinian protesters arrested

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### Body

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Hundreds of faculty members at Columbia University in New York held a mass walkout on Monday to protest against the school president's decision to have police arrest students at a pro-Palestinian encampment protest last week.

The solidarity protest came as students put protest tents back up on campus. They had been torn down last week when the New York police department arrested more than 100 students, who were also suspended by the university.

Bassam Khawaja, a lecturer at Columbia law school and supervising attorney at the school's human rights clinic, said he was "shocked and appalled that the president went immediately to the New York police department".

"It didn't seem like any kind of measures were taken to de-escalate," Khawaja said. "It also just seems completely unnecessary. This was by all accounts a non-violent protest. It was a group of students camping out on the lawn in the middle of campus. It's not any different from everyday life on campus."

As Columbia announced it would be holding classes remotely, students on campuses across the US launched their own protests. At Yale University in Connecticut, police arrested more than 40 pro-Palestinian protesters, according to the student newspaper, the Yale Daily News.

Students have called for their universities to back a ceasefire in Gaza and divest from companies with ties to Israel.

On Monday, Columbia's president, Nemat Minouche Shafik, said that school leaders would be convening to discuss the "crisis", NBC News reported.

Shafik also claimed that antisemitic language and intimidating and harassing behavior towards Jewish students had taken place on campus recently: "The decibel of our disagreements has only increased in recent days. These tensions have been exploited and amplified by individuals who are not affiliated with Columbia who have come to campus to pursue their own agendas ... We need a reset."

## Columbia faculty members walk out after pro-Palestinian protesters arrested

Student demonstrators, including Jewish students, have denied accusations that their protests are antisemitic, blaming “inflammatory individuals who do not represent us” and describing the protests as peaceful and inclusive.

“We firmly reject any form of hate or bigotry and stand vigilant against non-students attempting to disrupt the solidarity being forged among students – Palestinian, Muslim, Arab, Jewish, Black, and pro-Palestinian classmates and colleagues who represent the full diversity of our country,” read a statement from student organizers posted to Instagram.

The Columbia and Barnard chapters of the American Association of University Professors decried Shafik’s crackdowns on protests in a statement on Friday, saying: “We are shocked at her failure to mount any defense of the free inquiry central to the educational mission of a university.”

Journalism professor Helen Benedict, who was on campus when the NYPD began arresting students, said in an interview that sending “riot police with guns” on to campus was an “overreaction”.

“There’s been a huge miscalculation, [at] every step,” Benedict said. “The safety of the campus for our students has been violated and the students are actually made less safe by this ... This is a learning environment in which students learn to debate disagreement and have to learn sometimes to be made uncomfortable, and that instead of punishing that, we should be mediating and teaching from it so that students can learn from it.”

On Monday, long lines formed outside the gates of Columbia as students had to wait to have their IDs scanned at security checkpoints. Some faculty members were at the gates advocating for reporters who had been denied entry.

The protests have prompted national attention, with political leaders of both parties condemning university leadership.

In Virginia, Joe Biden denounced antisemitism on college campuses in a statement marking Passover, which began on Monday.

He said: “This blatant antisemitism is reprehensible and dangerous – and it has absolutely no place on college campuses, or anywhere in our country.”

Speaking before Biden at the Virginia event, the progressive New York congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez appeared to reference the campus demonstrations in her remarks, saying: “It is especially important that we remember the power of young people shaping this country today of all days.”

One of the suspended students at Columbia was Isra Hirsi, the daughter of the Democratic congresswoman Ilhan Omar. Omar, of Minnesota, and her fellow progressive Rashida Tlaib of Michigan also condemned punishments against Hirsi and other student protesters, the Hill reported.

Omar said university protests were being “co-opted and made to look bad so police and public leaders would shut them down”, similar to other movements in the past: “The Columbia protesters have made clear their demands and want their school not to be complacent in the ongoing genocide in Gaza. Public officials and media making this about anything else are inflaming the situation and need to bring calmness and sanity back.”

The New York governor, Kathy Hochul, convened a meeting with Columbia administrators, city officials and police on Monday, and a group of Jewish House Democrats also met Jewish students.

“While the leadership of Columbia may be failing you, we will not,” Josh Gottheimer, a Democratic congressman from New Jersey, said during a press conference on campus. If Columbia fails to keep Jewish students safe, Gottheimer warned that the university’s leadership would “pay the price”.

Congressman Dan Goldman, a New York Democrat, said what Jewish students told him they had witnessed was “unacceptable at an academic institution of learning”.

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Other US colleges and universities have announced extreme measures to punish students who participate in peaceful protests supporting Palestine.

The University of Michigan announced it would draft new rules to punish disruptive behavior after students held a protest during the university's convocation ceremony on Sunday.

Students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Emerson College, both in the Boston area, have started encampment protests inspired by the demonstration at Columbia. Videos on X showed students at New York University in Manhattan erecting a new encampment on their campus, as well as students at the University of North Carolina doing the same.

NYU's office of global campus safety ordered students to clear their encampments by 4pm on Monday after officials allegedly witnessed "disorderly, disruptive and antagonizing behavior" as additional protesters attempted to participate in the demonstrations.

"You will need to clear the plaza by 4.00pm. If you leave now, no one will face any consequences for today's actions – no discipline, no police," according to a post to X from the university. Mass arrests began around 8.30pm, local time.

Prahlad Iyengar, an MIT graduate student studying electrical engineering, was among about two dozen students who set up an encampment of more than a dozen tents on campus on Sunday evening to call for a ceasefire and to protest what they describe as MIT's "complicity in the ongoing genocide in Gaza".

"MIT has not even called for a ceasefire, and that's a demand we have for sure," he said.

The Associated Press contributed reporting

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Campus unrest over the war in Gaza "has reached a fever pitch in the final weeks of classes," said The New York Times, with confrontations between authorities and pro-Palestinian protesters at Columbia University, Yale University, New York University and others across the United States. The heart of the conflict: Administrators are "struggling to balance students free speech rights and the need to protect Jewish students" from threats to their safety.

The crisis is particularly acute at Columbia, where a rabbi linked to the school "urged Jewish students to stay home" to avoid "tense confrontations" with protesters, CNN said. (In fact, everybody is staying home: The university soon announced it was shifting to remote classes for the final weeks of the spring semester.) The White House even weighed in, condemning "blatantly antisemitic" rhetoric after videos appeared to show some Columbia protesters expressing support for Hamas deadly Oct. 7 attack on Israel.

"School administrators and local law enforcement have cracked down on the protests," Reuters said. More than 100 protesters have been arrested at Columbia, while other students have been suspended — and similar crackdowns have taken place at Yale, NYU and the University of Minnesota. Some Republicans want to see even more: Sens. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) and Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) this week called on President Joe Biden to send in the National Guard.

### What did the commentators say?

"Anti-Israel, antisemitic protests at Columbia, Yale and elsewhere are getting uglier," The Wall Street Journal said in an editorial. Protesters have carried signs honoring the "martyrs of Palestine" and suggesting pro-Israel demonstrators are the "next target" of Hamas military wing. Columbias move to remote classes doesnt help: "Protesters are winning if theyre allowed to shut down classroom instruction." Administrators seem afraid to put an end to all this. "College presidents have to take charge, restore order and protect Jewish students" — or they should lose their jobs.

The crackdowns reveal that universities like Columbia "dont value critical thought as much as they value business as usual," Sarah Jones said at New York. Its true that protests can sometimes attract "bad actors," but its unreasonable to suggest all the anti-war activity is anti-semitic "when many of the demonstrators are Jewish



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themselves." The protests have been largely peaceful, which means the students are guilty only of "embarrassing their universities by applying their education to the real world." "Tom Cotton has never seen a left-wing protest he didn't want crushed at gunpoint," Adam Serwer said at The Atlantic. Cotton, remember, was the author of the infamous 2020 New York Times op-ed that called on then-President Donald Trump to send U.S. troops to bring order to cities shaken by Black Lives Matter protests. Campus leaders should protect the safety of their students. But the "kinds of mass violence and unrest" that justify a National Guard intervention are absent, with troops more "likely to escalate tensions rather than quell them." This suggests the real reason for intervention is because "powerful figures find the protesters and their demands offensive."

### What next?

It's an election year, so the protests will have political ramifications. House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) will visit the Columbia campus this week, The Hill said, to highlight the "troubling rise of virulent antisemitism on America's college campuses." He called on Columbia University President Minouche Shafik to resign, while Republicans in Congress are vowing to withdraw federal funds from institutions that fail to protect Jewish students. Biden, meanwhile, is treading carefully: The Washington Post said he is trying to "strike a careful balance between condemning antisemitism on college campuses and supporting students' right to protest."

Columbia officials are trying to pull back from the brink of further confrontation. Administrators had warned protesters to clear their encampment by end of day Tuesday, The New York Times said, but later issued a statement that protesters had agreed to clear most of their tents and to "bar discriminatory or harassing language among the protesters." But the peace may be short-lived: The university senate is expected to vote Friday on a resolution censuring Shafik for calling police in to break up the protests.

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### Body

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Speaker Mike Johnson is set to visit Columbia University on Wednesday amid pro-Palestinian protests at the university and colleges across the country.

The Republican speaker said he will visit the New York-based university to meet with Jewish students to discuss the "troubling rise of virulent antisemitism on America's college campuses", after more than 100 people, including many students, were arrested on campus last week during a pro-Palestinian protest.

Other House Republicans will travel alongside Mr Johnson, including Rep Anthony D'Esposito.

"Tomorrow, I will meet with Jewish @Columbia students alongside @SpeakerJohnson to offer our full support as they celebrate #Passover — all while antisemitic bigots lay siege to their school," he said in a statement posted to X. "@HouseGOP will always stand firmly against antisemitism."

Columbia University has been dealing with days of pro-Palestinian protests and pro-Israel counterprotests.

The demonstrations began last week when hundreds of protesters set up an encampment on campus to protest against the Biden administration's response to the Israel-Hamas war, backing a ceasefire in the conflict and urging Congress to stop sending military aid to Israel. They have also demanded Columbia divest from companies with ties to Israel and increase financial transparency.

However, the protest took a turn on Thursday when New York police stormed the campus, arresting more than 100 people, including Isra Hirsi, daughter of Minnesota congresswoman Ilhan Omar.

She was also suspended from the university. Since then, the protests have only grown, with demonstrators setting up a new encampment on campus and hundreds of faculty members walking out to protest against the university president's handling of the situation.

Classes were also moved online for the rest of the semester to "reset" the situation and "de-escalate the rancour."

Speaker Mike Johnson says he will visit Columbia University as pro-Palestine protester chaos continues

On Tuesday, Columbia president Minouche Shafik issued a deadline for protesters to agree by midnight to vacate the pro-Palestinian encampment, and warned that if an agreement is not reached, the school will “consider alternative options for clearing the West Lawn and restoring calm to campus”.

The deadline passed without a resolution.

Meanwhile, protests have also spread to colleges across the country, including Yale and NYU, where at least 195 people have been arrested, as well as Tufts, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Emerson College, Boston University, the University of California Berkeley, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Since protests emerged, some Jewish students have reported antisemitic harassment and even physical assaults. One Jewish student at Columbia claimed that protesters told him to “go back to Poland” after he arrived at their protest with Israeli and American flags, while another student at Yale who was covering a protest on Saturday as a student journalist said that she was hit in the eye with a Palestinian flag after the attacker realised she was Jewish, resulting in a hospital visit.

The accusations have seen politicians travel to campuses to meet Jewish students, with a group of four Jewish Democrats visiting Columbia on Monday. Rep Josh Gottheimer was among the group, and threatened that university president Shafik must quickly act to quell protests or face consequences from Congress.

“We are all standing here today as Jewish members of Congress to make one thing clear: Jewish students are welcome here at Columbia. And while the leadership of Columbia may be failing you, we will not,” Gottheimer said during the visit.

“We will do everything in our power to keep you safe and do everything in Washington we can to make sure that you feel welcome at this university or any university across the United States of America,” he continued. “And Columbia University, if they don’t follow through, will pay the price.”

Kathy Hochul, governor of New York, also visited the campus on Monday and denounced the protests. A White House statement Sunday similarly called the demonstrations “blatantly antisemitic”.

In a statement on Sunday, protest leaders rejected claims that participants encouraged violence against Jewish people or advocated for antisemitism.

“We are frustrated by media distractions focusing on inflammatory individuals who do not represent us,” the leaders wrote. “Our members have been misidentified by a politically motivated mob.”

“We firmly reject any form of hate or bigotry and stand vigilant against non-students attempting to disrupt the solidarity being forged among students,” they continued. “Palestinian, Muslim, Arab, Jewish, Black and pro-Palestinian classmates and colleagues who represent the full diversity of our country.”

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# Hundreds at Harvard Protest Suspension of Pro-Palestinian Group

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## Body

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Students flooded Harvard Yard, the oldest part of the university's campus, which officials recently closed to the public. The students set up tents for an "emergency rally."

Hundreds of students gathered on Wednesday in Harvard Yard in Cambridge, Mass., to protest Israel's war in Gaza and the Ivy League university's suspension of a student group, the Harvard Undergraduate Palestine Solidarity Committee.

In addition to the suspension, the university restricted access over the weekend to Harvard Yard, the oldest part of the university's campus, to only Harvard students and faculty. It was an apparent effort to prevent protests like the ones that have overtaken many other American campuses in the past week, including at Columbia, Yale and the University of Southern California.

But Harvard's actions appeared to have galvanized students, who flooded the yard's grassy patches and erected tents as part of an "emergency rally" against the suspension of the student group, also known as Harvard for Palestine.

Jason Newton, a Harvard spokesman, said in an emailed statement that the university was monitoring the protest and "prioritizing the safety and security of the campus community."

Harvard for Palestine was suspended after it, along with others, organized a protest last week in Harvard Yard. An email from the university that was obtained by the university's student newspaper, The Harvard Crimson, demanded that the group "cease all organizational activities" through the spring term.

Pro-Palestinian groups at Harvard have faced a backlash over how they described the Hamas-led attack on Oct. 7. The group leading Wednesday's protest issued a letter at the time — initially signed by many other campus groups — saying that the Hamas-led attack "did not occur in a vacuum" and that, given the history of the region, the group held "the Israeli regime entirely responsible for all unfolding violence."

The university has been at the center of a series of controversies since the war. Its former president, Claudine Gay, resigned after being accused of plagiarism and while trying to fend off allegations that she had not done enough to protect Jewish students on campus.

## Hundreds at Harvard Protest Suspension of Pro-Palestinian Group

PHOTO: Harvard Yard's access was restricted to only university students and faculty. (PHOTOGRAPH BY Philip Keith for The New York Times FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES)

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The country has been hijacked by the terrorist party. And we, the American taxpayer, are funding our own demise.

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ActBlue to receive nearly 4 percent of legal defense donations for arrested protesters

By: Jessica Costescu , Washington Free Beacon, April 16, 2024:

Police across the United States arrested dozens of 'Free Palestine' protesters Monday as part of a 'multi-city economic blockade' targeting major airports, highways, and bridges. Those defendants are set to receive free bail money and legal assistance thanks to an online fundraiser hosted by ActBlue, the Democratic Party's primary fundraising platform that earns a cut off of each contribution.

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The 'bail and legal defense fund,' organized by A15 Action and Community Justice Exchange, remains live on ActBlue's website roughly 24 hours after the protests caused chaos in cities such as San Francisco, Chicago, Philadelphia, and New York City. The fundraising platform-which is used by President Joe Biden and every major Democratic congressional campaign-earns a 3.95 percent transaction fee each time a donor contributes to the fund, according to its policies.

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ActBlue's website states that its fundraising platform is exclusively available to groups whose 'work is not at odds with values including, but not limited to, social equality; women's rights; LGBTQIA2S+ rights; racial justice; diversity; freedom of speech; disability rights; and respect for scientific inquiry, discovery, and data.'

The link between ActBlue raising funds for activists that deliberately 'coordinate[d] to disrupt and blockade economic logistical hubs and the flow of capital' in solidarity with 'Palestine' highlights the blurred boundary between the Democratic Party's anti-Israel faction and its mainstream establishment.

ActBlue did not respond to a request for comment.

Protesters on Monday aimed to disrupt economic 'choke points' to maximize financial disruption, as stated on their website. Activists were advised to refrain from engaging with police, with the promise of receiving 'money bail, court fees and fines' and other legal services from Community Justice Exchange upon arrest.

Protests took place in dozens of U.S. cities including San Francisco, Chicago, New York City, and Philadelphia, but the group listed more than 50 participating cities worldwide.

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