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## **They preach hatred against Jews with a smile; Demonstrators at elite universities in the USA are openly stirring up anti-Semitism. The sometimes violent protests are spreading across the country**

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Khymani James makes his appearance at exactly 2.30 pm. The politics student is standing on the forecourt of Butler Library, the large library at Columbia University in New York. His audience has gathered in a semi-circle around him. They want to hear his anti-Israeli messages. "Today is day 201 of the genocide of Palestinians in Gaza," reads out James, a black man in a colorful knitted sweater and with a kufiya, the "Palestinian scarf" on his head.

The student is counting down to 7 October - the day on which the Palestinian terrorist organization Hamas brutally murdered, mutilated or kidnapped more than 1,000 Jews. But that's not why James is here. Hundreds of bodies of Palestinians murdered by the Israeli military continue to be found in mass graves. "We know we're on the right side of history," he exclaims, before patiently asking for questions from the audience with a friendly face.

James is the smiling face of an ugly protest. Anti-Israeli rallies are currently escalating not only at Columbia University, but at numerous universities across the country. Participants are shouting anti-Semitic slogans and openly calling for violence against Jews. In the past few days, dozens of arrests have been made in New York alone. While some university leaders allow the protesters to continue in the name of freedom of expression, the problem has also long been a concern in Washington. For some politicians, the growing anti-Semitism in the country is becoming an election campaign dilemma.

At Columbia University, anti-Israeli protesters have been occupying the lawn on the main campus for days in tents surrounded by a high hedge. They have stuck hundreds of Palestine flags on white sticks into the green, as well as cardboard signs calling for the "liberation" of Gaza or for a stop to the alleged genocide of the Palestinians. In their tent camp, they have set up camping tables and chairs, drink water from canisters and listen to music from portable speakers.

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Among them is a German sociology student who calls himself Marlon. "Our concern here is the suffering of the people in Gaza," he says. Students like him are paying horrendous sums for their studies - money that goes towards collaborations with companies such as arms manufacturer Lockheed Martin. "These companies profit from the suffering of the people in Gaza," claims Marlon. The young German doesn't seem to care that Columbia University is also financed by large donations from Jewish philanthropists. The demonstrators are sticking to their radical demand: their university should pull out of everything that has anything to do with Israel.

Since the protests began, Columbia University has sealed itself off. Dozens of police officers stand in front of the ornate metal fences around the main campus, eyeing passers-by. Only enrolled students and people with special permission from the university are allowed to enter the otherwise freely accessible square. But it's not easy to get one. The reason is obvious: the university wants to avoid images like the one from last Thursday.

Thursday marked the starting point of the escalation. More than 100 anti-Israeli protesters were taken away by the police and arrested shortly after they had set up the tent camp. "Out of grave concern for the safety of the Columbia campus ", she ordered the New York police to clear the camp, wrote University President Minouche Shafik in a statement. The detainees were also suspended from the university.

This led to scenes of hatred against Jews not only on the campus, but also in the streets around the university. In videos, participants can be heard shouting: "Burn Tel Aviv to the ground". Translated into German, this means: "Burn Tel Aviv to the ground ". In another recording, the Jewish students are told to go back to Poland. A Jewish student also reported that demonstrators had snatched an Israeli flag from him and burned it. During the unrest on campus, he was hit in the face with stones.

The tent camp survived the unrest. Almost 60 tents are still standing on the lawn of the university campus. On this Wednesday, however, there are far fewer students than usual on the prestigious site. Teaching has long since moved from the lecture halls to the cramped New York student apartments. Digital teaching will continue until the end of the semester on April 29. "Safety is our top priority," reads a statement from the university. Virtual teaching is intended to support student learning and all necessary academic processes.

The university management has not yet been able to bring itself to make a further attempt to evacuate. Instead, they are trying ultimatums. If no agreement is reached on the dissolution of the protest camp, "alternative options" for the eviction will have to be considered, they wrote in a letter. The protesters had already missed an initial deadline of midnight on Tuesday. Now the university management has granted them another 48-hour extension - after all, "important progress" is being made in the negotiations with the student representatives, they said.

And so the anti-Israeli demonstrators on campus continue to rule over law and order. Anyone who gets too close to the tent camp is asked to return to the designated areas. Masked people in orange high-visibility vests follow the instructions. They are faculty members who sympathize with the protesters, they say. However, they prefer to leave the talking to their spokespeople, students like Khymani James.

Only a short time after James' appearance, another speaker took the floor on the opposite side of the campus. It was Mike Johnson, the Speaker of the US House of Representatives and thus the third most powerful man in the United States. "I am here today, joining my colleagues in calling on University President Shafik to resign if she cannot bring order to this chaos immediately," the Republican shouted to loud boos. The situation is dangerous, he said. "This is not free speech. They are threatening and intimidating," Johnson said.

While the Republicans are calling for a crackdown on the protesters, US President Joe Biden remains hesitant. "I condemn the anti-Semitic protests," he said at an event on Monday. And yet the 81-year-old cannot do without a qualification. "I also condemn those who do not understand what is going on with the Palestinians," he added. When it comes to his re-election in November, Biden needs the votes of young and left-liberal urbanites - and therefore those who feel connected to the pro-Palestinian demonstrations.

However, his handling of the anti-Israeli protests is also being observed by Arab-American voters in important swing states, such as Michigan. Many of them also sympathize with anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic positions. Republican

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Johnson, for his part, had come to Columbia University to speak to Jewish students in particular, as he said. But only a few came, including Ariana Pinsker-Lehrer. The young student is sitting on the floor a few steps away from the steps of the main building with two friends.

They have pasted dozens of pictures of abducted Israeli hostages on the stone wall behind her. "When I see the pictures, it breaks my heart," she says. But she wants to remind everyone what it's all about: the horrific terrorist attack by Hamas. While Pinsker-Lehrer's friend fights back tears again and again, she remains brave. "Maybe I'm naive, but I'm not afraid," she says. Perhaps it was simply luck that she has not been attacked so far.

However, many of her Jewish friends have been insulted and threatened. And then Pinsker-Lehrer also gets emotional: "There are tons of hate messages, an enormous amount of dehumanization of us Jews," she says in a fragile voice. At the end of his performance, Khymani James also wants to remind everyone why he is here. He says he is here for the liberation of the Palestinians. And as long as his university makes itself an "accomplice to genocide", he and his followers want to stay. "We have no plans whatsoever to leave the campus."

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Pro-Palestinian protesters occupy Columbia University in New York with their tents

In New York, students react with a pro-Israeli rally

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## STUDENT PROTESTS DIVIDE COLLEGE CAMPUSES AS VIOLENCE IN GAZA PERSISTS

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER:

I'm really hoping that it stops before graduation. I'm graduating the semester. There's only one commencement.

MARCIA YOUNG (CBC-RADIO):

The divide between students at campuses across the United States continues to grow. Pro-Palestinian encampments and demonstrations have led to hundreds of arrests this past week. Students are demanding their educational institutions cut financial ties with organizations connected to Israel. This student is part of the protest at the University of California at Los Angeles.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER:

We've seen it historically that when the students decide to unite, that the people will rally behind them.

MARCIA YOUNG (CBC-RADIO):

Some campuses have now moved to remote learning. There are fears violence could escalate, and UCLA has cancelled its commencement ceremony. Karen Bass is the mayor of Los Angeles.

KAREN BASS (MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES):

They were expecting about 65,000 people on campus, and they just did not feel that it was going to be safe.

MARCIA YOUNG (CBC-RADIO):

Here in Canada, an encampment at McGill University in Montreal tripled in size over the weekend. Students want McGill and Concordia University to divest from Israel connected fun school. Officials have condemned what they call intimidating behaviour towards Jewish students. Senior management is meeting today to discuss its next steps.

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## HUNDREDS ARRESTED IN CAMPUS PROTESTS; UCLA "HEARTBROKEN" OVER VIOLENCE, CORNELL DECRIES ANTISEMITISM

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GRAPHICS: HUNDREDS ARRESTED IN CAMPUS PROTESTS

LINSEY DAVIS (ABC NEWS)

(Off-camera) Tom, thank you. We turn now to the impact of that war here at home. Campus protests are spreading across the country. Some of the protesters are demanding that schools cut ties with Israel. The violence escalating today at a UCLA protest, and across the nation this weekend, hundreds of arrests. More now from ABC's Zohreen Shah.

GRAPHICS: HUNDREDS ARRESTED IN CAMPUS PROTESTS

GRAPHICS: UCLA "HEARTBROKEN" OVER VIOLENCE, CORNELL DECRIES ANTISEMITISM

ZOHREEN SHAH (ABC NEWS)

(Voiceover) Tonight, escalating violence at UCLA, dueling demonstrations between pro-Palestinian and pro-Israel protesters as campuses nationwide struggle to respond to widespread uproar. The school saying a group breached a barrier separating two groups of protesters causing physical altercations, adding we are heartbroken about the violence that broke out.

ZOHREEN SHAH (ABC NEWS)

(Off-camera) There are about a thousand people out here, a lot of energy, you can see some people waving their flags. You can see some people on each other's shoulders right over there, but a lot of anger out here as well.

ZOHREEN SHAH (ABC NEWS)

(Voiceover) Both Jewish and Palestinian protestors telling me they don't feel safe on campus.

MATTHEW NASSIR (STUDENT AT UCLA)

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It's very concerning to other Jewish students on campus because this a threat to our culture and our religion.

NOOR ABDEL-HAQ (PROTESTOR AT UCLA)

The police, the campus security has not been protecting the Palestinian protestors.

ZOHREEN SHAH (ABC NEWS)

(Voiceover) This weekend, hundreds of students arrested across the country, from Arizona State to Indiana University, and Northeastern in Boston. Many demonstrators demanding their universities divest from companies they say profit from the Israel-Hamas war and call for a ceasefire, while counter-protesters demand the 100-plus hostages be released by Hamas.

ZOHREEN SHAH (ABC NEWS)

(Voiceover) Cornell University suspending several students and referring some employees to human resources, saying they are "Deeply distressed by chants made at some of the rallies near the encampment. The protesting group has repeatedly stated that their protest is political and not anti-Semitic, but these chants belie that claim."

ZOHREEN SHAH (ABC NEWS)

(Off-camera) And moments ago, police walking into that crowd, dispersing those two groups. The crowd going from thousands to now just a few people behind me. Linsey.

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## Massive arrests of US university officials following Netanyahu's 'reprehensible speech'

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ALBAWABA - US student-led protests against Israel's Gaza policy have spread to the nation's capital and other states. Many protesters have been arrested, causing human rights groups to criticize police.

Amidst attacks, the use of tear gas and rubber bullets, and a protest of sympathy with Gaza, American police arrested professors and students from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, yesterday, Thursday.

Video footage captured philosophy department chair Noel McAfee and economics professor Carolyn Fehlén being taken into custody and beaten by police at Emory University following their involvement in a demonstration calling for an immediate cessation of firing in Gaza and an end to US support for Israel.

Student protests in support of Palestinians are growing in Los Angeles, New York, Washington, Austin, Boston, Chicago, and Atlanta. Harvard, Yale, Columbia, and Princeton have hosted protests similar to those against the Vietnam War.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu labelled American university protesters "anti-Semitic mobs." Netanyahu called the behaviour of some university presidents "shameful," and called for additional efforts to stop protests. Many top American institutions have seen student rallies against Israel and for Palestine.

Benjamin Netanyahu's speech will be one of the most historically significant speeches of our time. And it's for Jews and non-Jews alike.

"Anti-Semitism on campuses in the United States is reminiscent of what happened in German universities in the 1930s." [pic.twitter.com/IX11q4mpop](https://pic.twitter.com/IX11q4mpop)

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Police violence "inhumane"

Massive arrests of US university officials following Netanyahu's 'reprehensible speech'

Meanwhile, a protester named Rafi, who is a student at George Washington University, drew attention to the violence applied by the police to activists at some universities in the United States.

Rafi stated that this situation is "inhumane" and that all of these images are broadcast live on social media, recalling activists who were tied up behind their backs and subjected to police violence.

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## Pro-Palestine protests heat up in U.S. despite crackdowns

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BEIJING, April 28 (Xinhua) -- Protests against Israel's military actions in Gaza have intensified across multiple American universities for over a week, calling for a permanent ceasefire in the Gaza Strip as well as the cessation of U.S. military aid to Israel.

The growing protests underscore latest escalations in the Israel-Palestine conflict, which, coupled with the Biden administration's doubles down on Israel support, have fueled anti-war sentiments within the United States, with public dissatisfaction with the government mounting rapidly.

However, what faces the almost peaceful protests are tough measures from the universities and local authorities, with over 700 individuals having been arrested so far.

#### PROTESTS BOILING

On April 17, student protesters opposed to Israel's war in Gaza have camped out on the Columbia University campus, calling for the university to financially divest from companies and institutions that "profit from Israeli apartheid, genocide and occupation in Palestine."

In just 10 days, universities across more than 30 states in the United States have been swept by waves of protests. As reported by Bloomberg, as of Friday, there are at least 50 sit-ins at colleges across the country, spanning from Ivy League institutions to state schools nationwide.

On Thursday, at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), one of the top public universities in the United States, hundreds of protesters gathered and built a protest encampment in support of Palestinians.

Protesters displayed signs on campus with slogans such as "Let Gaza live," "This is not war, this is genocide," and "Stop the massacres," calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and for the universities to disclose and divest financial holdings tied to Israel and U.S. weapons makers.

## Pro-Palestine protests heat up in U.S. despite crackdowns

The UCLA rally came one day after another pro-Palestinian protest against the Israeli war in Gaza at the University of Southern California's (USC) Los Angeles campus, where over 90 protesters were arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department in hours of clashing.

"Shame on you! Shame on you!" demonstrators chanted as the police took away students and off-campus activists.

### CRUEL CRACKDOWN

The USC is not the only place where local authorities have taken tough measures against protesters. According to the New York Times, since the nationwide protest erupted on April 17, hundreds of students from nearly 20 U.S. universities have been arrested.

In Texas, police bulldozed into student protesters at the University of Texas at Austin on Wednesday. More than 50 people were arrested, reported local media outlet Austin American-Statesman.

Meanwhile, many university administrations have been actively working to shut down the demonstration and, in some cases, punish participants.

Amid widespread protests on campuses, the USC on Thursday canceled its main stage graduation ceremony for students that had been planned for May 10. This decision came after Muslim student Asna Tabassum was barred from delivering her valedictorian speech due to her public advocacy for supporting Palestine.

Such crackdowns and punishment have sparked a backlash from professors. With hundreds of pro-Palestine students arrested and more and more campus protests disbanded, educators are increasingly showing support for students.

"Rather than respond to faculty and student concerns about the canceling of Asna Tabassum's valedictorian speech and the arrest of peaceful protesters, the USC has unfortunately doubled down on its authoritarian approach and simply canceled an aspect of graduation that students earned and looked forward to," USC assistant sociology professor Brittany Friedman was quoted by the Guardian as saying.

"It is disheartening to see the current state of higher education in our country, the mass exposure of students to police violence, and the complete disregard for what the USC claims to stand for," said the professor.

In New York, some New York University educators were arrested shortly after shielding Muslim students as they prayed, while professors at the City University of New York physically united to create a barrier separating their students from the police.

"To get to our students, you have to get through us," they chanted in unison.

## Pro-Palestine protests heat up in U.S. despite crackdowns

In fact, the protests are not limited to the United States. Following the Columbia encampments, the protests have further spread to universities from France to Australia. In Australia, for example, students from the University of Sydney set up pro-Palestine encampments and unfurled banners reading "Columbia First, USYD next," while University of Melbourne students pitched tents on the south lawn of their main campus.

### ISRAEL WELL SHELTERED

The Israeli attack in the Gaza Strip has so far left more than 34,000 dead and about 77,000 wounded, most of whom were women and children.

While the anti-war protesters continue to demonstrate their sympathies over the civilian casualties as they refuse to yield in the face of crackdowns, the response from the U.S. administration and certain politicians seems indifferent to public sentiment.

On Wednesday, U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson called on Columbia University's president to resign. "We just can't allow this kind of hatred and antisemitism to flourish on our campuses, and it must be stopped in its tracks. Those who are perpetrating this violence should be arrested," he said.

While responding with excessive and vehement condemnation of domestic peaceful protests, the U.S. administration turns a deaf ear to the cries from Gaza.

U.S. President Joe Biden signed a 95-billion-USD foreign aid bill recently, in which 26 billion U.S. dollars go to Israel despite international criticism over the civilian casualties the Israeli army caused in Gaza.

Weapons to Israel remain "sacrosanct" in Washington, and the aid package highlights a "huge gap" between Democrats in Congress and rank-and-file voters, including those currently protesting at colleges nationwide, Khaled Elgindy, a senior fellow at the Middle East Institute, was quoted by The Hills as saying.

They're calling on all the other parties in the region to be restrained, whereas they "encourage Israelis to act with total impunity," Sina Toossi, a senior fellow at the Center for International Policy think tank, told Al Jazeera TV.

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