

Casey Babb: Hey, teachers, don't leave those kids alone

Stop allowing students who break codes of conduct to roam free through your halls

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Last fall, Jewish university students across Canada faced an unrelenting onslaught of harassment, abuse, violence, and antisemitic vitriol due to the war between Israel and Hamas. Shortly after the devastating terrorist attacks in Israel on October 7 and Israel's subsequent invasion of Gaza, pro-Palestinian protestors and agitators – including dozens of faculty members – pursued a campaign of disorder, purportedly as a means to draw attention to the plight of Palestinian civilians.

However, for countless Jewish and non-Jewish students alike, who simply wanted a normal school year, this campaign resulted in the most hostile environment seen on university campuses since the Holocaust.

Now, nearing the anniversary of the war, as students and their families embark on another academic year, university administrators, faculty, and support staff must do everything in their power to better protect their Jewish students – students who feel more vulnerable now than they ever have before. Just because last year was an abject failure does not mean this year has to be one, too.

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