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By [Paul Craig Roberts](#)

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America-haters have the upper hand on [many campuses](#). They are ever so sensitive to the feelings of Middle Eastern Muslims and completely insensitive to the feelings of patriotic

Americans.

[Multiculturalists](#), [feminists](#), and a variety of other [left-wing bigots](#) have destroyed scholarship and turned education into a [campaign](#) against Western civilization. They seduce the minds of the young and fill them with shame of their country. These home grown terrorists in academic garb are a more dangerous enemy than the Taliban and Bin Laden.

While the U.S. conducts a war against terrorists, our own universities are conducting a terror war against the patriots on their campuses.

The Heritage Foundation is rightly [calling](#) for an end to World Bank and IMF subsidies to states that harbor terrorist organizations. We must also end taxpayer and donor subsidies to politically correct universities, which are Fifth Columns within our country.

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