I wanted to reach out and explain what exactly happened last night with our Andy Ngo and Gabe Nadales event. At five o'clock, Anna Hall (Senior Assistant Dean for Student Life) and Jim Alberghini (Associate Director, Conferences and Events) told me that the Dartmouth administration was forcing us to "transition the event to virtual." When I asked why, they said it was for a "confluence of reasons." When I asked for clarification, they told me they officially decided a few minutes prior. However, it does seem like this was a decision they had made a long time ago and only decided to announce at the last minute. After the virtual event, Dartmouth released this statement:

"In light of concerning information from Hanover police regarding safety issues, similar concerns expressed by the College Republican leadership, and challenges with the student organization's ability to staff a large public event and communicate effectively (including dissemination of the visitor policy and a prohibition on bags in the building), the College has requested that the Extremism in America panel be moved online. The event was not canceled. The College has supported the event virtually.

This decision aligns with Dartmouth's policy on freedom of expression and dissent:

Freedom of expression and dissent are protected by Dartmouth regulations. Dartmouth prizes and defends the right of free speech and the freedom of the individual to make their own disclosures, while at the same time recognizing that such freedom exists in the context of the law and in responsibility for one's own actions. The exercise of these rights must not deny the same rights to any other individual. The institution therefore both fosters and protects the rights of individuals to express dissent.

Protest or demonstration shall not be discouraged so long as neither force, nor the threat of force is used, and so long as the orderly processes of the institution are not deliberately obstructed."

This statement is both factually wrong and embarrassing to read:

- 1. We spoke to some members of the police during and after the event, and they took it as a personal insult that Dartmouth cited safety concerns as a reason for canceling the in-person. We had State Troopers, Hanover Police officers, and SWAT members in and around the building. Moore Hall may have been the safest place in all of New Hampshire. They would never allow things to spiral out of control and (according to multiple officers privately) never expressly advised Dartmouth to cancel the in-person event.
- 2. Chloe Ezzo (Vice-President, College Republicans) and I were in constant communication with the Administration before the event. Over the past week, I had approximately six meetings with various members of the Administration/IT support. All the while, Chloe was in almost constant communication with Dartmouth Administrators. So much so that I joked with Chloe on Wednesday that emailing the Administration had turned into a full-time job for her. For them to now insinuate that we failed to communicate with them is frankly disgusting.

- 3. They also cited concerns from our leadership. Chloe and I explicitly expressed our desire to have this event in person, even as they informed us of THEIR unilateral decision to have a virtual event instead. Any "concerns" that were raised during the planning of this event was always in light of what the perceived situation was with Antifa and how to best mitigate any threats or disruption they might pose. Are the Administrators suggesting that we should not discuss the logistics and safety of such a high profile event with them for risk of them taking our comments out of context?
- 4. Time and time again, the Administration told us that it was "our event" and that they simply were there to assist (more on that later). In our meetings earlier in the week, they made a suggestion on how much staff we needed. Yesterday morning, Hall commanded that we have a certain number of volunteers—First seven and then nine. All-day I rallied people to help, and by the end, I had 12 students ready to go (not to mention a handful of community members that offered to help as well). About a half hour before the Administration pulled the plug, Hall demanded to see a list of our volunteers. I was in the auditorium setting up the IT for the event and simply did not see the email (the wifi is not great in the basement) while Chloe was organizing with the speakers. If anything, this demonstrates the Administration's failure to communicate with us. We were scheduled to meet with Hall and Jim at around 5:00 PM (two hours before the event)—if they had simply waited ten minutes to talk to us during our scheduled meeting, we would have told them that staffing was not an issue. Although I don't think this was ever a serious reason for canceling because the Administrators didn't seem to care when I told them that we were overstaffed.
- 5. In regards to the dissemination of the visitor policy and the prohibition on bags in the building, again, the Administration is simply not telling the truth. For example, our last Campus Wide-Email has a subject line of NO BACKPACKS ALLOWED.







Extremism in America - Event with Andy Ngo and Gabe Nadales - Dartmouth ID Required - No Backpacks Allowed



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Extremism in America A Discusson on Antifa

World-renowned journalist Andy Ngo and former antifa member Gabe Nadales hold a panel discussing the rise of extremism in America in the form of antifa, a violent leftwing domestic terrorist organization that attempts to silence opposing views by force

Location: Filene Auditorium in Moore Hall at Dartmouth

Time: Thursday, January 20th 7pm

Admission is free and open to the public

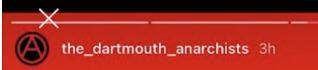




Furthermore, we sent out dozens of emails over the previous few days communicating the Dartmouth policies to the community members we knew were coming. I went to a speaking event last week and no one checked anything. In contrast, we planned to follow all of Dartmouth's guidelines and stop people at the door if they didn't comply with them. Why was our event the one that got canceled?

For Dartmouth to claim that they "protected" free speech is absurd. In reality, they allowed the Dartmouth Anarchists and other outside ANTIFA groups to make threats of violence and get exactly what they wanted. By forcing us to go virtual on such short notice (with only one laptop in the entire building to use), they seriously disrupted our event, embarrassed our organization, and created a roadmap for derailing our future activities. The Dartmouth administration capitulated to threats from domestic terrorists, and it is shameful.

I have tried my best to work with the admin. I have always been kind and genuinely understanding. Even last night, I stayed calm and worked with them to produce something. However, it is clear from their statement and hindsight that they never had our best interests at heart. They never wanted the event to be in person. They blamed "both sides for being unreasonable." And, most importantly, they were worried about the anarchists giving Dartmouth bad PR. So, they are now trying to throw us under the bus and gaslight us into believing this was all our fault.



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II II Counter Demonstration II II against the College Republicans is planned!

When: January 20th, 2022, meeting at 6pm

Where: Filene auditorium in Moore Hall

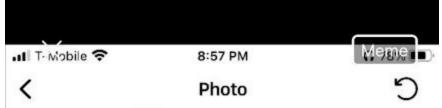
Keep these fascists off our campus! Whatever it takes.
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Spread the word!

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northeastantifa <a>B Counter-demonstration info:

On Thursday January 20th at 7pm at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire - notorious far-right propagandist Andy Ngo will be hosting "a discussion on Antifa". Boston antifascists are taking personal offense that we were not invited to this discussion ... so in coordination with antifascist students at Dartmouth College & anti-fascists in New Hampshire and Vermont - anti-fascists will be shutting down Andy Ngo's attempt to infect the minds of our local youth with far-right propaganda.

We can never relax when fascist propagandists are demonizing us to the youth; the future torch bearers of the movement.

Andy Ngo is not welcome in New England. We will oppose any and all fascist attempts to organize in our region.

Not one fascist march unopposed. Not one racist banner left up. Not one propaganda sticker left in the streets. Not one "discussion on Antifa". No fascist rallies, no fascist HQ's - no fascist left unaffected by our "by any means" approach to crushing fascist attempts at organizing.

Anti-fascists will destroy your comfortable life if you are attacking our community. Play stupid games & win stupid prizes.

The current plan is for everyone to arrive at Filene Auditorium in Moore Hall @ Dartmouth College around 6pm (an hour before Andy). We will be dropping a counterdemo flyer tonight.

Spread the word, NE161 - All Power to the People

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northeastantifa In under a couple of hours of posting our original counter-demonstration flyer for tomorrow -Andy Ngo himself not only blocked us on Twitter (LMAO), he made multiple posts about the counterdemonstration and Northeast Antifa.

We are very honored to be one of the few anti-fascist accounts Andy felt that he needed to block on Twitter personally. Not only is it hilarious that he decided to block us, it does nothing. Now we know he knows about the counter and we will plan accordingly - thanks Andy for the heads up & free advertising.

A lot of anti-fascist groups stay away from revolutionary leftist rhetoric for optics. What Andy does not know is that we are unapologetically communists.

Calling us communists does nothing but rallies up our support & tickles our egos.

This is to Andy Ngo himself: when you fuck with us you are not fucking with college students. We will not play your little games. When you enter our home you start playing by our rules, not yours. New England is antifascist, and we will hold that line until death.



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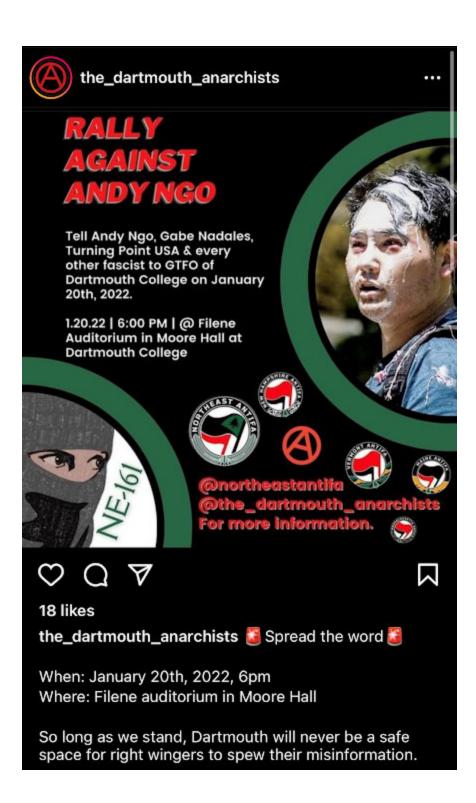
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The Republicans switched their event to virtual. Guess they weren't as committed as they said they were.

Andy Ngo will not be speaking on our campus tonight