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House Resolution 3077 Passed the House…Will the Senate Save our First Amendment, or will debate in our Universities become the Occupied Territory of a foreign government?

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Consider the ramifications of a foreign country dictating what you are permitted to learn about that country, what your children can learn and even what you can write and debate about that country *in the United States*. Your university's funding, its curriculum and even its ability to debate issues currently effecting our national policy, our tax dollars and our foreign policy gagged, banned and prevented from discussion.

As an American citizen or college student attending school in the United States, your needs are irrelevant; this foreign power determines which issues are truth, their pertinence or relevancy. Its truth, not the truth, this is the evil of censorship.

This scenario finds its origin in fact, not fiction. Republican Representative Peter Hoeksta of Michigan, the sponsor of HR 3077 serves our higher education system on a platter to the interests of a foreign country financing and lobbying this resolution. In effect, our education system becomes occupied territory and our professors the puppets of a foreign regime prevented financially from exercising free speech, effectively censoring the classroom, community and press.

On September 17, 2003 the House Subcommittee on Select Education unanimously approved *H.R. 3077, the International Studies in Higher Education Act*. Known as "Title 6," after the article in the Higher Education Act empowering the government to fund selected international studies and foreign language centers at universities. Its grants, up to $500,000 are used to train experts for national security, government service and educate the public on international affairs. This act advocates a seven-member advisory board, similar to a Warren Commission with the power to recommend cutting federal funding for colleges and universities that are viewed as harboring academic critics of the foreign power lobbying this resolution. Simply put, if this foreign power finds the professor to be teaching anything failing to fit the agenda or cultivated image that country wants, the professor may be censored and the school eligible for fines through the removal of federal funds. TOP

Our House Representatives agreed through their passing of HR 3077, on October 21, 2003 the truth constitutes an acceptable casualty in favor of this foreign power's vanity. In passing this resolution, congress blessed a foreign country with the right to ignore the

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first amendment rights of Americans and determine what we teach, speak and write in the United States.

> **1ST AMENDMENT**
> *(Freedom of Speech, Religion, Press, Assembly & Petition)*
> Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances. (1791)

And they did this semi-secretly by not registering who voted for it and who voted against, protecting the McCarthyites from their constituencies. Intrinsic to this resolution, now heading for the Senate are three very serious issues aside from simple curtailment of speech: Dual Loyalties, Treason and the influence of Special Interests on our Educational System. TOP

1. DUAL-LOYALTIES: The House of Representatives is willing to strip Americans of their Constitutional Rights, transferring those to a foreign power with the ability to mold our opinions.

This is not a grassroots resolution brought about by US citizens concerned over curriculum. Its supporters and underwriters are lobbying groups for a single foreign country. Our professors of political science, history and international law are bound by our own laws not to lie, defame or purposely mislead. We have laws that prosecute persons for this. The professors angering this foreign government speak and teach the truth based upon international law, documentation, footage and current events. It is a truth this foreign government does not like. Knowledge of this truth exposes multiple war crimes and crimes against humanity, policies once realized and understood result in Americans hacking the financial umbilical cord for good. Americans have a history of opposing morally abhorrent behavior. TOP

Like most attempts at control, this is about money, keeping it flowing into foreign coffers and back into the campaign funds of those serving our government unquestioning in their support with full solidarity to this foreign power. Our House prefers to relinquish American rights for foreign favor, an objective residing in anarchy: stifle public debate and discussion about its policies at the root thus eliminating criticism and investigation. The professors and educators responsible for teaching America's leaders critical thinking, factual information and a sound understanding of all affairs, foreign and domestic provide this information, insight and varying opinions. Place them on mute and the questions stop.

When a country invades another, its leaders, educators and clergy find themselves endangered species. Educators, academia assist the masses in understanding their areas of expertise. Kill them or their message and the population becomes easily manipulated to the message of those orchestrating the information. With this censorship through HR 3077, much more is at stake than appears.

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THE QUESTION TO OUR CONGRESS:
Mr. Congressman, how does this resolution, which keeps information from the public, censors public debate and requires a foreign government approve our curriculum and opinions strengthen the United States and our people?

We see how it strengthens this foreign country by letting them continue to hide the truth, but how does it help the American people if our future leaders in national security and government service are only allowed to learn what a foreign country wants them to learn? Whose interests are you protecting, theirs or ours?

2. TREASON: Congress, the Senate and the President of the United States have one job and one job only: *support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.* TOP

US FEDERAL OATH OF OFFICE:

I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

Every Congressman, Senator and the President of the United States swears this oath of office, instituted in the 1860's. Its principles as set forth in the US Constitution drafted by Civil War-era members of Congress are worded specifically with the intent of ensnaring traitors within our government. Resolution 3077 patently violates this oath and shows the interests of those in our government pushing it through egregiously failing in the only job they have: *Protect and Defend the US Constitution*. Foregoing American interests in favor of a foreign agenda is treason. Our House of Representative sacrificed our rights in favor of the needs and desires of a foreign country. This resolution does not help Americans. It helps the foreign country control our free flow of information and thus our opinions, facts and debate.

Keeping information from the American public never helps us. We have the right to decide what is good information and what is bad information. No foreign government, special interest or lobby under our Constitution is allowed to circumvent this fundamental right. Any government official who sells our rights to others, whether for campaign funds, endorsements or favors neglects his office and places us as a nation in peril. This is treason. Why would a representative of our government care what is taught about other nations in this country? Our congressmen and senators do not represent this other country. Our congressmen and senators are not employed by this other country. An idea like this should not matter leaving one to ask, why does it to such an extent a resolution is drafted to curb discussion? Allowing another country or its proxy to mold our thoughts and what we learn is placing us as a nation at risk. Nobody has the right to tell an American how to think! Nobody has the right to tell us what or how we learn. TOP

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THE QUESTION TO OUR CONGRESS:
How does passing a resolution abridging the freedom of speech and our right as citizens to openly debate issues support and defend the First Amendment of the United States which states: ***Congress shall make no law prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech?***

According to your oath of office, Mr. Congressman, failing to protect this right from enemies domestic and in this case foreign, constitutes treason. Please explain to the American people why you are sacrificing us by allowing a foreign government to play thought police and nullify the US Constitution.

3. UNDUE INFLUENCE OF SPECIAL INTEREST ON OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM: Freedom of education represents a fundamental American value, the cornerstone and bedrock of a republic.

The strength of a people directly relates to the level of education, whether formal or acquired, and its awareness of all aspects surrounding decisions. Information represents the single most valuable asset for any country, company or individual. Stifling education and debate is oral book burning, destroying the book before it can be written. It is mind control in the most basic sense. The ability to learn and exchange ideas in a free society is a right, not a privilege. This country was not built on gag orders and intimidation. It was built on ideas and ideas need freedom to flourish. TOP

The fact that this resolution exists illustrates how seriously warped our government's values have become. *We the People* no longer exist and if we do, we are an after-thought, a piggy bank or the building materials of our representative's power and wealth, the means to their hedonistic ends. The fact that the interests of a foreign government supercede American rights is astonishing! The fact that a foreign power holds enough clout over our representatives for them to consider HR 3077 a good idea, willingly violate their oath of office and commit treason to satisfy this single lobby is terrifying.

Does it surprise anyone to discover this foreign country does not want us discussing this power in any terms other than those it agrees with?

Will it now require that political sciences, law and international studies in Universities be funded by outside sources, simply so Americans can decide what we learn without being influenced by the agendas of those out to destroy our Constitutional rights?

THE QUESTION TO OUR CONGRESS:

Why Mr. Congressman are you allowing a foreign government to dictate what we teach in our schools?

Why does this single country have the power to ignore the US Constitution and enough influence to persuade you into breaking your oath to us?

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HR 3077 isn't the first resolution to destroy our rights. Capps II and the Trusted Traveler violate our 4th and 5th Amendment rights and many others precede these. Their passage as well, according to the oath of office is treason. Our rights, the foundations of democracy fall by the wayside, more every day. In January 2004, the United States achieved a new milestone. We now fulfill all FOURTEEN POINTS OF FASCISM. This resolution, HR 3077 Orwellian in nature fortifies these points through the limitation of information and extraction of meaningful debate. TOP

Now HR 3077 heads to the Senate and this foreign government continues to lobby hard and ruthlessly for its passage. They usually get their way. The last time they didn't involved the sale of jets to Saudi Arabia in the early 1980's. The question is, will our senate support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic by destroying this attack on our First Amendment? Or will our Senate remain the pawn, the mouthpiece and Occupied Territory of this foreign insurgent so many already accuse and believe it to be.

America, if this idea that a foreign government can dictate what we learn, discuss and debate in this country angers you, write your Senators today and express to them under no circumstance will we sacrifice our freedom of speech to any country, lobby or special interest. **TELL YOUR SENATORS: NO! ON HR3077**.

THE GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS BEHIND HR 3077 ARE:

The Country: Israel

It's Lobbies in the US on this Resolution
Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith,
The American Jewish Congress
American Jewish Committee

Martin Kramer, a professor of Arab studies Tel Aviv University
Stanley Kurtz, a contributor: (anti-) Arab National Review Online
Daniel Pipes: Campus Watch, (This group conducts witch hunts against professors. See our article: KILLING THE FIRST AMENDMENT for a graphic example of its purpose and what they want to censor)

THE CONGRESSMEN WHO DRAFTED AND CHAMPIONED THE RESOLUTION: Rep. Peter Hoekstra (MI), Rep. John A. Boehner (Ohio), Rep. John R. Carter (Texas), Rep. Tom Cole (Oklahoma), Rep. James Greenwood (Penn.), Rep. Howard (Buck) McKeon (Calif.), Rep. Patrick J. Tiberi (Ohio), Rep. Joe Wilson (South Carolina)

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