



H.R. 3724: End Woke Higher Education Act

THE PROBLEM:

Students attend college to be educated, not indoctrinated.

- Postsecondary education should equip students to discover truth and think for themselves, but campus activists, woke faculty, and partisan administrators are destroying this model. This threatens both our constitutionally guaranteed rights and the value of a college education.
 - Freedom of speech is under attack on college campuses. Without free speech, our universities lose their purpose as truth seeking institutions and become pseudo-indoctrination camps.
 - Similarly, some accreditors are requiring institutions to push one-sided ideological agendas like incorporating DEI—or diversity, equity, and inclusion—into American universities. Instead, accreditors should be holding institutions to standards of excellence and ensuring a degree is worth more than the paper it's on.

THE SOLUTION:

Republicans will not surrender America's universities to the woke ideologues or the ballooning education bureaucracy.

- **H.R. 3724**, the *End Woke Higher Education Act*, incorporates two bills that meet this mission: Rep. Owens' *Accreditation for College Excellence Act* and Rep. Williams' *Respecting the First Amendment on Campus Act*.
- **Rep. Owens' Accreditation for College Excellence Act**, ensures colleges are not forced to commit to the principles of DEI to receive accreditation, also:
 - Ensures accreditors' standards do not require, encourage, or coerce an institution to support or oppose specific partisan or political beliefs or viewpoints on social or political issues or support the disparate treatment of any individual or group;
 - Prohibits accreditors from assessing an institution's commitment to any ideology, belief, or viewpoint for the purposes of receiving accreditation for Higher Education Act (HEA) funding;
 - Protects a college's religious mission and a religious accreditor's ability to require adherence with religious practices or codes of conduct; and
 - Ensures that an accreditor cannot require, encourage, or coerce an institution to violate any right protected by the Constitution.





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- **Rep. Williams' *Respecting the First Amendment on Campus Act***, ensures the full sweep of the First Amendment is adhered to by public college campuses, also:
 - Makes free speech on campus a condition of receiving Title IV funds under the HEA;
 - Ensures students are educated on their First Amendment rights;
 - Safeguards the freedoms of association and religion on campus;
 - Prohibits institutions from forcing students, faculty, or applicants to take political litmus tests; and
 - Requires all institutions to disclose annually First Amendment policies held by the institution.

BOTTOM LINE:

Universities should not have policies and practices that unconstitutionally regulate the marketplace of ideas on their campuses. Too many universities and accreditors have abandoned their mission to equip students to discover truth and think for themselves. The ***End Woke Higher Education Act*** reverses this trend by upholding Americans' constitutional rights and restoring viewpoint diversity throughout postsecondary education.

