

Signs of the Times

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Texas A&M University's Student Code of Conduct office is harassing a student for posting pro-Biden signs on campus last November.

Don't believe it?

Well, ya got me. The signs were pro-Trump, *not* pro-Biden.

I committed this small and fleeting deception to make a point. The fact that posting of signs, announcements, etc., on a university campus, including the Texas A&M campus, is nothing unusual. The kids these days (along with those of the last umpteen centuries) have *always*

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engaged in political debate on campus, trying to promulgate their views.

Doing so doesn't typically cause big problems with officials of U.S. universities. Unless — and, alas, increasingly — the message



being promulgated contradicts approved establishmentarian political themes.

According to a CampusReform.org report, Dion Okeke, president of Students for Trump, received a letter from the school's Student Conduct Office saying he'd better meet with the Student Conduct office about posting the signs. Otherwise, he could face charges of improper student conduct, and his registration could be placed on "administrative hold."

Universities doubtless have rules about sign placement. Okeke's sign-posting sounds like a minor infraction at worst.

If it even was an infraction at all.

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Meanwhile, a Texas A&M student who perpetrated a hoax about alleged racism last summer is not in any trouble with the school.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.