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Facebook Post by LGBTQ Society of Goldsmiths University

(written *after* they viewed the video showing Muslim students

attempting to disrupt Maryam Namazie's presentation)

Note: Goldsmiths' Feminist Society also sided with the Islamic Society On Campus (ISOC).

*Following recent events on- and offline, we would like to state and show our solidarity with the sisters and brothers of our Goldsmiths ISOC.*

Students, the feeling is NOT mutual.

The president of ISOC, Muhammed Patel, stated on his Twitter account "Homosexuality is a disease of the heart and mind." Patel made it very clear what he thinks of "you people."

On the other hand, the woman whom you attacked, fights bravely against your enemies: both gay-hating Muslims and against all the enemies of Feminism.

If I were a soldier in a trench with any of "you people" I would be more afraid of turning my back on you than I would be of facing the enemy ... as Maryam Namazie just found out.

*We condemn AHS [sic] and online supporters for their islamophobic remarks, attitudes, and harassment.*

Students, where is your condemnation of the attack on Namazie's freedom of speech? Where is your condemnation when ISOC members tried to intimidate her and shut her up by constantly interrupting her speech? Where is your condemnation for those who attempted to take her projector? Where is your condemnation for all the horrible things they said to her and about her?

It was easy for you to attack Namazie. She is no threat to you. But the Muslims who would remove you from our society if they had the power to do so ... your fear of them is obvious. There is a psychological phenomenon to describe people who side with their persecutors against those who would defend them.

You should google "Stockholm Syndrome."

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stockholm_syndrome>

My guess is that, after this travesty, Wikipedia will add Goldsmiths' LGBTQ and Feminist Societies as examples of Stockholm Syndrome.

*If they feel intimidated, we urge them to look at the underpinnings of their ideology.*

Students, it is your desertion of your defender to stand with those who hate your guts that proves that you are the ones who are intimidated.

Do you really expect us to believe that those thugs would not have intimidated you, were you in Namazie's place, speaking on gay rights or feminism?

*We find that personal and social harm enacted in the name of ‘free speech’ is foul, and detrimental to the wellbeing [sic] of students and staff on campus.*

Students, what personal and social harm are you accusing Namazie of promoting?

If anything is foul and detrimental to the well-being of students and staff on campus it is the actions of Muslim students as recorded on the video that your school desperately wants destroyed. That's right, Goldsmiths is trying to intimidate Namazie into removing the video. Why?

Because it clearly shows a group of thugs attempting to deprive an invited speaker of her right to free speech; and it shows them trying to use physical force to do so.

The saddest part is that you have seen the video. So you have absolutely no excuse for your position. You side with those who would strip us of our most important civil rights. You don't deserve Maryam Namazie. Stay with the Islamic Society. I'm sure they'll change their minds about women and gays in ... oh maybe another thousand years. It should be loads of fun until then. How do I know?

Just look back at the last thousand.

*In our experiences, members of ISOC have been nothing but charming, patient, kind, and peaceful as individuals and as an organization.*

Students, "you people" are completely delusional. You've seen the video. There is no way you can make that statement with a straight face after watching the horror that Namazie was put through. "You people" are so vile that I'm almost tempted to agree with Muslims about you. But fortunately, you freaks don't represent all gay people nor all women. So I refuse to judge all gays or women based on one disgusting little group of terrified cowards like you.

And I would bet my last dollar that other gay and feminist organizations want nothing to do with you sickos. You've tarnished Goldsmiths' reputation for a long time to come.

*We hope this series of events prompts reflection in all parties involved, but also onlookers. Allyship consists of apologies, bearing with and deconstructing discomfort, respecting the necessary privacy of safer spaces, and opening our hearts to humans unlike ourselves.*

Students, have you heard of any apologies from the Muslim students who tried to stop Namazie's speech? Have you heard any apologies from the university for allowing an invited guest to be intimidated and harassed? Has the university tried to "deconstruct discomfort," or have they tried to intimidate everyone connected with the video into taking it down? Did the Muslim students respect the privacy of a safe space for students to gather and listen to a speaker where they could then make up their own minds about what was said, or did they try to take away the rights of the audience to hear a speech after the audience had set aside time to attend? And can you show where any of the disrupters opened their hearts to a human who was unlike themselves, or is Namazie not considered human because she is an apostate and therefore deserving of death?

Since the answer to every one of those questions is "No," it seems obvious that your beautiful and moral-sounding speech would be better directed towards those who violated everything you just espoused.

That is why the ISOC, and Goldsmiths, are both desperately trying to intimidate everyone into taking down the videos. If the video wasn't damning - they wouldn't be doing that. So even they know how bad they look in the video, and yet, "you people" pretend as though the video doesn't embarrass them; and you even go so far as to support them and attack a brave woman who was fighting for your rights.

Even Stockholm would be amazed.

And let's end with a quote from the President of Goldsmiths Islamic Society, Muhammed Patel as he makes it clear exactly what he thinks of you Students:

*“In order to combat the scourge of homosexuality Allah has ordained us to speak out, and that we should co-operate with others in righteousness and God-consciousness.”*

Students, you picked the wrong side. But the worst part is, that you did so AFTER viewing the evidence; and that is the most disturbing fact of all.

<http://www.secularism.org.uk/news/2015/12/islamist-students-try-to-disrupt-ex-muslim-maryam-namazies-talk-on-blasphemy-at-goldsmiths-university>

<http://www.gspellchecker.com/2015/12/now-goldsmiths-lgbt-society-stands-with-islamist-bullies/>

UPDATE (Patel forced to resign)

<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/goldsmiths-islamic-society-head-quits-in-wake-of-antigay-tweet-claims-a3133086.html>

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THE SCIENCE SEGMENT

Chimpanzee personality

is linked to the anatomy of specific brain structures

The findings reveal that various personality traits are associated with both, gray-matter volumes of various frontal cortex regions, and gray-matter volume asymmetries (meaning larger right versus left, or vice versa). The results suggest that the frontal cortex and asymmetries in this region of the brain play an important role in the neurobiological foundation of broad personality traits.

When compared to humans, many of these associations are comparable in chimpanzees.

The researchers studied 107 chimpanzee brains using magnetic resonance image (MRI) scans and also assessed each chimpanzee's personality by using a 41-item personality questionnaire. For the personality questionnaire, the chimpanzees were rated by staff members who had worked with the animals for an extended period, and felt they had enough experience for an accurate rating. The questionnaire measured 5 dimensions: extraversion, openness, agreeableness, dominance, and lastly, reactivity/undependability (which was defined as being the opposite of the human traits of conscientiousness, agreeableness, and extraversion).

They found that chimpanzees who were rated as higher for the personality traits of openness and extraversion had greater gray-matter volumes in the anterior cingulate cortex in both hemispheres of the brain. Chimpanzees who were rated as higher on dominance had larger gray-matter volumes in the left anterior cingulate cortex and right prefrontal cortex. Chimpanzees who rated higher on reactivity/unpredictability had higher gray-matter volumes in the right mesial prefrontal cortex.

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FAMOUS QUOTES

Andrew Cummins

(no biographical information found)

"Islamophobia - a word created by fascists,

and used by cowards, to manipulate morons."