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Opinion: It's time to take back Harvard

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Harvard University exemplifies everything that is wrong with the American educational system, and represents the epicenter of a self-serving centralized power structure. My opponent in the race for the U.S. Senate, Elizabeth Warren, is a creature of that structure.

Elizabeth Warren got paid \$350,000 per year for teaching just one course, in law, which doesn't really require any skill or intellect. What is outrageous is that Harvard receives close to \$1 billion in grants and even more in tax subsidies, taken from you --- the hardworking American.

Real Indians, be it the Iroquois or those of ancient India, held sacred a time-honored principle: separation of powers. In ancient India, the political, financial, knowledge keeper, and producer institutions were kept separate to prevent "insider trading."

However, today, the same people who control education at Harvard also dominate Wall Street, write the nation's laws, and operate global behemoths like Monsanto. They are a singular cohesive community who funnel vast sums of money to themselves, draft self-serving policies, control judicial appointments, own the media, grant taxpayer monies to non-profits, while creating monopolies from tax cuts, bailouts and venture funding.

They do all this and work with intelligence agencies that illegally surveillance innocent Americans. To add insult to injury, Harvard faculty generate propaganda -- academic, "peer-reviewed" papers --- that claim their method of running the world is the best, while trampling our political and free speech rights.

In short, Harvard is the alpha and omega of the Military-Industrial-Academic Complex -- the "Deep State," a term we often hear these days. Almost every problem in the world -- be it corruption, an economic crash, mass poverty, or a civil strife -- can be traced back to "experts" at Harvard.

Meanwhile, Harvard faculty preach, with a neo-messianic attitude, that they are the saviors of the poor and oppressed. They purport to know the plight of African-Americans by supporting affirmative action, but their faculty roster, especially Warren's Harvard Law School, reflects apartheid within. Harvard professors, who write our laws, want to tax us, but Harvard is tax-exempt.

Harvard professors rant against Wall Street and the power of big banks, but Harvard is a \$40 billion Wall Street hedge fund with a "university" facade, which uses a relatively meager \$2 billion to fund its educational activities. Harvard professors lament against gentrification, but Harvard has invaded and destroyed the diverse local Cambridge neighborhood taking over prime real estate from the poor. Its greed has no bounds, even spanning continents to displace black farmers in Africa and grabbing their lands.

Devastation, racism and segregation are what Harvard delivers, best reflected in a recent report that calculates the average net worth of blacks in the Boston area, a few miles from Elizabeth Warren's home in Cambridge, to be a mere \$8! The reason has been attributed to "systemic racism," but Harvard is the system that manufactures the racism and economic segregation, to which it is colorblind, when one considers the deplorable situation of poor whites.

I believe Harvard needs to be investigated for racketeering. It must be punished for its crime, starting in its own backyard -- the racism in its faculty composition. Any corporation that wields as much power as Harvard, would have been busted up a long time ago.

Neither Republican nor Democrat, however, will ever bite the Harvard hand. Harvard nurtures its own, Democrat and Republican "leaders" -- one tribe with two faces that switch with grace and ease. Elizabeth Warren, a lifelong Republican, became a Democrat, upon moving to Cambridge and joining Harvard in 1995.

As an Independent senator, I will serve you and take on Harvard without pressure from any party's establishment. Let us not forget that Harvard was founded, and still lives off, taxpayer money. It is high time that Harvard pay reparations to local citizens, return its funds and be converted to a real university -- perhaps even a community college.

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