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- Trump’s [executive order](#) states the policy of the United States will be to use “all available and appropriate legal tools, to prosecute, remove, or otherwise hold to account the perpetrators of unlawful anti-Semitic harassment and violence.”
- The order also requests an inventory of all pending administrative complaints against or involving institutions of higher education alleging civil-rights violations related to or arising from post-October 7, 2023, campus anti-Semitism.
- Additionally, the order also asks for an inventory and an analysis of all court cases “against or involving institutions of higher education alleging civil-rights violations related to or arising from post-October 7, 2023, campus anti-Semitism and indicate whether the Attorney General intends to or has taken any action with respect to such matters, including filing statements of interest or intervention.”

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- The full list of universities can be seen [HERE](#).

On April 21, 2025, Harvard Sued The Trump Administration In Response To \$2.3 Billion In Funding Being Frozen

- [Harvard](#) is the first university to file a lawsuit in response to their federal funding being frozen.
- Following a review of \$9 Billion in federal funds to Harvard, the administration issued a list of demands to Harvard including a mask ban and an end to all diversity, equity and inclusion programs.
- After Harvard declined, the Trump administration froze \$2.3 billion in funding and threatened to strip the university of its tax-exempt status. It also asked for further information regarding the Universities foreign ties, funding, students, and faculty.
- Harvard University President [Alan Garber](#) said the institution would continue to fight hate and fully comply with anti-discrimination laws, which Trump accused it of violating in its response to pro-Palestinian protests.
- On April 14, 2025, White House spokesman Harrison Fields said that [Trump](#) was "working to Make Higher Education Great Again by ending unchecked anti-Semitism and ensuring federal taxpayer dollars do not fund Harvard's support of dangerous racial discrimination or racially motivated violence."

Cornell University, Northwestern University, Brown University, Columbia University, Princeton University, And University Of Pennsylvania Have All Had Funding Frozen

- [Cornell University](#) had more than \$1 billion in federal funding frozen, including Department of Defense grants.
 - The administration said the freeze came as it investigated alleged civil rights violations at the university.
- [Northwestern University](#) had more than \$790 million in federal funding frozen.
 - The university said it did not receive an official message from the White House and claimed it had been cooperating with civil rights investigations.
- [Brown University](#) had more than \$510 million in federal funding frozen.
 - The administration said the freeze came because the university's response to antisemitism on campus.
- [Columbia University](#) had more than \$400 million in federal funding frozen.
 - The administration cited pro-Palestinian protests for the freeze. Columbia announced it had agreed to make sweeping policies changes, but the interim president Katrina Armstrong resigned shortly after. The acting president, Claire Shipman, said the university would reject "heavy-handed orchestration" that would "require us to relinquish our independence and autonomy as an educational institution."
- [Princeton University](#) had more than \$210 million in federal funding frozen, including grants from the Department of Energy, Defense, and NASA.
 - [Princeton's president](#) said it wasn't clear why the funds had been frozen, but the school was among those facing federal investigations into antisemitism.
- [University of Pennsylvania](#) had more than \$175 million in federal funding frozen, including Department of Defense and Health and Human Services grants.
 - The administration said the freeze was because of transgender athlete issues.