

**In Spring 2024 Documentary, FRONTLINE, Retro Report Investigate Historic Moment of Crisis
on America's College Campuses**

Crisis on Campus (working title)

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At Harvard University in January, the president resigned under pressure. Weeks earlier, at the University of Pennsylvania, the president there resigned, too.

The Department of Education has launched discrimination investigations into multiple colleges and universities. Numerous lawsuits have been filed against Ivy League schools, state universities and more.

Big donors have either pulled their money from some institutions or are threatening to do so.

A firestorm is raging on America's most prestigious campuses, ignited four months ago by the Hamas terror attack on Israel and the catastrophic war in Gaza, and now stirring up some of the most difficult and polarizing subjects in the country — antisemitism, DEI, leadership and accountability, and election year, culture war politics.

With Retro Report, FRONTLINE investigates this historic moment of crisis on America's college campuses in *Crisis on Campus (w/t)*, a documentary coming in spring 2024. The film is supported by [Exploring Hate](#), The WNET Group's reporting initiative on the roots and rise of hate in America and around the world.

Director and correspondent James Jacoby and an award-winning team ([Elon Musk's Twitter Takeover](#), [Amazon Empire](#), [The Facebook Dilemma](#)) track the story from its earliest days — from campus antisemitic rhetoric and violence, to the doxxing of pro-Palestinian students, to massive pro-Palestinian demonstrations around the country, to the pivotal clash between college presidents and Rep. Elise Stefanik over antisemitism, to the leadership upheavals that followed, and the competing claims of what it all means from the political left and right.

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