

Dear President Ryan, Provost Magill, Dean Groves, and the Board of Visitors,

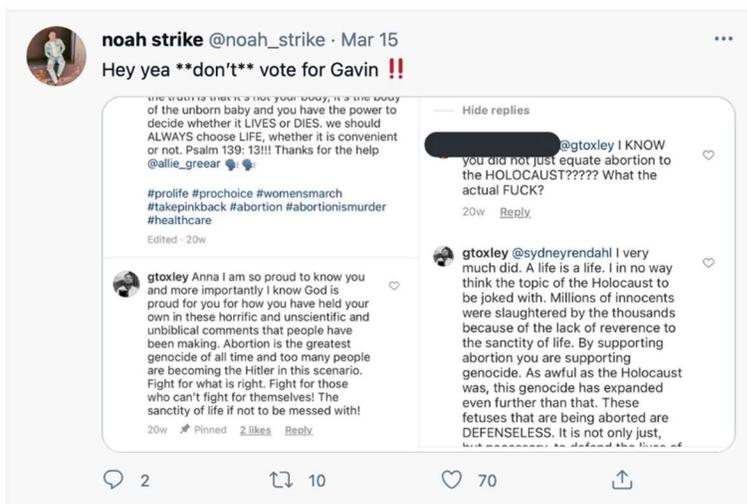
I hope all of you are doing well. I would like to preface that the following letter is written with dignity and respect only. In writing this email, I would assume that you are unaware of the blatant discrimination that has been present on-Grounds. It is only growing exponentially by the day. I assume so because of the lack of actions that you all have taken to protect free expression, while condemning slander. I hope you all recall that I was a candidate for Student Council President and much of my evidence will be in response to my experience there. I urge you to consider the following evidence that I have presented to the Free Expression Committee. I hope that you will strongly consider imminent action in correcting the course of the University and how students are meant to treat one another.

I ask you to consider the following.

1.) I was "cited" as being a transphobe and anti-semitic. I am not or never have been either of these things. I stand by my comments made on abortion and very clearly stated that the comparison to the Holocaust was to elevate the urgency and tragedy of abortion as opposed to lower that of the Holocaust. My comments were taken and clipped out of context to produce a fear among the Student Body - not only by Abel Liu but by those who have slandered other moderate and conservative organizations in the past.

“As the first transgender StudCo candidate, I have faced a bad faith attempt by my opponent to mobilize the IFC and ISC through fear-mongering and thinly-veiled transphobia,” Liu said. “I am hurt and disappointed by my opponent’s tactics.”

The above was referring not to me or to anything written by anyone on my campaign team. I am only responsible to what has been done by myself or my campaign team, not outside invested individuals. Therefore, this is slander and a lie. Also in my email I said that Abel would "highly diminish" the IFC and ISC which can be seen through their cosponsorship of SR21-08 and SR21-09 as well as their support to suspend Greek Life until the end of the semester... What is being quoted is not by me and from someone outside the school. Once again, slander against me.



This was then spread to individuals as well as the Cavalier Daily to institute fear and lies among the broader Student Body and to people who would have normally voted for me. The UBE led a faulty investigation into a statement that did not violate CONSTITUTIONAL FREE SPEECH and thus could have never prevailed.



In reference to the above Tweet, I acted in pure professionalism referring to my opponent in general terms "my opponent, they/them" in order to remain formal. I also did this as a way to NOT offend Abel while not compromising my religious values.

Furthermore, during the debate I referred to a person my opponent had particularly attacked in the past (Nick Cabrera) and had referred to him as a double minority - being latinx AND conservative. Abel proceeded with the racist comment that latinx people can also be white - implying that latinx people are not minorities. Abel also ignored to address the fact that conservatives are a minority in which they have

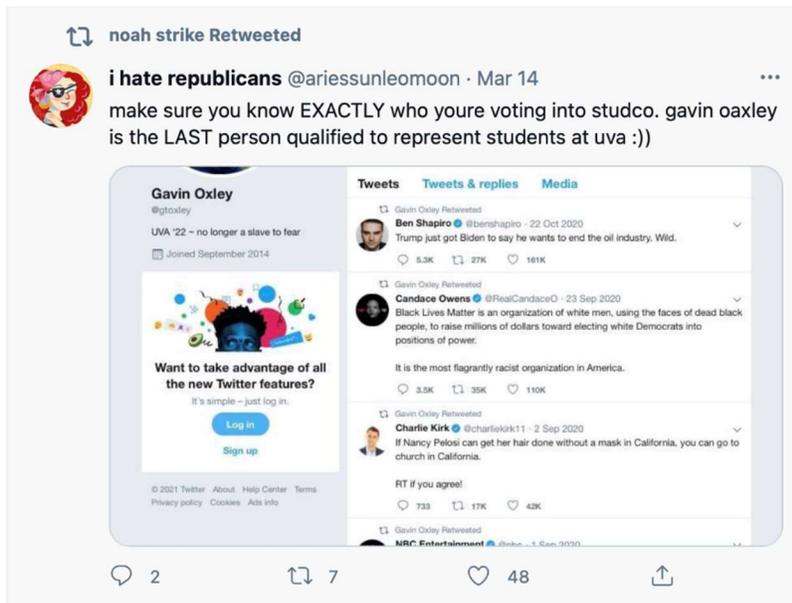
particularly persecuted in the past... The CavDaily article published on it did not even include Abel's response to intentionally hide my opponents racism against the Latinx community.

When asked about the edited video of a November Student Council representative body meeting that led to the [harassment](#) of many representatives of color, Oxley maintained that the video wasn't selectively-edited and only served to prove that representatives within Student Council were being threatened. He cited that Nikolaus Cabrera — a conservative Student Council representative and first-year College student — is part of a racial and political minority at the University, but that Student Council leadership has unfairly pushed against him.

“People should be held accountable and support all minorities,” Oxley said.

After the debate the CavDaily had the **audacity** to write that Abel and I had the SAME views on free speech. If you go back and watch it is clearly not true. I had stated that ALL speech is and should be Constitutionally protected and that Abel as well as the rest of Student Council pretend they are above the federal law.

When asked about freedom of speech on Grounds and in Student Council, both candidates held relatively similar positions, clearly denouncing hate speech. Liu cited the new [Lawn room policies](#) that were implemented after some alumni and community members last fall called for the [removal](#) of Lawn room signs that contained profanity and criticized the University's history of enslavement. Liu expressed his desire to meet with the Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer and Dean of Students to reevaluate the new policies and placed particular emphasis on freedom of political speech, referencing his goal of creating a new Arts and Political Education Fund.



The above Tweet was also being sent around that is clearly showing the lack of representation that conservatives receive. (Note: this was taken from a Twitter account that had been previously deleted and was hacked into using a third party tool...)

The president of NAMI on Grounds also had the audacity to email me the following email essentially telling me to "stand down" or drop out from the race because of the slanderous comments that had been made towards me.

Hi Gavin,

I am writing because of your abhorrent behavior during these elections. You earlier expressed an interest in mental health. If you are a mental health advocate, you will publicly and privately apologize to Abel Liu for the misgendering and other comments that you have made during the debates and emailed statements. Additionally, making amends requires working on these issues beyond simply apologizing. Transphobia has no home at UVA, and it breeds poorer mental health both for those directly attacked and marginalized groups who sit by, watch, and feel unwelcome. If you have any respect at all, you will stand down. Respect is not partisan.

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The administration needs to take action. This is not even a fraction of what myself, Nickolaus Cabrera, Youngs Americans for Freedom, and other moderate and conservative students have experienced and have caused many conservatives to be fearful of expressing their rational political opinions and beliefs. I came to this University after being a patient at the hospital here for more than half of my life. I would hate for my long love of UVA and the Charlottesville community to be lost in the last couple of years of my time here. Don't let the students, alumni, and surrounding community down. The time to act is now.

This University has been here for me for nearly all of my life. I would hate to see it continue in the direction that it is going in regards to the inclusivity of individuals with minority political opinions.

Again, all comments made above are with the utmost respect towards you and your staff that may be reading this email, but I hope that you are hearing my tone of seriousness and urgency.

Thank you for your time and I hope you all have a great rest of the semester. I appreciate the service you all have conducted in the past and will continue to do in the future.

With sincerity,

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