

To the Editor

- 1 I am exceedingly grateful to Emma Camp (Opinion guest essay, March 9) for expressing an unpopular opinion that must necessarily be harbored (cautiously, on the sly) by countless undergraduate and graduate students. The pressure to bow before majority opinion has indeed become increasingly burdensome. We might well fear for the state of unbounded, undiluted intellectualism in America. Our once eclectic nation is transforming into a tepid, homogenous whole. This is not only the result of self-censorship, but also of censorship from without: coercion, intimidation and silencing.
- 2 I implore my fellow students to comport themselves boldly and courageously in the face of this ever more fearful prospect. Do not permit your original, piquant ideas and opinions to be rejected out of hand; when enough iconoclasts stand bravely together, tyranny of the majority loses power. One grows tired of hearing the same hyperbolized viewpoints iterated and reiterated ad nauseam. Collectively, let us attempt to provide balance and restore our fellow citizens to reason and open-mindedness.

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