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until after those of us taking the risk of speaking were at least able to defend our perspective?

I know that many fear this conversation because mainstream, Western media has failed to accurately present the reality of what is happening in Palestine. And if folks do not actively seek out reliable journalism about this violence, then the dominant, master narrative, might make it seem as though we, the authors of the resolution, are outliers and radicals who are acting out of pocket and creating havoc. If we are to follow this line of thinking that people speaking up to end this US sponsored violence are “radicals,” then so, too, are the thousands of the faculty and students across the country who are risking arrest, livelihoods, and academic opportunity to speak on an issue that has effectively changed the trajectory of our global, social-political and economic landscape.

Silencing colleagues and students now is paving the way to a clear path towards the attack on academic freedom and speech on

educators. What makes me feel unsafe is the way that some people's claim to not feeling safe (despite evidence proving that lack of safety) so easily overrides the non-violent messaging of an art installation by students and faculty who are trying to raise awareness on a campus that has, since October 7, provided *no other space* for dialogue. Silence in times like this creates a lack of safety for us all.

And it is this type of silencing that has galvanized thousands of college and university students across the country to enact non-violent acts of protests on campuses everywhere. Students are not just taking over physical spaces on university campuses, they are also