

MEDIA ADVISORY

Statement on Columbia's Gaza Solidarity Protest Community Values

We are student activists at Columbia calling for divestment from genocide.

We are frustrated by media distractions focusing on inflammatory individuals who do not represent us. At universities across the nation, our movement is united in valuing every human life.

Our members have been misidentified by a politically motivated mob. We have been doxxed in the press, arrested by the NYPD, and locked out of our homes by the University. We have knowingly put ourselves in danger because we can no longer be complicit in Columbia funneling our tuition dollars and grant funding into companies that profit from death.

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We firmly reject any form of hate or bigotry and stand vigilant against non-students attempting to disrupt the solidarity being forged among students—Palestinian, Muslim, Arab, Jewish, Black, and pro-Palestinian classmates and colleagues who represent the full diversity of our country.

We have been peaceful. We follow in the footsteps of the civil rights and anti-war movements in our quest for liberation.

We will remain until moved by force or Columbia concedes to our demands:

1. **Divest all finances**, including the endowment, from corporations that profit from Israeli apartheid, genocide, and occupation in Palestine.
2. **Complete transparency** for all of Columbia's financial investments.
3. **Amnesty** for all students and faculty disciplined or fired in the movement for Palestinian liberation.