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Fascism is rolling forward ever faster in the USA.

The [Guardian has reported this](#):

The Trump administration has said it is halting Harvard University's ability to enroll international students and has ordered existing international students at the university to transfer or lose their legal status.

They added:

On Thursday, the New York Times reported that the Trump administration notified Harvard about its decision following ongoing correspondence regarding the "legality of a sprawling records request", according to three people familiar with the matter.

The implication of the 'records request' is that Harvard students represent a homeland security threat to the USA, which I think we can safely assume is a complete fabrication. Fascists can't even make up good excuses for their abuse anymore.

As the Guardian notes, the reasons given are ridiculous. The Trump regime said:

The revocation of your Student and Exchange Visitor Program certification means that Harvard is prohibited from having any aliens on F- or J-nonimmigrant status for the 2025-2026 academic school year. This decertification also means that existing aliens on F- or J- non-immigrant status must transfer to another university in order to maintain their nonimmigrant status.

It justified the decision by saying:

This action should not surprise you and is the unfortunate result of Harvard's failure to comply with simple reporting requirements ... Consequences must follow to send a clear signal to Harvard and all universities that want to enjoy the privilege of enrolling foreign students, that the Trump administration will enforce the law and root out the evils of anti-Americanism and antisemitism in society and campuses.

So, what is the real reason for this? There are at least three.

First, fascists hate intellectuals, and Harvard undoubtedly has one or two of them. Intellectuals refuse to be put in boxes. They refuse to be silenced. Worse still, they question what people are doing. They seek to hold people to account. They tend not to like fascists. Of course, fascists don't like intellectuals.

Second, fascists hate education. Education opens people's minds to the possibility of change and betterment. That is the last thing that a fascist wants.

Third, dedication frees people to do what they want. Again, that is the last thing a fascist wants.

Of course, Trump is attacking Harvard as the symbol of elite education in the USA. I do not like everything Harvard does, or what it teaches. It can, in many ways, be compared to Oxford. But to oppress it is straightforwardly fascist. And that is the agenda Trumpo is pursuing.