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Anti-Israel professor curses out employer University of Chicago, says she teaches to build power

Professor Eman Abdelhad tells socialist convention she uses position to build power for anti-Israel cause

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American Association of Anti-Semitism Researchers (AAAR) has released a report detailing the events of the anti-Israel protests at Columbia University and what has led to the current state.

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A leftist professor slammed her "evil" university as a "colonialist landlord," but said she continues to work at the school because she views it as a place in American society where she can amass power.

"F--- the University of Chicago, it's evil, you know it's a colonial landlord. Like, why would I put any of my political energy into this space? I kind of had a little bit of disdain for people who spent their time doing that," University of Chicago Assistant Professor and Director of Graduate Studies [Eman Abdelhadi said](#) at the Socialism 2025 convention Saturday.

[Socialism 2025](#) bills itself as "a four-day conference bringing together thousands of socialists and radical activists from around the country to take part in discussions about social movements, abolition, Marxism, decolonization, working-class history, and the debates and strategies for organizing today."

Abdelhadi made her remarks at the panel entitled "Revolutionary Accompaniment: Holding Each Other When Things Fall Apart."

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Professor Eman Abdelhadi trashed her employer, the University of Chicago, at the Socialism 2025 convention on Saturday. (University of Chicago)

"This is a painful lesson that a lot of us in the Palestine solidarity movement have been learning is that we don't have power... what we don't have is power... the question I'm asking myself, and I'm asking you to ask yourself, 'is where can I actually build power?'" the professor said.

Abdelhadi went on to say that after she realized that the University of Chicago, which was founded in 1890, is one of [the Windy City's](#) largest employers, it occurred to her that she had access to thousands of people whom she could organize around her far-left causes.

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The professor said she views the school as a place where she has access to thousands of people whom she can organize around her left-wing cause. (Getty Images)

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"Turns out, I work at one of the biggest employers in the city of Chicago. I work at a place that is a landlord, a healthcare provider, a police force, f--- that s---, but, they are, and a place where I have access to thousands of people that I could potentially organize... actually, this is where I need to build power. That's possible structural leverage," said Abdelhadi, who was wearing a black COVID mask over her face.

"From time to time, faculty members at the University of Chicago share opinions and scholarship that provoke spirited debate and disagreement, and in some cases may offend. The University of Chicago is deeply committed to the values of academic freedom and the free expression of ideas, and these values have been consistent throughout our history. For this reason, the University does not limit the comments of faculty members or mandate apologies for such comments, unless the statements violate University policy or the law. That said, no individual member of the faculty speaks for the University as a whole," a representative for the University of Chicago told Fox News Digital in a statement.

University campuses have become a [hotbed of antisemitism](#) in the wake of Hamas' October 7, 2023, attacks against Israel, which saw the most Jews killed in a single day since the Holocaust.

Anti-Israel [tent encampments](#) emerged at university campuses across the country, particularly at elite institutions. The encampments saw students praise Hamas, chant for the extermination of Jews in Israel from "the river to the sea" and assault and harass Jewish students.

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The professor described the University of Chicago as a "colonial landlord." (Getty Images)

Abdelhadi claimed at the panel that though her anti-Israel movement lacks power, it has won the "moral high ground."

Abdelhadi teaches in the University of Chicago's Department of Comparative Human Development and is working on a book focused on how subcultural communities reproduce themselves across generations, according to her professor's page on the University of Chicago website. She described herself as a "young brown queer woman" during the panel.

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Professor Abdelhadi did not respond to Fox News Digital's request for comment.

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