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Pro-Hamas role-playing assignment earns Michigan high school *USPIE*'s May Millstone Award

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — With college campuses all over the United States exploding with tent cities, vandalism, anti-Israel demonstrations and anti-Semitic slogans, a Michigan high school thought it would be a good idea to have students [script a pro-Hamas side for a debate](#). A handout from the class says, "You will be playing the role of a pro-Hamas student debate organizer for a medium-sized college in the U.S."

"This one wasn't even close," says Sheri Few, president of United States Parents Involved in Education (USPIE). "They were asking students to make arguments on behalf of a terrorist group. When you see Jewish college students afraid to attend classes, and lawless protesters taking over buildings and wrecking the end of the school year, it takes a special kind of tone deafness to ask teens to identify with pro-Hamas demonstrators."

A leader in the fight to defend parental rights and government removal from education, *USPIE* awards the May "[Millstone of the Month Award](#)" to Sandy Creek High School in Sandy Creek, Michigan. The Millstone of the Month Award is given to the person or organization involved in government schools who has committed the most egregious acts against children.

"This kind of thing illustrates how indoctrination at an impressionable age leads to anarchy, as shown through what is happening on college campuses today. If this is how government schools are preparing children for higher education, they will never be safe and education will never be restored to its roots," Few said.

A student's mother told a news outlet that a history instructor not only required students to defend the terrorist group but also turned down a request from her daughter to portray a pro-Israel student, according to the [mother's account](#).

The mother said she was also concerned about the age-appropriateness of such an assignment. "I mean a 14- and 15-year-old child we should never put them in a situation where they should be sympathizing with a terrorist organization's mentality," she told the news outlet.

Rep. Jamie Greene (R-Richmond) also told *The Midwesterner* that the assignment was inappropriate for students of an impressionable age.

“Schools should be focused on education, not politics,” Greene said. “Students should never be forced to advocate for beliefs that go against their conscience, especially on sensitive topics like religion or terrorism. Let’s get back to the basics of education: reading, writing, and arithmetic.”

United States Parents Involved in Education (USPIE) is a nonprofit, nationwide coalition that seeks to return education to its proper local roots and restore parental authority over their children’s education by helping parents and local communities to escape federal and other national influences. It is the vision of *USPIE* to create a culture where parents, empowered with the authority to choose what and how their children learn, are the undisputed primary educators of their children, where local schools operate in support of families, and where education is unencumbered by federal mandates.

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