

# Young Greens call on government to defend universities against ‘campaign of intimidation’



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Responding to today's *Daily Mail* splash 'Our remainder universities' [1], Young Greens co-chair Sam Murray said:

"As an academic I find this witch hunt by the right wing media a frightening exercise in enforcing a pro-Brexit doctrine. Britain's universities are world-class, and our academics have a right to teach without fear of smears and harassment from the press. It's crucial that the government stand up for them and condemn this campaign of intimidation."

The headline comes after pro-Brexit MP Chris Heaton-Harris sent a letter to vice-chancellors requesting details of their teaching on the EU [2].

## **Notes:**

1. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5018251/Remainer-universities-Anti-Brexit-bias-laid-bare.html>
2. <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2017/oct/25/chris-heaton-harris-mp-who-asked-for-list-of-tutors-lecturing-on-brexit-was-doing-research>

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