

Hiding in Plain Sight

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Many of us have been wondering why the administration and faculty have had so much trouble accepting former Harvard President Claudine Gay's resignation.

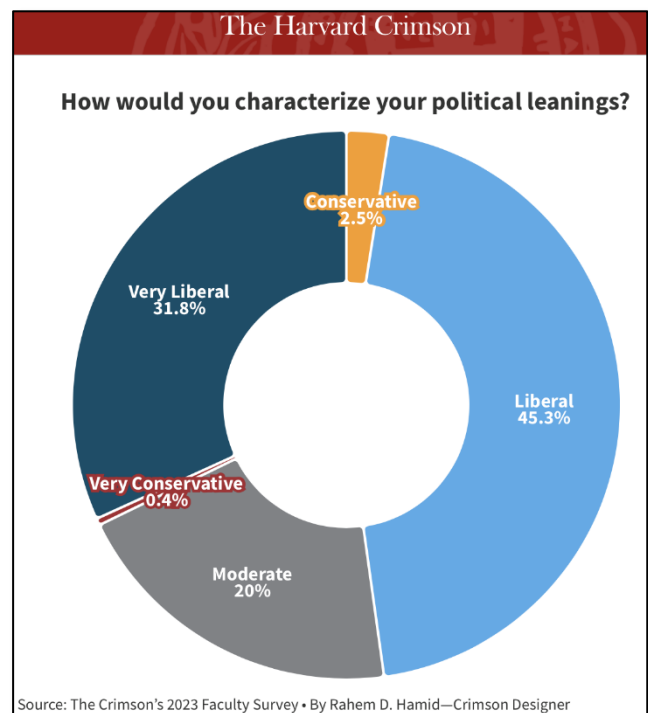
It's simple, and the answer has been hiding in plain sight: they are all cut from the same cloth. Harvard considers itself unique and number one. Yet, it has lost its mystique and reputation.

However, where it still stands out by a long shot is its administration and faculty. While most universities have a faculty that is 15% conservative, Harvard proudly has 3% who identify themselves in this way. This is clearly an outlier. And the faculty is happy to keep it that way. This information comes surprisingly from Harvard, itself. It is based on an annual survey by the Harvard Crimson, the school's newspaper (see Figure 1). And has been hidden in plain sight.

If we want to encourage the free flow of ideas and hear different points of view, we must do something about this. Students should feel free to express different points of view without fear of being penalized for expressing them. A 2%

conservative faculty is hardly conducive to that free flow of ideas.

Figure 1



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