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## Harvard faces Trouble: Tax benefits cut over antisemitism issue



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In a startling development, Harvard University finds itself at the center of a growing controversy as former U.S. President Donald Trump announced the revocation of its tax-exempt status. The move follows ongoing backlash over the institution's handling of antisemitic incidents in the wake of the October 7 events, which triggered global outrage and heightened campus tensions.

A prominent Harvard professor has acknowledged that the university was ill-prepared to respond effectively to the rise in antisemitic rhetoric and the emotional climate that followed. This candid admission has intensified criticism from lawmakers, advocacy groups, and the broader public, who accuse elite academic institutions of failing to act decisively against hate speech under the guise of protecting free expression.

Trump, seizing on the controversy, declared that Harvard and similar institutions would lose their federal tax privileges unless they demonstrate clear and consistent action against antisemitism. He characterized the decision as a necessary defense of American values and a call to hold influential universities accountable for the ideologies they allow to flourish.

This high-profile clash marks a pivotal moment in the national debate over freedom of speech, student safety, and the ethical responsibilities of educational institutions in politically charged times. As scrutiny intensifies, Harvard and other top-tier universities may soon face not only reputational damage but also significant financial consequences due to potential federal enforcement and loss of public trust.