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Subject: FW: Ann Coulter on uOttawa Campus

David:

I recall reading some years ago (can it be that long already?) an open letter that you published in the form of a full-page newspaper ad in the Globe or the Star, explaining your position with respect to a controversial campus visitor who was expected to express provocative and unpopular views about a sensitive subject (the Middle East?). In any case, what impressed me most were the clarity of your careful reasoning and the firmness of your principled position, defending (as I recall) the decision to allow the event to proceed despite the unattractiveness of the views that the visitor was expected to express.

As you will see from the message forwarded herewith, I have been put in a similar spot by our student associations who have asked me to cancel an appearance by Ann Coulter, the vacuous and offensive no-lobe who shells for the witless fringes of the American right on the comically mis-named "Fox News Network". Given the students' demands, I would greatly benefit from a re-read of your open letter and, if possible, a brief conversation about how best to manage this issue.

Would you be able to send a copy of your text from your archives? Might you be available for a brief exchange on this subject?

I would be very grateful for your help.

Many thanks.

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