

Don't Believe in the First Amendment?

Every once in a while, we get a visitor from Europe, looking for (Sami) Dakhlia.

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Maybe it's Dakhlia. Is that you Sami? Regardless, let's remind folks what kind of person you are. Some might say our country is better off with one less person who has a problem with freedom of speech.

Dakhlia -- Revisted

I just happened upon [Sami F. Dakhlia's cv](#) today. Let me remind you of who he is. I was the subject of this incompetent bully's antics in May 2007. Here's is a polite description from "Dakhlia's Follies" (<http://www.usmnews.net/Dakhlias%20Follies.pdf>) An excerpt:

"May-2007 finds Dakhlia at the center of the mobbing episode against the USMNEWS.net editor. At the CoB's May-2007 faculty meeting, Dakhlia was given behind-the-scenes permission by then-interim CoB dean Alvin Williams to take the floor and present a statement disparaging the editor of this website and a number of other "anonymous" CoB faculty. That action was followed by a verbal outburst from Niroomand (in the hallway of the b-school) – aimed at the editor – wherein Niroomand had to be restrained by other CoBers. At the same time, Dakhlia was exalted by some CoB faculty, as he reportedly pranced around the b-school in apparent triumph."

Let me put Dakhlia's behavior in my own words (if he disagrees, he's more than welcome to present his views): At a May, 2007 faculty meeting --with the express permission of former Interim Dean Alvin Williams-- in an off-agenda topic, Dakhlia demanded that I shut down usmnews.net. Did he/they let me know what they planned? No. They planned a bushwhacking. Did Dakhlia come to me, man-to-man, to talk about his concerns. No. Cowards don't act like people of principle. Dakhlia mustered courage to vent his rant only when backed by a half dozen like-minded USM College of Business administrators and faculty. Did he provide reasons and evidence that usmnews.net reported inaccurate news? No. He insisted the reports were wrong simply because he did not agree with usmnews.net. I tried to explain to him that if he had a problem with any news item, I would, as promised in usmnews.net's editorial policy, make corrections of inaccurate reports. The offer was not any interest to him. He just wanted usmnews.net shut down. It was and is my belief that Dakhlia's behavior was that of an intolerant, close-minded bigot.

A word of caution to anyone who works with Dakhliya: if my experience is typical, he will not discuss with you his opinions but will act as an intolerant bully when he is surrounded by likeminded administrators and toadies who do not like your speech.

Regardless of Dakhliya's attack on usmnews.net and the support of his small band of intolerant bullies, including former Interim Dean Alvin Williams, I am still a full professor at USM. Dakhliya left USM even though he had only recently been tenured. Add to that, a number of senior economics faculty resigned during a time of financial hardship so that he could remain at USM. I wonder what those faculty think about the way Dakhliya treated their sacrifice.

For details, see, "[Dakhliya's Follies](#)" or type Dakhliya's name into usmnews.net's Google search widget for details of Dakhliya's conduct while a faculty member at USM.

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