

## plus de 150 intellectuels condamnent la censure et l'intimidation à l'encontre des personnes qui critiquent Israël.

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Lettre ouverte de Judith Butler et Rashid Khalidi ..., avec Mondoweiss :



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Que l'on soit ou pas en faveur de BDS ( Boycott, Désinvestissement et Sanctions) comme outil pour changer la situation qui a cours en Palestine, il est important de reconnaître que le boycott est une forme d'expression politique affirmée internationalement et constitutionnellement protégée.

En tant qu'instrument non violent visant à un changement politique, le boycott ne peut être interdit sans que soit piétiné le droit d'expression politique, qui est constitutionnellement protégé.

Les personnes qui soutiennent le boycott ne doivent pas être soumises à des représailles, de la surveillance ou de la censure quand elles choisissent d'exprimer un point de vue politique, même si ses détracteurs peuvent le trouver offensant.

Nous voyons actuellement des efforts renforcés pour court-circuiter la parole d'individus et mener contre eux des actions de représailles sur la base de leurs opinions ou associations politiques, notamment le soutien à BDS. Nous demandons aux institutions culturelles et éducatives d'avoir le courage et la position de principe de défendre et sauvegarder les principes mêmes de la liberté d'expression et du libre échange d'idées qui rendent ces mêmes institutions possibles. Ceci implique le refus d'accepter les pressions, l'intimidation et les menaces qui visent à baïllonner des orateurs, au prétexte de leurs opinions supposées ou avérées. Cela implique aussi le refus d'imposer un contrôle politique à des orateurs ou des artistes invités à parler ou montrer leur oeuvre.

Nous demandons aux institutions éducatives et culturelles qu'elles s'engagent à nouveau à maintenir les principes d'un débat ouvert et qu'elles restent les lieux où exprimer une palette d'idées, y compris sujettes à controverse.

C'est seulement en refusant de devenir la main de la censure et de la calomnie, en rejetant la chasse aux sorcières, l'intimidation et la discrimination à l'encontre de certains points de vue que ces institutions seront fidèles à leur raison d'être : des centres d'éducation et de culture.

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