

Young & College Democrats Condemn ICE-Themed Halloween Post at UW-Eau Claire

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Eau Claire, WI - On October 27th, an unfortunate situation occurred at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire campus: the campus Republican organization posted a distasteful photo of its members mocking ICE immigration arrests. Despite this, the Wisconsin College Republicans have chosen to double down on their post and have called the action "patriotic". No matter one's political beliefs, this display is indefensible. These actions are cruel and demeaning, trivializing the suffering of real people.

Behavior that mocks the traumatic situations that have brought harm to our Wisconsin communities is unacceptable. It is sickening that the campus and state college republicans have chosen to label this as "patriotism", ignoring the fact that this country was built by immigrants. We should be working to build communities that are safe and welcoming for ourselves and others.

"Across the country, ICE and other federal law enforcement agencies are inflicting fear and uncertainty on our communities, schools, and homes. This wave of unprecedented arrests, initiated by the Trump administration, has placed a heavy burden on working-class communities and has created a troubling reality that we are now confronting as a society." said Emma Steffen UWEC College Democrats Chair "As Wisconsin grapples with the appropriate response to these situations, it is up to us to call out behaviors that inflict harm and provide the necessary resources for those affected."

"The disappointing display we witnessed this past week at UWEC highlights a larger issue emerging across the United States and on college campuses. This action was condescending and clearly diminishes the horrific situations occurring nationwide, which are straining the fabric of our nation and undermining the principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Said Caden Berg, Chair of The Chippewa Valley Young Democrats. "No matter one's status, everyone deserves equal treatment and justice. The events occurring nationwide make me question the kind of community and country we strive to be."

The Young & College Democrats strive to build a close community that allows everyone to thrive. Now, more than ever, Wisconsin needs to band together to protect one another, no matter their background.

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