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Professors sue over Trump media ban

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Yale history professor Beverly Gage '94 and Law School lecturer Kenneth Roth LAW '80 sued the Trump administration on Monday for stripping White House reporters from three news outlets of their press credentials.

Gage and Roth are joined in the federal lawsuit, which was filed in the Southern District of New York, by the editor-in-chief of the University of Pennsylvania student newspaper, a high school social studies teacher and two journalists. The six plaintiffs allege that the White House ban on reporters from Politico, MS NOW and CNN — the enforcement of which was halted by a preliminary injunction in a separate lawsuit — hurts citizens and violates First Amendment protections.

"I've been really concerned about the bans on press freedom that the Trump administration has been trying to enact," Gage said in a Monday interview. "That seems to have a potentially silencing and chilling effect that goes considerably beyond the particular news organizations that are being targeted, and I think it is a danger to freedom of speech and freedom of the press, and as a historian, to the accuracy of the historical record."

Gage said this is the first time she has been a plaintiff in a lawsuit and that she relies on the White House press corps' reporting as a citizen and a scholar. Gage said she leaned on their reporting in her biography of former Federal Bureau of Investigation Director J. Edgar Hoover and anticipates citing reporting from the White House press corps in her forthcoming biography of Ronald Reagan.

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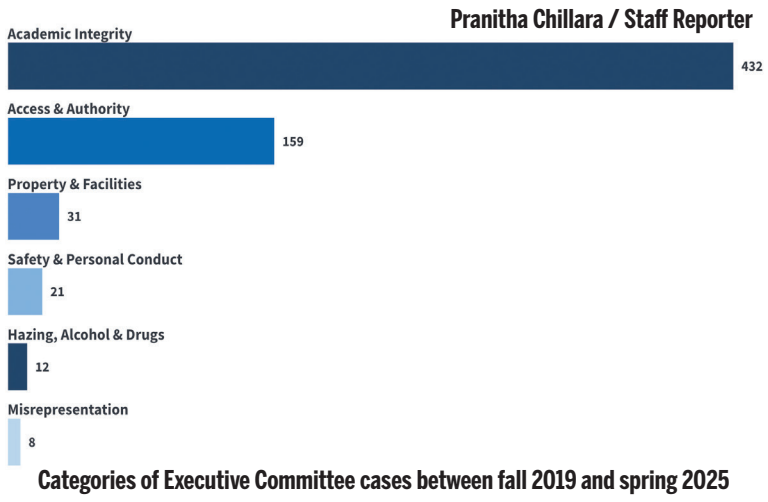

Categories of Executive Committee cases between fall 2019 and spring 2025

Most discipline cases examined cheating

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Of the 657 cases that came under the Yale College Executive Committee between fall 2019 and spring 2025, nearly two-thirds concerned academic dishonesty, according to a News analysis.

The Yale College Executive Committee, commonly known as ExComm, reviews alleged violations of the Yale College Undergraduate Regulations. The News' analysis of data from the committee's case summaries examined when students appeared before the committee, the disciplinary charges they faced and their cases' outcomes. It counted each student separately when a summary described multiple students and included cases in which students were found not responsible or charges were withdrawn.

What brings students before ExComm?

Of the 657 cases reported by ExComm between the fall 2019 and spring 2025 semesters, 432 were classified as academic integrity violations, including charges involving plagiarism, cheating, improper collaboration and unauthorized use of artificial intelligence.

Offenses regarding access and authority, including allegations of trespassing, defiance of authority and interference with University functions, represented the second largest category with 159 cases.

The composition of ExComm's caseload also shifted across the six-year period. Academic integrity accounted for more than 90 percent of cases in fall 2020 and approximately 89 percent in spring 2021. But by fall 2024, that proportion had fallen to 37.8 percent, while access and authority accounted for 62.2 percent.

Fall 2024 was not the only semester in which access and authority offenses represented a majority of cases seen by ExComm. In fall 2019, that category accounted for 55.7 per-

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Tax led to Divinity School seat cuts

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The Yale Divinity School has decreased enrollment in the two most recent admissions cycles to maintain its commitment to full-tuition scholarships after a federal endowment tax hike prompted University-wide cuts.

The endowment tax increase, which is costing the University $247 million this fiscal year, has had varied impacts across Yale's schools. The Divinity School, whose income relies heavily on endowment returns, enrolled fewer students to maintain its guarantee of providing need-based full-tuition scholarships in the face of budgetary pressure, the school announced in August.

Four Divinity School students interviewed by the News said they appreciated the school's commitment to financial aid but expressed disappointment about the decrease in enrollment.

Josh Bird, the director of strategic communications at the Divinity School, wrote in a Friday email to the News that the Divinity School has enrolled 15 fewer students in total over the past two years but has "no further plans to decrease enrollment in upcoming admission cycles."

Bird added that the school has reached a sustainable enrollment number and plans to "thoughtfully increase student enrollment while

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Airbnb-style rentals face limits

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City leaders voted Thursday to advance a proposal that would regulate short-term rentals, including most Airbnbs, in New Haven.

Alders on the city's legislation committee sent the ordinance, which would establish a short-term rental license program, to the full Board of Alders, but said they planned to revise eligibility pending input from the city's corporation counsel. Their 5–2 vote to advance the proposal followed a public hearing where testimony from local stakeholders, most of whom supported the measure, stretched on for nearly six hours.


Christina Lee

"The economics are simple," Joseph Carroll, the senior warden at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, said. "Every apartment or house converted into a short-term rental is one less home available for a New Haven resident or family."

The city ordinance prohibits vacation rentals, or property rentals that last less than 30 consecu-

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Ex-chief forfeits right to trial in larceny case

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Karl Jacobson, the former chief of the New Haven Police Department, pleaded no contest on Friday afternoon to allegedly stealing a combined $178,000 in department funds over roughly six years.

A no-contest plea means Jacobson has forfeited his right to trial and accepts the charges against him without pleading guilty. Jacobson was alleged in a February affidavit by the Connecticut State Police to have spent that money on sports betting platforms.

In January, Jacobson abruptly resigned from his post as chief and later turned himself in after the Connecticut State Police estimated he embezzled a combined $85,500 from two city funds and issued a warrant for his arrest.

According to the affidavit, Jacobson bet more than $4.4 million on online gambling platforms DraftKings and FanDuel in 2025. In April, Jacobson entered a temporary not guilty plea for the two larceny charges at that time levied against him. He was released on a $150,000 bond.

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77-mile walk to New York returns


Courtesy of Kiyora Kaneda

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A group of 29 Yalies completed a walk from New Haven to Grand Central Terminal on Saturday evening, marking an over twofold increase in successful attempts from last year in the fresh October recess tradition.

In New Haven, 37 participants started the walk, and eight,

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Inside The News

In a report published earlier this month, Yale's clerical and technical workers' union decried the use of AI to supplement and replace employee responsibilities.

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