Authoritarians don’t like higher ed

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History is always a good source to help us understand today’s issues. This is especially true when it comes to college campuses. Authoritarians like to point to history in an attempt to bolster their position on the campus. They claim that free speech, academic freedom, and student autonomy are under attack. However, when you look at history, you’ll see that authoritarians have always been present on campus. The question is, why do authoritarians continue to claim that higher education is under attack when history clearly shows that it is not?

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In the early 1800s, the United States began to expand westward, and new colleges were established to serve the needs of the new territories. The University of California was founded in 1868, and it was the first public university in the United States. It was established to provide access to higher education for all citizens, regardless of their social status or economic background.

Later in the 19th century, the Morrill Act of 1862 was passed, which provided land grants to states to establish colleges and universities that would provide technical education to students. The act was intended to help the nation’s economy by providing skilled workers with the necessary knowledge and skills.

During the 20th century, higher education expanded greatly, and new institutions were established to meet the needs of the rapidly growing population. The GI Bill of 1944 provided funding for veterans to attend college, and it helped to ensure that higher education was accessible to all citizens.

In recent years, however, higher education has come under attack from various sources. Authoritarians have used the term “的政治 correctness” to label efforts to create a more inclusive and welcoming campus environment. They argue that this is a form of censorship and that it restricts free speech.

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The activities described above are characteristic of the behavior you can expect to see on many college campuses today. In conclusion, authoritarians who claim that higher education is under attack must be historical illiterates. They need to stop using the past as a basis for their current arguments.