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Two months ago the president of [@Harvard University](#) put out a self-serving statement about ties to [#JeffreyEpstein](#) promising all sorts of "reviews" of those connections - and since then - nothing - what a joke - clearly plan is to try to wash this away [harvard.edu/president/news...](#)

Epstein's connections as a donor to this University, and other institutions, raise important concerns. With that in mind, two weeks ago I asked for a review of his donations to Harvard. Our decentralization makes such a review more complicated than it would be at some other institutions. **I want to emphasize that this review is ongoing.** Our review to date indicates that between 1998 and 2007, Epstein made a number of gifts to support various faculty and institutional research activities across the University. The largest of these was a \$6.5 million gift in 2003 to support the Program for Evolutionary Dynamics. The University received

following his conviction in 2008. We have also recently learned that Stephen Kosslyn, a former faculty member and a beneficiary of Epstein's philanthropy, designated Epstein as a Visiting Fellow in the Department of Psychology in 2005. **We are seeking to learn more about the nature of that appointment from Dr. Kosslyn,** who no longer works at the University.

decided it is the proper course of action under the circumstances of Epstein's egregiously repugnant crimes. **The issue of the gifts given to institutions by donors at Jeffrey Epstein's suggestion, is also one that has emerged in recent days, and we are looking into this as part of our ongoing review.**

Epstein's behavior, not just at Harvard, but elsewhere, raises significant questions about how institutions like ours review and vet donors. I will be convening a group here at Harvard to review how we prevent these situations in the future. I also hope to engage our peer institutions to consider how we can collectively improve our processes. We can all learn from each other.

And as far as I can tell, unlike what has happened at [@Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(MIT\)](#), there have been zero, literally zero, consequences for anyone at [@Harvard University](#) for their taking money from child rapist [#JeffreyEpstein](#) or for their other dubious connections to him

e.g., the Program for Evolutionary Dynamics still is open, despite their not only taking tons of money from [#JeffreyEpstein](#) but also their laundering his reputation, listing him as a friend, inviting him to events, etc long after his sexual predatory nature was documented

Dear [@The Harvard Crimson](#) - any new news on this? Has anyone, anyone at [@Harvard University](#) been held to account in any way for any of this? Signed - a concerned citizen and [@Harvard University](#) alum

For those who may have missed the discussion of [@Harvard University](#)'s connections to child rapist [#JeffreyEpstein](#) see for example this thread [x.com/phylogenomics/...](#)

And see posts from [@dearsarah](#) - for example this [x.com/dearsarah/stat...](#)

And see many posts from [@xeni](#) such as [x.com/xeni/status/11...](#)

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And for the record as far as I know [@Martin A. Nowak](#) of [@Harvard University](#) has not made any public comments about this case - no apologies - no explanations - no plans for any type of amends - and yet he received tons of \$\$ and helped launder [#JeffreyEpstein](#)'s reputation

See for example [nbcnews.com/news/us-news/h...](#)

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