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Texas Faculty Association deplores Patrick's attacks on academic freedom

Texas Faculty Association President Pat Heintzelman released the following statement:

Despite what Dan Patrick apparently thinks, most people don't think like him, especially people who value education. Banning critical race theory from universities and limiting tenure are attacks on academic freedom, which is an important part of the process of helping students develop the critical thinking skills they will need for future success.

Tenure, which is earned by higher education faculty of all political stripes, is an important step in giving professors the freedom they need to discuss issues and viewpoints that may be controversial but are an important part of a student's complete education.

Patrick is continuing his attack on education, which began with the public schools and, if not stopped, will undermine Texas' future.

The lieutenant governor's job is to give our public institutions of education the support they need for student success, and that means encouraging professors and students to discuss theories and issues that some people may find uncomfortable. Patrick, instead, seems intent on ignoring the First Amendment rights of faculty members and their students.

The Texas Faculty Association deplores his attacks on academic freedom and the Constitution.