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Lots of little Churchills

Tuesday, August 29, 2006

In Dimitri Vassilaros' excellent column about Ward Churchill, the University of Colorado professor who compared the victims of 9/11 to Nazis ("Little ward churchills," Aug. 11 and PghTrib.com), he posed the question, "How many more little Ward Churchills are there in so-called higher education?"

Interestingly, the American Council of Trustees and Alumni has answered just that question in a new report titled "How Many Ward Churchills?"

Our thorough review of publicly available documents from 50 of the top universities in the country -- including Penn State, where a professor proudly advertises that he helps his students "unlearn" their beliefs -- has shown that Ward Churchills in fact abound.

By that we mean there are professors in institutions across the country who use the classroom to push political agendas in the name of critical thinking. Our report -- "How Many Ward Churchills?" -- is available by going to goacta.org.

We encourage the Trib's readers to read it before signing a college tuition check or donating to a university annual fund.

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