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SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY IS NOT A WEAPON

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[Bill Ackman](#) is threatening Harvard faculty on [X](#)

Yesterday evening, shortly after I posted that we were launching a plagiarism review of all current MIT faculty, President Kornbluth, members of MIT's administration, and its board, I am sure that an audible collective gasp could be heard around the campus.

Why? Well, every faculty member knows that once their work is targeted by AI, they will be outed. No body of written work in academia can survive the power of AI searching for missing quotation marks, failures to paraphrase appropriately, and/or the failure to properly credit the work of others.

I expect that in the not too distant future AI [will target every paper](#) and not only a suspicious table or an image found by chance. Nevertheless using this now as a weapon is immoral and at high risk of false accusations. And , it may even be prosecuted as criminal defamation.

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Unfortunately scientific integrity is being used again as personal weapon. [Stefan Weber](#) is making a business from right wing clients to verify doctoral theses. Without doubt, he has excellent technical skills (or at least a [Turnitin account](#)) but also completely lost all sense of proportion and direction. See

- [F.A.Z. 9.2.2025](#)
- [SPIEGEL 10.2.2025](#) (follow up of [SPIEGEL 23.2.2024](#))
- [TAZ 10.2.2025](#)
- [WELT video 10.2.2025](#)
- [t-online today.](#)

Back to SPIEGEL yesterday, translated

In some cases, his accusations turned out to be unfounded or less serious than he portrayed them. That's why he is viewed more critically in Austria. ... Until the Förderl-Schmid case, none of this had harmed him much. But for those he accused, it was a different story. Even if the allegations came to nothing, their reputation was tarnished

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