



John Newman
By email

Reference: FOI-2017-129

31 March 2017

Dear Mr Newman,

Your request was received on 4 March 2017 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

Re: recently rejected request

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/taking_sides_in_armed_foreign_co#outgoing-621088

You recently rejected a request made by Dr Ukrainian because you were not satisfied with the requestor's name. I would like to make essentially the same request. My name is of English (Anglo-Saxon/German) origin and I trust there will not be any name related confusion.

I would like to request exactly the same information as in the Dr Ukrainian's request:

- 1. The posting alleged to have appeared on Facebook as "Sponsored". Was Facebook paid for promoting this posting or is there an arrangement with Facebook to promote Cambridge Ukrainian Studies postings of this nature for free?*
- 2. If Facebook was not paid for the posting please disclose details of the special arrangement with Facebook that results in such postings being promoted by Facebook as "Sponsored"?*
- 3. If Facebook was paid for promoting the posting how much was Facebook paid for promoting this posting?*
- 4. How much has been spent on promoting Cambridge Ukrainian Studies Facebook activities over the last four years (payments to Facebook, Google etc)? Where the funds for doing so have come from?*
- 5. How much has been spent on promoting Facebook groups and postings of other departments (three largest departments by expenditure would be sufficient). Please provide staff counts (approximate) of the departments concerned as it would not be reasonable to compare 10 person department to 1000 person department without making adjustments. Please*

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disregard any expenditure incurred for the direct purpose of advertising courses and attracting applicants.

6. Whether there is exists a policy in the University on political activities of their departments, especially in connection with foreign violent conflicts, foreign regime changes? In particular whether their departments are allowed to support regime changes in foreign countries or to back one side in a foreign conflict.

7. The listing of ALL the comments (I believe there were more than 30) to the Facebook posting in question. There is no need to identify the people by name, can refer to them as Person1, Person 2, etc. Please "identify" persons (again as Person1 etc) whose comments were liked by Cambridge Ukrainian Studies. Please identify separately any comments that were deleted or hidden by public view by Cambridge Ukrainian Studies. (Please note it is essential that the information is provided in the above manner as I believe it will clearly show that Cambridge Ukrainian Studies have been engaged in suppressing free speech by deleting reasonable comments that do not support their political stance and were expressing support for abusive posters who were supporting their political stance).

8. Given that the University have unreservedly backed one side of the armed political conflict, what steps and procedures are in place that students (and junior researches) are not bullied, victimized or abused if their political views on these foreign matters are not in line with the views so firmly taken up and promoted by the University?

We consider that you are using a pseudonym to submit this request and that it is therefore invalid.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of this decision, you should write to Dr Kirsty Allen, Head of the Registry's Office, quoting the reference above, at The Old Schools, Trinity Lane, Cambridge, CB2 1TN or send an email marked for her attention to foi@admin.cam.ac.uk. The University would normally expect to receive your request for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this letter and reserves the right not to review a decision where there has been undue delay in raising a complaint. If you are not content with the outcome of your review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner may be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (<https://ico.org.uk/>).

Yours sincerely,

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