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## Cross Examining a Hand Puppet at Columbia

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Was anyone embarrassed as I was at yesterday's sorry attempt by Columbia U's president, Lee Bollinger, to cross examine and berate a hand puppet?

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was "elected" Iran's president on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 17m "votes" to 9.8m ballots cast for his opponent. Iran presents the spectacle of a faux democracy so thoroughly managed by the clique of ruling mullahs as to amount to a bad joke on Saturday Night Live.

Iran is as democratic as the former Kremlin. All lines of political power run to the "Supreme Guide", the mullah of all mullahs, who is picked by "the Assembly of Experts", who in turn control something called "Guardian Council". The Council vets all candidates. The Supreme Guide runs Iran's military, economic and foreign policy.

And who is the Supreme Guide, you ask? The Ayatollah Khamenei who ascended to supreme power in 1989, the culmination of a series of foreign policy catastrophes that reached their apex with the 444 day occupation of the US embassy in Teheran under President Carter 1979-1981.

Mr. Carter has retired, but the “Supreme Guide” has not.

When asked by Bollinger whether the Iranian government seeks “the destruction of the state of Israel,” the hand puppet answered, “We love all people”.

Manifestly, Mr. Bollinger is not a trial lawyer. He probably couldn't have done any better cross examining Kermit about the difficulties of being green.

The left needs to be embarrassed by the spectacle of a troglodyte 12 century mind, dressed up in Western garb, parroting the jargon of political correctness and multiculturalism in defense of another *Ha-Shoah*. A 21<sup>st</sup> century *shoa* by any other name would still be mass murder...

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