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President CJ's Letter

Dear Colleagues:

Our organization, Women for the American Constitution (W.A.C.), was born in February of 2020, just before the global outbreak of Covid. Even with the stifling social restrictions and challenges we endured, our new organization came into its own. Established with governing by-laws, the organization's mission has been to: inform, educate, and elect conservatives who support the U.S. Constitution as the founding fathers intended.

With the passing of our first three years, we made great strides in membership, with outreach from Charlottesville/Albemarle to include members from Greene, Fluvanna, Louisa, and Augusta Counties.

Our luncheon speakers have covered numerous timely issues, including: the second amendment (gun control); China and foreign influence on American soil; Economics (Socialism v. Capitalism); the rise of Marxism in America; Critical Race Theory and other adverse programs impacting our schools; survival techniques in the event of a natural catastrophe or foreign tampering with the U.S. infrastructure; Criminal Justice (or lack thereof). We also heard from our sitting U.S. Congressman (2020); the Chief Deputy Attorney General of Virginia; former Albemarle County Commonwealth's Attorney; three of our Delegates to the Virginia Assembly; the Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia; the regional director of Americans for Prosperity; and numerous conservative candidates running for elective office throughout these three years.

In addition, we've had a constitutional historian speak to us regarding the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, presenting original sources for understanding the "interpretation and intent" of our Founding Fathers. He also made available regular sessions about the Constitution through Zoom.

Now, as we begin our fourth year, we are poised to continue the great work we have done in all aspects of our mission. In 2023, the Commonwealth of Virginia holds its statewide elections. It will be most important to see that our local and state conservative candidates have the support they need through funding and grass roots organization. We have recently formed our Election Integrity Committee to cover one such aspect. We will also be developing a Campaign Committee to work in tandem with the EIC. We must elect a Board of Supervisors and School Board in Albemarle County (and other VA counties) that reflect the values of constituents and the parents of our children. In addition, we must maintain and grow the General Assembly, as well as take back the State Senate. This is one of the last chances we have to return the rule of law, liberty, and individualism to our Commonwealth.

With our mission to "inform" and "educate," there is much to do. We must teach ourselves, friends, and neighbors of the dire national situation of our country. The America we know is unraveling. We find our country facing an open border crisis, which impacts Americans on every level – crime, education, the economy, voting integrity, and our general way of life. We have a military not properly supported that would no longer be able to defend the homeland on two fronts. Our children are being indoctrinated rather than educated. Parents are targeted by the FBI, while the FBI also targets other innocent Americans (i.e. pro-lifers denied the right to assemble, harassment of a former U.S. President, etc.), all while there is (perhaps) a looming global war with Russia and China.

We have much to do and our organization cannot do it all, but we can make a big ripple in our small pond. We welcome any and all suggestions and look forward to forming additional W.A.C. committees. This is YOUR club. Participation and support will be key for growing our organization and working in pursuit of our mission!

I am honored to serve as your president. Together we can do great things!

C. J. Hatcher, W.A.C. President

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2023 WAC Membership Gathering

On Tuesday, January 31, 2023, members of Women for the American Constitution enjoyed getting together for our Annual Membership Gathering and discussing 2023 state and local elections and our plans for education and activism. We also elected Karen Juul-Nielson to Chair our newly-formed Election Integrity Committee. Karen spoke about her plans to spearhead WAC's efforts to participate fully in election integrity activities, such as poll watching and election officiating, that are so important in ensuring we have free and fair elections in our area. Finally, we were delighted to hear from Meg Scalia Bryce who is running for the at-large seat on the Albemarle County School Board, Flint Engleman who is the Grassroots Engagement Director and State Strategic Education Capability Leader for Americans for Prosperity, and Nancy Koenig, the Convention of States Virginia Grassroots Coordinator. Meg discussed the reason she is running for office and her plans for addressing the many problems in our local school system; Flint discussed AFP's agenda for 2023; and Nancy discussed the status of efforts to amend the US Constitution.







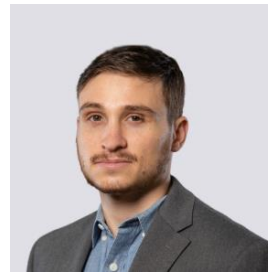
Meg Scalia Bryce is Running for the At-Large Seat on the Albemarle County School Board

WAC is very excited that Meg Scalia Bryce is running for the at-large seat on the Albemarle County School Board. According to her website, Meg is running to restore common sense and accountability to the Albemarle County public schools. She wants to help fix problems like the poor performance of our elementary-, middle- and upper-level students, the fact that our school buses are often late delivering students to school, and the wasting of resources in the school budget. She will work for academic excellence, fiscal responsibility, parental involvement, teacher support, transparency, and bringing students who have left the public school system back into it. If you would like to find out more information about Meg, donate to her campaign, or sign up for her newsletter, please go to her website: <https://megforschoolboard.com/>



Joann McDermid Is Running for the White Hall District Seat on the Albemarle County School Board

WAC is also delighted that Joann McDermid is running for the White Hall District seat on the Albemarle County School Board. Joann is an academic consultant and former professor at UVA. Last November, she told the Daily Progress she wants to serve as the White Hall district's school board member because she would bring a new perspective. Her child recently graduated from a county school. "As a scientist, I am able to evaluate data and look at different perspectives, look at different lines of evidence to help inform decisions. As a former professor, I am able to see what sort of things are important to students," said McDermid. Her website is expected to be set up in the very near future. A link to it and an overview of her agenda will be provided in the next newsletter.



Disinformation Inc.: Meet the Groups Hauling in Cash to Secretly Blacklist Conservative News

By Gabe Kaminsky, The Washington Examiner, condensed

Well-funded "disinformation" tracking groups are part of a stealth operation blacklisting and trying to defund conservative media, likely costing the news companies large sums in advertising dollars, a *Washington Examiner* investigation found.

Major ad companies are increasingly seeking guidance from purportedly "nonpartisan" groups claiming to be detecting and fighting online "disinformation." These same "disinformation" monitors are compiling secret website blacklists and feeding them to ad companies, with the aim of defunding and shutting down disfavored speech, according to sources familiar with the situation, public memos, and emails obtained by the *Washington Examiner*.

Brands, which have been seeking to promote products online through multiple websites to expand their digital footprint, are turning to corporate digital ad companies keyed into global markets. In turn, some of these companies are contracting "disinformation" trackers to obtain private information about which websites they should purportedly "defund."

The Global Disinformation Index, a British group with two affiliated U.S. nonprofit groups sharing similar board members, is one entity shaping the ad world behind the scenes. GDI's CEO is Clare Melford, former senior vice president for MTV Networks, and its executive director is Daniel Rogers, a tech advisory board member for Human Rights First, a left-leaning nonprofit group that says disinformation fuels "violent extremism and public health crises."

"It's devastating," Mike Benz, the State Department's ex-deputy assistant for internal communications and information policy, told the *Washington Examiner*. "The implementation of ad revenue crushing sentinels like Newsguard, Global Disinformation Index, and the like has completely crippled the potential of alternative news sources to compete on an even economic playing field with approved media outlets like CNN and the *New York Times*."

GDI's mission is to "remove the financial incentive" to create "disinformation," and its "core output" is a secretive "dynamic exclusion list" that rates news outlets based on

their alleged disinformation "risk" factor, according to its website. There are at least 2,000 websites on this exclusion list, which has "had a significant impact on the advertising revenue that has gone to those sites," Melford said on a March 2022 podcast episode hosted by the Safety Tech Innovation Network, a British government-backed group.

Along with similar organizations, GDI has been raking in cash as funding pours into disinformation tracking. Its charity in San Antonio, Texas, posted \$345,000 in revenue in 2020, while its affiliated private foundation saw its roughly \$19,600 revenue jump in 2019 to over \$569,000 in 2020, according to tax records.

One influential ad company that has subscribed to GDI's exclusion list to defund outlets purportedly spreading disinformation is Xandr, which Microsoft bought from AT&T in 2021 for \$1 billion, according to emails leaked to the *Washington Examiner*.

Xandr informed companies in September 2022 that it would begin adopting GDI's exclusion list to punish content that is "morally reprehensible or patently offensive," lacking "redeeming social value," or "could include false or misleading information," emails show.

"To enforce this change, Xandr is partnering with the Global Disinformation Index ('GDI') and will be adopting their exclusion list," Xandr wrote to other companies, linking to an appeal "webform" for publishers to complete if they disagree with their "risk" rating.

This exclusion list is developed with oversight from GDI's "advisory panel," which counts journalists, professors, and data scientists, according to GDI reports. Three advisers include Ben Nimmo, global lead for threat intelligence at Facebook's parent company Meta, journalist Anne Applebaum, who said Hunter Biden's foreign business dealings are not "interesting," and University of Washington professor Franziska Roesner.

One source close to ad-buying operations in right-leaning media told the *Washington Examiner* that the outlet is on GDI's exclusion list, citing communications with ad companies. But the *Washington Examiner* was never contacted by GDI or informed of how it failed to meet GDI's standards.

But GDI, which did not reply to several requests for its exclusion list, discloses in reports which outlets it identifies as the "riskiest" and "worst" offenders for peddling disinformation. These 10, which all skew to the right, are the *American Spectator*, Newsmax, the *Federalist*, the *American Conservative*, One America News, the *Blaze*, the *Daily Wire*, *RealClearPolitics*, *Reason*, and the *New York Post*.

"The *American Conservative* had one of the lowest scores in the study for bias, indicating that almost all of the content sampled was either somewhat or entirely biased," said GDI, which did not clarify how its ratings may differ for websites publishing news or mostly opinion articles.

GDI's "disinformation" tracking efforts, however, have even resulted in opinions being flagged. The organization alleged in an October 2022 memo that a *Washington Examiner* commentary article titled "The Left's gender-bending obsession is tiresome and absurd" was "anti-LGBTQ+" disinformation.

That same memo singled out Amazon for hosting ads in the *Washington Examiner*.

Further, according to a senior executive at a company that buys ads in digital outlets, *Breitbart News* is on GDI's exclusion list. Melford cited *Breitbart* in her 2022 podcast appearance, noting that a "whole ecosystem of organizations" targeting the outlet has led to it being deplatformed.

Topics that have recently spawned "disinformation" allegedly relate to COVID-19, anti-vaccine content, mask protests, abortion, and alleged voter fraud during the 2020 presidential election, Melford said. She added that "disinformation narratives" have also taken hold around the idea "that there's a corrupt elite working only for themselves, not serving the will of the common man, and that only a strong man can get rid of the corrupt elite."

The *Washington Examiner* also spoke with a member of GDI's advisory panel who was granted anonymity to speak candidly about internal operations. The member claimed they haven't played a role in crafting the exclusion list but said that "disinformation" labeling, in general, could "definitely" appear to be cloaked censorship.

"This is the concern," said the member, adding it "sounds plausible" that any website on the index's riskiest list would also "probably" be on the exclusion list. Other ad buyers close to conservative media who contract with multiple outlets, as well as tech analysts, agreed with this sentiment.

But GDI has been transparent about its goal in labeling certain websites as purveyors of disinformation. The organization submitted a report to the United Nations that said it is "seeking to defund disinformation" and break "the incentive to create it for the purpose of garnering advertising revenues."

That same report called on "governments around the world" to examine their policies for addressing disinformation and enact "stringent repercussions" for culprits.

The "whole point" of the "disinformation" tracking industry is clearly to destroy "the reach, scalability, market, and even credibility" of conservative news outlets, added Benz, now executive director of Foundation for Freedom Online, a censorship watchdog.

On the flip side, all of the websites that GDI ranks as the "least risky" lean left in their news coverage — minus the *Wall Street Journal*. These include NPR, *ProPublica*, the *Associated Press*, *Insider*, the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, the *Washington Post*, *Buzzfeed News*, and *HuffPost*, according to a 27-page report.

The outlets purportedly show "minimal bias" and a lack of "sensational language" and have "excelled in disclosing and following their operational policies and practices," said the report. Still, many of these "least" risky outlets, such as *Buzzfeed*, promoted the Steele Dossier, a discredited piece of opposition research that Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign fed to the FBI to link Donald Trump to Russia.

Others, such as *HuffPost*, have published numerous stories boosting the falsehood that a *New York Post* story on Hunter Biden's infamous abandoned laptop was "Russian disinformation."

"The Left's censorship efforts are anti-American, and conservatives should oppose them regardless of whether they originate in the private sector or in the White House," Rep. Jim Banks (R-IN) told the *Washington Examiner*.

GDI is not alone among groups blacklisting certain websites while coordinating with ad companies.

Another is DoubleVerify, a \$4 billion publicly traded company that operates an "inflammatory news index" that clients can gain access to. Content from websites gets added to the index if it contains "blatant opinion statements in non-editorial content," violence incitement, or "the use of slurs when referring to public figures," according to DoubleVerify.

DoubleVerify, which posted its highest revenue of \$112 million in November 2022, does not publicize outlets or content on its index. However, *Breitbart* and *Newsbusters*, as well as the left-leaning website *RawStory*, have been included in it, according to a 2016 *Wired* report. So has WND.com, DoubleVerify told the *New York Times* in 2016.

The *Washington Examiner* has also been labeled as "inflammatory," according to emails and an ad-buying source close to the matter. Because of this, the outlet has run into ad problems with Comcast, Facebook, and Google, among others, emails show.

GDI and DoubleVerify are also linked to Integral Ad Science, an ad verification company worth over \$1.6 billion that uses an artificial intelligence algorithm to rate alleged disinformation. IAS uses a technology that blocks ads from appearing on client pages deemed "too risky for their brand," according to a 2017 report.

IAS, which partners with the GDI to evaluate websites, teamed up with DoubleVerify in January to assist Twitter with a "brand safety" operation, according to a press release. Through this new initiative, Twitter will be informed by IAS and DoubleVerify if the companies determine that ad groups share allegedly inappropriate content, TechCrunch reported.

"Unfortunately, this leveraging of AI technology for censorship is the gold standard now," Benz said. "AI is the censorship workhorse, the secret sauce, and virtually no professional disinformation company in 2023 enters the industry without some AI tech aspect to their censorship scheme — whether that's AI for identifying posts, for flagging posts, for sorting targeted online communities, or for mapping interrelations between different targeted online communities."

IAS has released dozens of recommendations through the years to brands on how to combat "fake news" and extremist websites. One includes urging companies to "use a combination of exclusion lists," which it has claimed, separately, may not go far "enough" in fighting "fraud."

The Global Disinformation Index did not reply to several *Washington Examiner* requests for comment, nor did DoubleVerify or IAS.



Decline of Marriage Advances the Leftist Revolution

By Don Feder, *Washington Times*

National Marriage Week is Feb. 7-14. World Marriage Day coincides with Valentine's Day. While well-

intentioned, both are ultimately whistling past the graveyard.

Marriage is on the decline everywhere. The institution seems destined to go the way of the dodo, the little Mariana fruit bat and the pro-life Democrat.

Now, barely 50% of adults live with a spouse — the lowest percentage ever recorded.

In 1960, 45% of adults 18 to 24 (prime childbearing years) were married. By 2016, that figure had fallen to 6%, and with it our fertility rate, which is well below replacement level.

The deceptively named Respect for Marriage Act, which was signed into law by President Biden on Dec. 13, is a full-frontal assault on the institution of marriage.

Terrified that a future Supreme Court would reverse *Obergefell v. Hodges* (which read same-sex marriage into the Constitution), as it had *Roe v. Wade* (which legalized abortion nationwide), after the midterm elections, Democrats rushed to legislate same-sex marriage for the nation.

In so doing, they jeopardized the tax status of churches that refused to perform these rituals.

Even more than open borders, the left has a vested interest in the disappearance of marriage and the family.

Consider what's called the marriage gap. In 2016, 52% of married women voted for then-candidate Donald Trump, while 44% cast their ballots for Hillary Clinton, the first woman to run for president as a major party nominee.

Among unmarried women, 55% voted for Mrs. Clinton, while only 37% favored Mr. Trump. This margin held in 2022 in voting for congressional candidates.

It makes perfect sense. Married couples are more future-oriented. They think about the impact of policies not just on their own lives but those of their children and grandchildren. That makes them naturally more conservative.

The left's war on marriage and the family started with Karl Marx, who considered marriage legalized prostitution and slavery for women. In 1848, in "The Communist Manifesto," Marx called for the abolition of the family.

After the 1917 revolution, the Bolsheviks brought easy divorce and abortion on demand to Russia.

Mr. Lenin said marriage was an antiquated institution that would be replaced by "unions of affection and comradeship."

People's Commissar for Welfare Alexandra Kollontai called marriage a "bourgeois convention." "The family is ceasing to be necessary either to its members or to the nation," Kollontai insisted.

From Marxism-Leninism to cultural Marxism, the left has always viewed marriage and the family as chief obstacles to the revolution. The bond between husband and wife undercuts loyalty to the collective.

That's why Mr. Biden railed at what he called threats to "reproductive freedom" in his State of the Union address. Democrats want to keep women unattached, angry and childless. Statistically, this is their core constituency.

They want single women to see big government as a substitute for a husband, providing benefits that ease the burden of single life. "Vote for us, and we'll fight for your reproductive freedom," they say. Democrats claim they can't tell you what a woman is but are convinced they're the best ones to protect women's rights.

Marriage affects everything. Married couples are healthier, happier, safer and more prosperous than their single counterparts. They also create the best environment for raising children.

The woke mob hates marriage and the family for the same reason Lenin did: because they provide an alternative to the all-encompassing state. When Hillary Clinton famously remarked that "It takes a village to raise a child," she really meant that children should be raised by the village (the collective) and not by their parents.

Increasingly, public education is a transmission belt for attacks on the family by promoting sexual liberation, abortion and alternative lifestyles, including "transgenderism."

It's impossible to find a leftist organization that isn't at war with the family.

In its 13 Guiding Principles, Black Lives Matter called for "disruption" of the nuclear family. One of its founders, Patrisse Cullors, described herself and the movement's other founders as "trained Marxists."

The Cultural Marxists who make our movies routinely display sex outside marriage approvingly. When it happens, marriage is almost an afterthought. In the 1930s and '40s, Hollywood portrayed marriage reverently. Today, it's no big deal.

The future of civilization depends on fighting for marriage. To do that effectively, we must first understand that its decline isn't accidental but carefully orchestrated to advance the revolution.





America Has Yet to See the Worst Consequences of Wokeness

By Yukong Mike Zhao, Daily Caller, condensed

Recently, the Republican-controlled U.S. Congress started investigations into the Biden administration's wrongdoings. Though I applaud them for their rightful restoration of House Oversight, Republicans cannot ignore the major threat to America's future – Critical Race Theory (CRT) and woke culture.

Since summer of 2020, many survivors of China's cultural revolutions, including myself, Chinese dissident Weiwei Ai, Chinese parents in R.I. Meyerholz Elementary School, and Xi Van Fleet of Virginia, described CRT and woke culture as America's dangerous repeat of China's Cultural Revolution. From our devastating experiences, we see a striking similarity between the radical left's actions in America and the Communists/Red Guards (Maoists) in China 50 years ago.

Chinese Maoists and American leftists both created Marxist lies to establish moral authority and divide societies.

In the 20th century, Mao Zedong and his comrades borrowed the Marxist Class Struggle Theory to launch a violent revolution. They fabricated stories such as "The White-Haired Girl" and the "Rent Collection House", accusing all landlords of being "the oppressor", who lived by exploiting peasants ("the oppressed"). This false premise gave them moral authority to mobilize tens of millions of poor peasants to seize power in 1949.

Using the Class Struggle Theory, Maoists established a divisive and repressive government dividing people based on family origin and class. Family members of "the oppressors" were regarded as "class enemies" and were barred from higher education or career advancement. They were frequently humiliated and even publicly tortured at class "struggle sessions."

In the 21st century, the radical left propagates Critical Race Theory, which replaced class struggle with racial struggle. They fabricated stories such as "Hands Up, Don't Shoot" and the Jussie Smollett hoax. They exaggerate incidents of black men being killed by the police while falsely accusing white Americans of being "the oppressors," who engage in "systemic racism" against blacks and Hispanics ("the oppressed"). With this baseless premise of moral authority, they launched violent riots in the summer of 2020 and successfully grabbed power.

Guided by CRT, the radical left is re-creating a racial class system that treats Americans based on skin color. White and Asian Americans are labeled as "privileged" and are discriminated

against during college admissions, employment, and job advancement in the name of racial equity or diversity. In many DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) sessions, white Americans were coerced to confess their white privilege or white guilt.

Chinese Maoists and American leftists censor and cancel opposition.

In the 20th century, Maoists utilized their powerful party apparatus to implement nationwide censorship. They labeled and censored all opinions differing from Marxist ideology as "anti-revolutionary languages." In the 1958 "Anti-Rightist Campaign," Maoists "canceled" the jobs of hundreds of thousands outspoken intellectuals and sent them to re-education camps, known as "bullpens," where they endured forced labor and torture. Maoists even ruthlessly murdered many political dissidents such as Yu Luohe and Zhang Zhixin.

In the 21st century, the radical left and the Democrat Party colluded with powerful liberal media and social media giants, and carried out an unprecedented censorship in American history. They labeled information that opposed their narrative as "misinformation." By covering up the "Hunter Biden" story, they misled American voters and improperly influenced the 2020 presidential election. U.C. Berkeley, the birthplace of freedom of speech, and other colleges nationwide consistently shut down conservative speakers, sometimes violently.

Worse, the radical left canceled many Americans' jobs for stating true but politically incorrect opinions, such as Georgetown Law professor Sandra Sellers and Philadelphia Inquirer's top editor Stan Wischnowski. Americans now live in fear of losing their jobs because of saying something politically incorrect. Conservative politicians Rand Paul and Mitch McConnell were harassed. Conservative Justice Brett Kavanaugh's life was threatened over abortion.

Chinese Maoists and American leftists radically change the culture, rewrite history and indoctrinate citizens.

In the 20th century, in order to "purify" the nation to support their radical ideology, Maoists launched the "Shatter Four Olds Campaign" against Chinese culture. Aimed to destroy "old thoughts," "old culture," "old tradition" and "old habits," Red Guards demolished almost all Chinese historical monuments, including that of Confucius. Books deemed non-revolutionary were burned or destroyed. Chinese history was rewritten according to Marxist doctrine.

In 1962, Chairman Mao launched nationwide "education" of Class Struggle Theory, across all schools, factories, and villages. Four years later, tens of millions of indoctrinated Red Guards and Revolutionary Rebels joined Mao's Cultural Revolution and tortured tens of millions of innocent people, including my father. Millions of them were even murdered.

In the 21st century, for the same reason, the radical left in America makes every effort to change American culture. They discredit individual rights, free market system, freedom of speech, the rule of law, meritocracy, and many other America's founding principles. They glorify socialism, big government control, censorship and racial equity. The "1619 Project" rewrites American history while radicals topple statues of America's Founders, including George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

Like its Maoist counterpart, the left zealously indoctrinates students. According to Cornell University Professor William Jacobson, over 200 colleges are teaching their students CRT. New York, California, and other Democrat areas teach it to K-12 students. If we do not stop this soon, within a decade they will indoctrinate tens of millions of young Americans into radical "social justice warriors," eager to tear down America as we know it.

The radical left has embarked on a dangerous journey of American cultural revolution, by using the same playbook Maoists applied in China over 50 years ago. Just like what the Cultural Revolution has done to Chinese people, CRT and woke culture will divide American society, destroy American cultural heritage, and finally ruin our nation. And although mass violence and severe repression have not yet begun, it is only a matter of time before they do – that is the natural result of such policies.

Fortunately, Governors Ron DeSantis and Glenn Youngkin are fighting tirelessly against CRT and wokeness. With majority control, the Republican House must join this crucial fight. The more we expose the danger of CRT/woke culture, the more Americans will wake up and resist. America's cultural revolution must be stopped before it is too late!



Sun Tzu's Art of War Is Key to Understanding the Conflict with China

By Lee Steinhauer, Daily Caller

The goal of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has remained the same since the days of its founder Mao Zedong in the 50s: for China to once again become the strongest, most powerful nation on Earth. Or as current CCP supreme leader Xi Jinping puts it, China taking "center stage in the world."

This objective of global supremacy is inherently zero sum, for like *Highlander*, there can be only one. Thus, the CCP must first dislodge the current occupant, the United States, from its leading position and realign the world order to reflect China's preferences.

To accomplish this end, the CCP is following the doctrines of Chinese military strategist Sun Tzu as distilled in his famous

military treatise the *Art of War*, which despite being around 2500 years old remains highly influential in modern Chinese strategy.

One of Sun Tzu's fundamental principles is that "the greatest victory is that which requires no battle." Thus, while western generals often seek to bring about a single decisive battle, adherents of Sun Tzu, like the CCP, seek to achieve such a dominant strategic position that battle itself becomes unnecessary, as the outcome is already decided.

Following this advice, the CCP has for decades employed various forms of indirect warfare against the United States including political, psychological, cultural, subversive, legal, and economic, to compromise and degrade America's strategic strength and position over time. While concurrently, the CCP has sought to enhance China's own strategic power and position relative to the United States. So that eventually the power imbalance would be so vast and apparent, that China's victory would merely be, as the French would say, a *fait accompli*.

Indeed, we can see this strategy in many of Xi Jinping's signature policies.

For instance, Xi's dual circulation strategy, which seeks for China to become economically self-sufficient, while in turn ensuring the rest of the world, including America, remains dependent upon China for manufacturing, supply chains, even future growth, and prosperity. Thereby giving the CCP enormous leverage, with the ability to reward and punish others as it desires, while removing undue foreign influence from itself.

Additionally, there is Xi's Belt and Road initiative. A new "silk road" meant to bind much of the world through Chinese built infrastructure and debt trap diplomacy, in an "all roads lead to China" strategy. This has already allowed China to lay claim to strategic ports, land, and natural resources in places like Africa.

Then there is Xi's military-civil fusion strategy whereby Chinese companies are forced to assist China's military and defense capabilities through the acquisition and integration of dual-use technologies, those with both commercial and military applications, such as artificial intelligence, to give China the most technologically superior military, and leapfrog the United States.

Finally, there is Xi's Made in China 2025 initiative, a massive state driven industrial policy aimed squarely at China winning the world's most consequential technologies, those that will decide future global power, such as advanced manufacturing, robotics, and quantum computing.

These policies. And others like them, are meant to place China in a strategically dominant position from an economic, military, and technological standpoint, so that per Sun Tzu, America eventually capitulates and accepts China's rise, and thus its own decline, as a historical inevitability that must simply be accommodated. For example, by ceding Asia, including Taiwan, to China as the hemispheric hegemon.

It's imperative then that America understands and combats this CCP strategy and whole of nation approach to warfare. If we do not, we may awake one day soon to find we have lost, and the war over without the firing of a single shot.

Perhaps it's time to brush up on our Sun Tzu.

(Editorial note: If you are interested in reading Sun Tzu's *Art of War*, it can be accessed here:

<http://classics.mit.edu/Tzu/artwar.html>



These 51 Big Businesses Target Conservatives. Here's What You Can Do to Stop Them

By Justin Haskins, Fox News,

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It is not a secret that over the past decade, hundreds of [large U.S. corporations have adopted woke policies](#), regularly injecting left-wing ideals into their products, services and employment practices. But some of these businesses have recently gone much further than merely promoting social justice causes; they have chosen to target conservative customers and employees, coercing or forcing Americans to abandon their deeply held beliefs in order to receive important goods or services or to stay employed.

Although many conservatives have heard stories about corporate discrimination in recent years, they have often struggled to keep track of which businesses have been part of this movement, and which have largely stayed on the sidelines. A new project launched by the 1792 Exchange, a nonprofit organization, seeks to shed light on this important problem.

The 1792 Exchange recently launched its Spotlight Report, which assesses more than 1,000 companies' "policies, practices, and other relevant criteria to determine the likelihood a company will cancel a contract or client, or boycott, divest, or deny services based on views or beliefs."

The 1792 Exchange team then used those assessments to assign businesses to three categories — "Lower Risk," "Medium Risk," and "High Risk."

According to the group's website, "'High Risk' companies have generally canceled or denied business relationships based on viewpoint disagreements or pose a high risk of canceling people and businesses who do not share their views." Out of the more than 1,000 companies evaluated,

147 are currently classified as "High Risk," which means they are much more likely than other businesses to engage in direct discrimination.

I have carefully reviewed the assessments produced by the 1792 Exchange and have selected 51 of the most impactful for this article. Those companies are grouped by category and listed below.

1. Banks

Perhaps the most influential groups of woke companies in the report are banks. [Numerous large banks are using](#) their financial might to effectively force business customers into adopting climate change policies, even when it will require that those customers dramatically change their business practices.

Many of these banks have also weaponized their operations to promote social and ideological views favored by the left. For example, Bank of America vets its vendors based on their commitment to LGBTQ views, and it has ceased lending with some gun manufacturers. It has also provided funding to Planned Parenthood, as well as the Southern Poverty Law Center, which has a long track record of targeting conservative groups.

Bank of America and its CEO, Brian Moynihan, as well as many of the other banks that have been assigned a "High Risk" score by the 1792 Exchange have been some of the biggest supporters of the radical environmental, social, and governance (ESG) movement. ESG is a kind of social credit scoring model that aims to fundamentally transform the global economy so that it's more in line with the United Nations' left-wing Sustainable Development Goals.

The 1792 Exchange identified 21 "High Risk" banks: Ally Financial, Amalgamated Bank, Bank of America, Berkshire Bank, BMO Harris, Citigroup, Deutsche Bank, Eastern Bank, Fifth Third Bank, First Republic Bank, JPMorgan Chase, Morgan Stanley, PNC, Royal Bank of Canada, Scotiabank, TD Bank, Bancorp, Trillium Asset Management, Truist, US Bank, and Wells Fargo.

2. Transportation

The 1792 Exchange determined that [five large transportation companies fall](#) into its "High Risk" category — Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, United Airlines, and XPO Logistics.

Although the transportation companies listed in the 1792 Exchange report do not regularly refuse to do business based on ideological or religious considerations, they have engaged in left-wing activism and even promoted partisan legislation.

For instance, American Airlines publicly fought against the Florida Parental Rights in Education Act — commonly and falsely labeled the "Don't Say Gay Bill" by liberals. The legislation prevents public schools from teaching young children, kindergarten through third grade, about topics related to sex and gender identity.

Similarly, Southwest Airlines fought against state laws that sought to enhance election integrity by limiting questionable practices like mail-in balloting.

3. Retail Giants

The 1792 Exchange labeled 15 large businesses in the "Retailing" industry as "High Risk" companies, including popular brick-and-mortar stores Best Buy, Home Depot, Kohl's, Lululemon, Macy's, Madewell, Target and Walmart. The online retailers included in the report as "High Risk" are Alibaba, Amazon, Chewy, eBay, Etsy, Shopify and Warby Parker.

The reasons behind the decision to identify these companies as "High Risk" varied, but in every case, the 1792 Exchange provided significant evidence showing that these businesses have actively promoted left-wing ideological views.

For example, 1792 Exchange notes Home Depot "advertised flyers to its employees about confronting their 'white privilege, Christian privilege, heterosexual privilege, able-bodied privilege,' etc."

Target has removed books from its stores at the request of liberal activists, and it has fought against numerous legislative proposals backed by conservative lawmakers, including election integrity legislation in Georgia.

4. Food and Beverage Companies

Ten large food and beverage companies were given "High Risk" ratings in the 1792 Exchange report: Altria, Ben & Jerry's, Cargill, Coca-Cola, HelloFresh, Kellogg's, McDonald's, PepsiCo, Starbucks and the JM Smucker Company.

Although all of these businesses engaged in troubling activities, the company with the most radical practices is, by far, Ben & Jerry's. The famous Vermont-based ice cream company has promoted "Defund the Police" campaigns, opposed legislation meant to limit election fraud, said that the criminal justice system "must be dismantled," and openly advocated for pro-abortion policies, among many other actions.

Fighting Back

Unfortunately, the 51 companies mentioned throughout this article are just the tip of the iceberg. Numerous other important corporations are also actively undermining conservatives and/or discriminating against families or businesses who do not share their radical views.

The 1792 Exchange outlined nearly 100 additional "High Risk" companies in its report, including some of the most powerful in the world, like Alphabet (the owners of Google), Disney, and Apple.

How can conservatives push back against these businesses?

The first step is to share instances of discrimination and reports like the one produced by the 1792 Exchange with like-minded friends and family.

Conservatives should identify companies that offer similar products and services to those offered by businesses that discriminate and switch, whenever possible. If you can switch products or services, be sure to tell both the business you're leaving and the new, non-discriminatory business why you're making the change.

If there aren't any good alternatives, then send a letter to businesses that are engaging in discrimination to tell them that you're considering leaving because of their actions. Companies don't often receive letters like these, so they do have an impact.

Conservative lawmakers need to prioritize policies that reject ESG social credit scores and other systematic attempts meant to coerce companies into embracing leftist causes. The legislation proposed by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis earlier this month that would limit the use of ESG scores in banking is a great place to start.

If conservatives don't soon make a concerted effort to fight back against woke corporations, America could soon be transformed beyond repair. We simply cannot afford to wait any longer.



The 1619 Project on Hulu Vindicates Capitalism

By David R. Henderson, Wall Street Journal

Hulu's series "The 1619 Project" blames economic inequality between blacks and whites on "racial capitalism." But almost every example presented is the result of government policies that, in purpose or effect, discriminated against African-

Americans. “The 1619 Project” makes an unintentional case *for* capitalism.

The series gives many examples of government interventions that undercut free markets and property rights. Eminent domain, racial red lining of mortgages, and government support and enforcement of union monopolies figure prominently.

The final episode opens by telling how the federal government forcibly evicted black residents of Harris Neck, Ga., during World War II to build a military base. The Army gave residents three weeks to relocate before the bulldozers moved in, paying below-market rates through eminent domain. After the war, the government refused to let the former residents return. Violation of property rights is the opposite of capitalism.

The series also highlights the noxious role of the Federal Housing Administration in red lining. The FHA discriminated against minority neighborhoods by classifying them as too “hazardous” for lending. The writers could have strengthened their case by citing Richard Rothstein’s 2017 book, “The Color of Law.” Mr. Rothstein quotes the FHA’s statement in the 1930s that “no loans will be given to colored developments.” This policy lasted into the 1970s, leaving a legacy of economic segregation. Capitalism wasn’t the culprit; the government was.

Economic historians have long known about discrimination by all-white labor unions. Jimmy Carter’s labor secretary, Ray Marshall, a labor economist, chronicled this discrimination in his academic work. The Wagner Act of 1935 gave white unions privileged bargaining positions under federal law. This government-sanctioned cartelization of labor allowed entire industries to exclude black workers. “The 1619 Project” asserts that labor unions advance the cause of civil rights, though the historical record says otherwise.

The series recognizes the discriminatory effects of Franklin D. Roosevelt’s legislative agenda, which depended on the Democratic machines of the Jim Crow South. The narrator states that “the New Deal represented the first affirmative-action policy for white people.” We couldn’t have put it better.

These and other government policies caused immense economic harm to African-Americans. But they aren’t capitalism. They’re interventions into markets, state-sanctioned theft, and political payoffs to segregationists.

The answer to these problems isn’t to place the burden on the market through reparations. It’s to root out bad government policies that continue, sometimes

unintentionally, the long legacy of state-sponsored racial discrimination. That would be a worthy 2023 project.

Point of Interest

- Twenty-five years ago, Clarence Thomas wrote an excellent article on character that was recently republished in the Daily Signal because it is so applicable to many of our Nation’s troubles today. The name of the article is: **Does Character Matter? Character Is All that Matters.** A link to the article is here:
- <https://www.dailysignal.com/2023/02/16/clarence-thomas-does-character-matter-yes-character-is-all-that-matters-our-character/>

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