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President CJ's Letter

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate America's 250th Birthday throughout this next year, I hope to write about some of the more interesting American stories that brought us to where we are today.

During the Revolutionary War, one of the most fascinating stories was that of the **Culper Spy Ring**, a secret network of spies organized by George Washington himself.

In 1778, the British controlled New York City. Washington needed to know what they were planning, but sending soldiers into enemy territory was far too risky. Instead, he turned to a quiet, unlikely hero: Abraham Woodhull, a Long Island farmer. Using the alias "Samuel Culper," Woodhull began passing British secrets to the American army.

Messages were hidden in invisible ink, baked into the covers of books, or delivered using a laundry line code—where the placement of different colored clothes on a line meant different things. Even the spy ring's existence was top secret; not even Washington knew the real names of some of its members.

One member, Anna Strong, helped by hanging laundry in a coded pattern to indicate where messages were hidden. Another, Robert Townsend (code name: Culper Jr.), worked inside British-occupied New York and gathered valuable intelligence by pretending to be a loyalist. The information he passed on helped Washington uncover a British plan to ambush French troops in Rhode Island—one that was foiled just in time.

The Culper Ring's greatest success may have been uncovering Benedict Arnold's treason. After switching sides, Arnold had plotted to surrender West Point to the British. But the spy ring intercepted suspicious

communications, helping to expose the plan before it succeeded.

Washington believed secrecy was vital to winning the war. The Culper Ring operated in total anonymity, and their identities remained unknown for over 150 years. It wasn't until the 20th century that historians pieced together who they were.

The Culper Spy Ring played a critical role in America's fight for independence.

It is important to know these stories of our founding and share them with others. Women for the American Constitution has a mission to educate and inform, so that our heritage is not forgotten. As a former American Government teacher, I will try to share as many of these stories as possible!

(Below, one of the first flags of the American Revolution.)



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

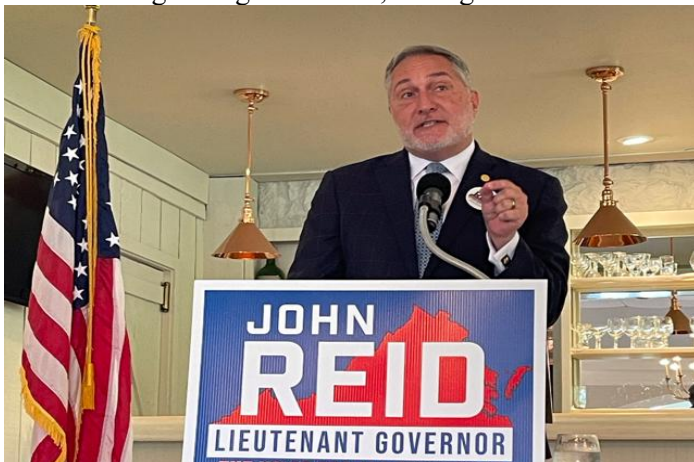


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In June, WAC Members Heard Candidate for Lieutenant Governor John Reid Discuss His Campaign

WAC members enjoyed hearing conservative candidate for Virginia's Lieutenant Governor John Reid speak at our June luncheon about his background and campaign. Reid is a life-long Virginian and host of the award-winning conservative talk radio program, the WRVA Morning Show. He also Founded and Chairs the Virginia Council which brings together parents, educators and community leaders to preserve Virginia's cultural heritage. The issues Reid will focus on as Lieutenant Governor include: expanding economic opportunity, preserving your right to work, standing up for law enforcement, fostering a first-class education, protecting parental rights, stopping radical social agendas, lowering taxes, protecting people and institutions of faith, protecting the right to life and the 2nd amendment, and enforcing immigration laws, among others.





Note from Our Election Integrity Committee Chair Karen Juul-Nielsen:

Greetings dear Patriots of Freedom!

Delighted to report the Republican National Committee (RNC) and the Republican Party of Virginia (RPV) are joining forces to help Virginians elect a Republican slate in November. These two political powerhouses recognize the importance of winning the upcoming gubernatorial election, flipping the Virginia House of Delegates, as well as electing Republicans to local School Boards and Boards of Supervisors. To this end, they are bringing paid staff into the state to assist local efforts in areas like door knocking, training/assigning poll watchers, and recruiting election officials and poll watchers.

Furthermore, they are working closely with the local Republican Chairs and Election Integrity Committees throughout the state to ensure coverage of Election Officials and Poll Watchers for all of Virginia. You may already have received a phone call and/or an e-mail from one or more of the "Protect the Vote" personnel: **John Ruff (434-845-2771)** is the regional lead responsible for Albemarle County and **Matt Cooley (757-831-6587)** is the statewide lead for Virginia. I urge you to put these two names and their numbers in your phone's Contact list so when they call or e-mail you, you know it is legitimate. Please also, respond promptly to their requests for information. They are here to help us; and I think we can all agree - we need all the help we can get!

An additional resource being offered by RNC and RPV is door knocking, which falls outside the purview of EIC, but is incredibly important for the upcoming election. As you may know, door knocking is the single most effective way to reach the voter. **Moses Milan (636-383-7536)** is the door knocking lead for Albemarle County (and a number of other counties as well) and is very helpful with encouraging, training and facilitating this process. I went out with Moses last Saturday, and he is excellent. Therefore, if you are willing and able to door knock, we have another resource - in addition to our own **Donna Gray (252-717-6891)**. Please also add these two important contacts, as well as my contact information, to your phone.

One piece of breaking news: Lauren Eddy, General Registrar for Albemarle County, resigned her position effective August 12. She is currently under investigation but it has nothing to do with Elections. The Electoral Board at their monthly meeting this past Thursday (I was at the meeting) assured us that the election would proceed without complication. They believe the current remaining staff is capable of managing the work required. Please keep the Electoral Board and the entire Election Office in your

prayers because this is a very busy time, and Lauren's resignation will result in additional work for everyone.

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Radicalism Rebranded: Is New York City's 'Mamdani Moment' America's Problem?

By Kim Ezra Shienbaum,
American Thinker

Many Americans are asking how we reached a point where lawlessness, anti-Americanism, and open sympathy for terrorists are not only tolerated but celebrated—and where mayoral candidates who would once have been considered “fringe” can win primaries in major cities. The answer? Since the 1960s, the United States has undergone one of the most dramatic political rebrandings in modern history, particularly on the Left. The sixties radicals never disappeared. Their ideas, once considered extreme, have not only resurfaced, they’ve been rebranded. Today, extremism is marketed to new generations as compassionate, inclusive, and enlightened, marching under the “progressive” banner and embraced by a growing bloc of post-9/11, college-educated voters.

However, while the rhetoric has softened, the underlying ideology and its mission remain unchanged. Indeed, the label “Progressive” is itself a branding triumph. It wraps radical demands in the soft language of European-style social democracy. But the resemblance is misleading. Unlike Europe’s Social Democratic parties, which operate comfortably within free market economies and reject Marxist class conflict, the American progressive left is anti-capitalist and embraces identity-based Marxism,

recasting social conflict in terms of race, ethnicity, and gender. Today, that rebranding is no longer confined to universities or activist circles—it is shaping electoral outcomes. The rise is not an aberration, but the culmination of a movement decades in the making.

The Radical Roots

In the 1960s, radical groups like Students for a Democratic Society, the Weather Underground, and the Black Panthers openly called for dismantling America's political and cultural framework. Their rhetoric—violent, confrontational, and contemptuous of American identity—alienated the public. The Left learned a crucial lesson: they could not win by storming the gates. To succeed, they would need to exchange the vocabulary of revolution for the language of compassion, justice, and human rights.

The Rebranding Campaign

Over decades, the Left refined its message. Words that once triggered alarm were replaced with language that sounded moral and inclusive. This was more than semantics—it reframed the debate over what America is and should be. Policies once seen as dangerous gained legitimacy by being rebranded as moral necessities. Over the next several decades, the radicals and their ideological heirs shifted the battleground from the streets to the lecture hall, the newsroom, the school board meeting and now to City Hall.

The rebrand affected all sectors of American life. In universities, student radicals, once viewed with suspicion by administrators as agitators, turned into “activists,” eventually becoming administrators and faculty themselves. Serving on Admissions Committees, they made “activism” the price of getting in. Radical theories like Derrick Bell's *Critical Race Theory* might have sunk into obscurity and irrelevance, but rebranded by Bell's intellectual heirs under the more palatable and corporate friendly banner of “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion” (DEI) it became, perhaps, the most successful academic- to- public transition of any modern ideological framework. Yet few outside the academy grasped that the new vocabulary did not carry traditional meanings. “Equity,” for example, did not refer to equality before the law or equality of opportunity, but to race-based preferences intended to correct for America's “original sin.” The result was a moral and linguistic shift with profound consequences for hiring, education, and public policy.

The shift in vocabulary was even more pronounced in the realm of prisons and crime. Angela Davis, a self described communist, once championed prison abolition from the margins. Her radical call has today been transformed into “criminal justice reform.” In the process, entire categories of crime like shoplifting have been de-criminalized, decarceration has replaced incarceration, and calls to defund the police have grown. The violent black liberation movement of the Black Panthers which alienated many

Americans was rebranded in 2016 as Black Lives Matter. BLM, while rooted in the same frustrations as the Black Panthers, adopted a softer, more media savvy approach using social media and protest art to gain support.

Once, the sanctity of a sovereign nation state was accepted by both parties, but the campaign for open borders has been reframed as a humanitarian necessity justified under “no human is illegal” while the term “illegal” was replaced in public forums as “undocumented.” Amnesty was rebranded as “a pathway to citizenship,” justified as a prerequisite for “true” immigration reform. Rebranded under the rhetoric of compassion, Americans—especially the young—responded to the moral appeal.

Even foreign policy has been affected. Groups once universally condemned as terrorist organizations, like Hamas, have been rebranded in activist spaces as “resistance” movements, sheltering under the umbrella of Progressive intersectionality.

This rebranding is not cosmetic. It has reframed the very debate about what America is and should be. Generations have grown up hearing these ideas only through their softened vocabulary, never as the radical proposals they once were.

A New Voter Base

The post-9/11 generation—now approaching one-quarter of the electorate—is the first to have been fully shaped in this rebranded political climate. In classrooms and lecture halls, they've been told America is not a nation to admire but a system to repair or replace. Social media amplifies this worldview, rewarding ideological conformity and punishing dissent. In this environment, radical policies are embraced not for their practical outcomes, but as expressions of personal virtue. “Free” housing, “free” transportation, decarceration, and even sympathy for extremist causes are not viewed as reckless—they are considered moral imperatives. This is the cultural soil in which figures like Mamdani and Fateh thrive.

The Mamdani & Fateh Moment

Zohran Mamdani in New York and Omar Fateh in Minneapolis are not political outliers. Their platforms—government-run grocery stores, guaranteed housing and transportation as “human rights,” defunding police, mass decarceration, and open sympathy for extremist movements—would have been political suicide a generation ago. Today, they are winning primary elections. To their supporters, these policies are not radical but overdue acts of justice. Challenging the legitimacy of core American institutions is framed as a moral good. Their success is proof that rebranded radicalism has moved from cultural influence to direct political power. The revolution is no longer outside the gates.

The Stakes

What's at risk is the definition of American citizenship itself. The new "social contract" abandons individual rights for state dependency, merit for identity politics, and the constitutional framework of *limited* government for a constantly shifting set of activist demands *on* government.

The change is incremental but profound. If these ideas continue unopposed, the transformation will be irreversible. The America our grandparents recognized will survive only in history books—and eventually, not even there.

Calling It What It Is

The rise of Mamdani and Fateh is the harvest of seeds planted more than half a century ago. The radicals of the 1960s learned they could not seize power by force, so they changed tactics: infiltrate, rebrand, normalize—and wait. The wait is over. The Post-9/11 generation has arrived. Whether or not Mamdani or Fateh win their respective elections is beside the point. They have shifted the window of what is acceptable, even admirable, in mainstream politics. Others will follow their lead—perhaps with more subtlety, but no less conviction.

We are now living in the age of the rebranded revolution. And unless it is named, challenged, and debated, it will continue to redefine America—not by storming the gates, but by changing the labels on them.



SCOTUS Ruling Against Universal Injunctions Didn't Go Far Enough

By Ben Weingarten, The Federalist,
condensed

The Supreme Court's ruling in *Trump v. CASA* that universal injunctions "likely exceed the equitable authority"

Congress has granted federal courts has been framed as a victory for a Trump administration stymied by an unprecedented barrage of them.

But the majority's 6-3 opinion in favor of the administration's challenge to universal injunctions — via its appeal of several such rulings in cases consolidated under *CASA*, whereby courts halted its executive order curtailing birthright citizenship — is far greater than a win for one president. It is a triumph for the rule of law and our republic over judicial tyranny, though it comes with loopholes that Resistance 2.0 is already plotting to drive a truck through in its ongoing lawfare campaign.

First, the good. The status quo ante, whereby an opponent of a presidential policy needed only to find a single favorable district court judge to prohibit the enforcement of that policy against anyone, everywhere, was an absurdity and an abomination.

Courts exist to decide cases and controversies concerning the parties before them. The idea that an unelected judge in any district would deign to effectively expand his jurisdiction to the entire country by adding *everyone* as a plaintiff to a suit was an affront to our Constitution and common sense. Judges effectively coronated themselves as presidents in overriding executive decisions on personnel, policy, and practices. Thus, the pre-*CASA* judiciary effectively disadvantaged and disenfranchised tens of millions of Americans who elected the commander-in-chief.

Inferior court judges elevated themselves not only above the president but Supreme Court justices too in unilaterally rendering opinions with nationwide effects, "invert[ing]" the typical appellate process, as Solicitor General John D. Sauer put it in oral arguments.

The Supreme Court's ruling, however, rightly focused not on political or practical matters, but on first principles. The prevailing universal injunction regime, it argued, was anathema to American jurisprudence and its antecedents.

"Neither the universal injunction nor any analogous form of relief was available ... at the time of the founding," Justice Amy Coney Barrett wrote for the majority.

As the court noted, universal injunctions are a novel remedy that arguably emerged in the 1960s. But they really only exploded in recent decades, namely under the first Trump administration, as I have chronicled at RealClearInvestigations.

"The bottom line," Barrett wrote, is that "[t]he universal injunction was conspicuously nonexistent for most of our Nation's history. Its absence from 18th- and 19th-century equity practice settles the question of judicial authority."

Removing universal injunctions as a weapon of lawfare undermines the Resistance 2.0's primary effort to stymie and sabotage Trump's second term and the MAGA agenda. It neutralizes the judicial tyrants who have worked hand-in-glove with the Resistance in that effort. It also vindicates the jurisprudence of Justice Clarence Thomas, who once again was years ahead of the court but ultimately won it over in challenging universal injunctions.

Furthermore, it puts radicals in robes in the lower courts, who have suffered from delusions of grandeur, in their rightful place by disarming them of this legal WMD.

But the majority's opinion is no panacea. Setting aside the fact that the court withheld judgment on whether universal injunctions would be legitimate should Congress permit them by law, and remained silent on what some perceive to be their analogues such as vacatur, it also refused to resolve pivotal questions of standing and channeled plaintiffs seeking widespread relief to potential universal class-action lawsuits.

Justice Samuel Alito addressed the latter two caveats in a critical concurrence joined by Thomas. As the associate justice noted, states, including in cases consolidated in *Trump v. CASA*, have sued on behalf of litigants, including their residents, with judges conferring "third-party standing" on them. Alito posed a hypothetical likely to become very real then, when asking in his concurrence whether injunctions granted to states will protect all of their citizens.

"If so, States will have every incentive to bring third-party suits ... to obtain a broader scope of equitable relief than any individual resident could procure in his own suit," Alito said. "Left unchecked, the practice of reflexive state third-party standing will undermine today's decision as a practical matter."

Justice Alito's other concern is that lower court judges may not vigorously enforce the requirements necessary for plaintiffs to obtain class certification, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. These strictures are seen as a check on plaintiffs' ability to secure injunctions as expansive as those under the pre-*CASA* regime.

If judges take a lax view of the requirements to obtain class certification, Alito warns, "the universal injunction will return from the grave under the guise of 'nationwide class relief,' and today's decision will be of little more than minor academic interest."

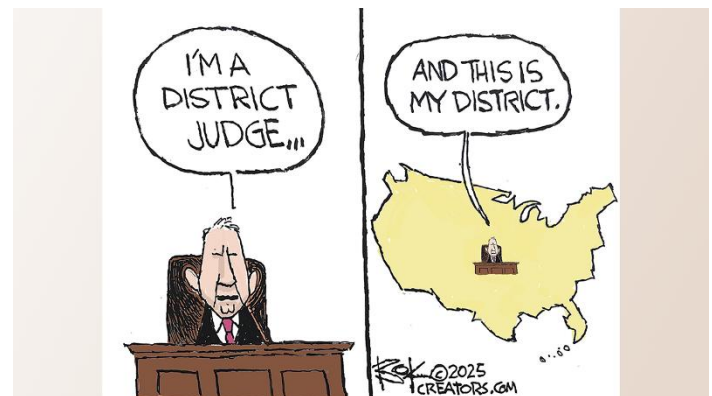
Shortly after the court issued its opinion, so-called "immigrants' rights advocates," led by the ACLU, filed a "nationwide class-action" lawsuit challenging the birthright citizenship order challenged in the *CASA* cases.

Norm Eisen, one of the leaders of Democrats' lawfare efforts against President Trump, revealed almost immediately after the Supreme Court's decision that Resistance 2.0 plaintiffs would be filing class-action lawsuits in pursuit of de facto universal injunctions.

Further vindicating Alito's concerns, D.C. District Judge Randolph Moss certified a massive class in an injunction entered shortly after *CASA*, halting President Trump's first-day proclamation and guidance suspending asylum claims for those crossing the southern border. The class consists of all those who are or will be subject to the policy, who are or will be present in the U.S. In other words, Judge Moss entered something approaching a universal injunction.

The Supreme Court has raised the bar significantly for those seeking to block presidential policy via the courts. But ultimately, as Alito's opinion reflects — and as is already being demonstrated by some on the federal bench — the courts will only be as good as the judges presiding over them.

Unless the Supreme Court reins in lower-court judges with blunt deterrent force or Congress asserts its power over the courts it established, judicial tyranny may persist.



In Latest Term, Supreme Court's 'Conservative Majority' Plays by the Left's Rules

**By Samuel Kimzey, The
Federalist, condensed**

Many conservatives are celebrating a series of strong decisions from the Supreme Court, including the 6-3 *U.S. v. Skrametti* decision upholding Tennessee's ban on transgender procedures for minors. This is an incredible win, and full credit should be given to the culture warriors who fought tirelessly for this cause.

Nevertheless, this temporary victory provides another opportunity to reflect on the nature and function of our current Supreme Court and our political regime more broadly. I have written recently about why the Supreme Court still poses a significant obstacle to national restoration even when it allegedly grants “wins” to conservatives. The latest court term demonstrates that yet again.

The latest Supreme Court term demonstrates that *even the way the Supreme Court evaluates* cases about religion, free speech, and LGBT demands impedes the restoration of American virtue and self-government. The Supreme Court hurts the conservative cause by retreating into leftist paradigms of constitutional construction and lending these positions false legitimacy.

Let's Look At *U.S. v. Skrametti*

Chief Justice John Roberts wrote the U.S. V Skrametti opinion. Its primary purpose was to explain that Tennessee's law was not *discriminatory* because its ban on transgender procedures affects both sexes equally. Thus, the Tennessee law is not subject to *strict scrutiny* (the legal standard the court applies in cases involving discrimination) and can fly under the easier legal standard of “rational basis” review.

That's a legally convoluted way of looking at something that should be really simple. The concurrence by Justice Clarence Thomas was stronger and more straightforward. It took up the issue of *why* Tennessee sought to ban these procedures and why no one should trust the discredited opinions of the corrupt, ideologically-driven activists claiming expertise who advocate these procedures.

The ordinary conservative American is left wondering why Justice Thomas's logic is not the controlling methodology of the highest court in the land. Why all the focus on whether the law is discriminatory? It's because anti-discrimination is the dominant and preeminent value of our legal system, even amongst many legal conservatives, as scholar Jesse Merriam has shown convincingly.

As further proof of this problem, in her *Skrametti* concurrence, Justice Amy Coney Barrett argued that transgender individuals should not legally be considered a special protected class. We can all be glad the court didn't stake out further transgender “rights” in this decision, but the whole notion of specially protected classes is constitutionally suspect and is an unconstitutional development of post-Civil Rights-era jurisprudence.

The constitutional justices should go further and tear down the whole anti-discrimination legal framework that has been built up since *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954), the

Civil Rights Act (1964), and the inception of affirmative action dating back to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. One of the crowning achievements of this ever-advancing anti-discrimination agenda was the *Bostock v. Clayton County* decision in 2020 that included “sexual orientation and gender identity,” or SOGI, as a status given “discrimination” privileges under the Civil Rights Act.

Anti-discrimination as a legal regime means the end of freedom of association, religious liberty, and many other constitutional rights. The *Skrametti* decision upheld a conservative law and quashed transgenderism (for now), but it did nothing to challenge the prevailing anti-discrimination regime that has fueled the LGBT ideology and agenda. In fact, this decision is written entirely within the anti-discriminatory framework.

Catholic Charter Schools in Oklahoma

Another example is the Oklahoma case involving St. Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual School. It resulted in a split 4-4 decision because Barrett recused herself. This left the Oklahoma Supreme Court's decision in place, blocking the Catholic virtual school from the state's charter school program, which uses taxpayer funding.

The arguments in this case revolved around whether the establishment clause of the First Amendment prevents taxpayers from funding religion and religious establishments such as churches and schools. The prevailing view among leftists and even many professed conservatives is that government policy must be *neutral* toward religions and public education. In this accounting, government funding or support of religion would violate the establishment clause.

Yet mandating a secular public sphere safe from preference for religion is *not* the paradigm of the American founders, but a construction of the 1960s Warren Court in landmark cases including *Engel v. Vitale* (1962) and *Abington School District V. Schemp* (1963). This paradigm simply does not match the text of the Constitution, the intention of the American founders, or the early history of our republic.

The First Amendment says, “*Congress* shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion.” It says nothing about the states. In fact, several states had established, taxpayer-funded churches up through 1833, not to mention taught the Bible and basic Christian religious doctrine in virtually all state-funded public schools.

Scholars including Thomas G. West and Vincent Philip Munoz have made these arguments much more thoroughly. The original meaning of the establishment clause was to

prevent the federal government from interfering with states' promotion and governance of religion.

Under the current standards of the Supreme Court — even admitting recent favorable cases — many of the laws and practices of the earliest American states would be deemed unconstitutional today. This indicates our government and jurisprudence have undergone a significant change of DNA.

In the eyes of the American founders, it is not the business of the federal government to scrutinize whether Oklahoma should fund religious education. Not only that, but the American founders all acknowledged the salutary benefit of religion and piety for public morality, which is indispensable for self-government.

Nevertheless, today's Supreme Court hands down political decisions that roundaboutly block states from funding religious charter schools. Whatever concerns conservatives may have about strings attached to public funding of religious schools, it is indisputable that public funding of religious schools is squarely in line with the original meaning of the establishment clause and the earliest practices of the state governments.

It's also indisputable that today's federal and state governments have no scruples funding the LGBT rights agenda, the resettling of illegal immigrants in our country, and critical race theory in schools. The idea of viewpoint neutrality in public education and programs is a farce. Instead, our government distinguishes approved kinds of state-sponsored religions that the Supreme Court permits (directly or indirectly) and others that it does not. It is not a question of funding a religion, but rather *which one*.

LGBTQ Books and Pornography

Similarly, the *Mahmoud v. Taylor* case out of Maryland pitted a coalition of Christian, Jewish, and Muslim families against a public school board that mandates sexually explicit LGBT books in the elementary school curriculum. As the case was argued, a conservative “win” was getting the Supreme Court to uphold the rights of parents to opt out their kids from this kind of indoctrination and to require the public schools to grant them exceptions. Indeed, in another 6-3 decision, the court voted in this direction.

Yet the fact that this case exists at all would be remarkable to the American founders. To them, the real question should be: Why would public schools ever approve and mandate such immoral, corrupting curriculum resources in elementary education? What rational interest does the government have in queering the children of its citizens, and against their parents' wishes at that?

As West has shown convincingly, the founders did not hold free speech to include *licentious* “speech” such as libel, blasphemy, or obscenity. Not only was the government not obligated to protect such speech, but the concern for public morals (the fundamental condition for a free, self-governing republic) *required* the government to suppress such immoral indoctrination of the youth. Leftism turns the problem on its head: instead of considering the moral conditions of freedom and how to yield a virtuous citizenry, we deliberate out how much space is left for Christians to carve out dissent from the prevailing — and unconstitutional — LGBT regime.

The same considerations apply to the case *Free Speech Coalition v. Paxton*, in which pornographers sued Texas over its law requiring the porn sites to verify age to prevent minors from accessing the explicit and harmful content. The Supreme Court affirmed the legality of Texas's law 6-3.

According to the American founders, pornography is not free speech and deeply damages citizen virtue and liberty, so it should be banned. Case closed. But instead current legal doctrines require us to “balance” interests and determine whether the state of Texas' interest in protecting its children outweighs the adults and pornographers' interest in the supposed “free speech” of pornography.

Our constitutional and moral malaise is evident when one considers that we must litigate or even evaluate to determine whether a relatively nonaggressive barrier such as age verification for porn consumption can pass constitutional scrutiny. If our regime quakes at a small measure like this, what would the reaction be if we really sought to use legal power to seriously curtail and shut down an immoral, vicious porn industry?

Many of the Conservatives Are Slower Leftists

These few recent cases show that even our supposedly conservative-leaning Supreme Court is evaluating cases within a leftist paradigm that is far distant from the principles of the American founders and the constitutional government they established. The parameters of our system, within which judicial review of cases and controversies occurs, prove how far we are from the founders' regime and how much work is necessary to correct our decline.

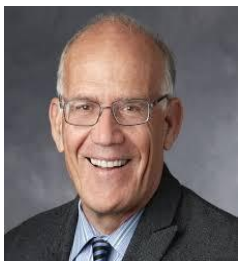
Even if we gain conservative “wins” from the current Supreme Court (which is not even guaranteed, given most justices' unpredictability and passivity), we merely gain breathing room for co-existence with destructive forces, rather than achieving cultural and constitutional renewal. We cannot truly *win* within a leftist paradigm that is built upon protecting increasing categories of favored classes, disparate impact theories of equity, secular notions of free

speech and viewpoint neutrality, and the attrition of citizens' original natural and constitutional rights.

Whoever defines the rules wins the game. The left has established progressive legal precedents and frameworks that shift the game to their advantage and erode the American Constitution and natural rights republicanism. When the Supreme Court legitimizes and institutionalizes anti-constitutional rules such as these, it becomes an obstacle to gaining cultural and political ground.

The Supreme Court continues to pretend that it is an impartial, objective tribunal that merely evaluates *legal* questions — as if competing visions of the common good and of justice and rights can be resolved as supposedly values-neutral legal questions that must balance competing interests. Laws are means aimed at ends determined by a political regime.

We are in a regime war, but the Supreme Court doesn't acknowledge that the prevailing legal framework within which they operate is built by progressives for progressive ends. By pretending to not see the problem with how they are interpreting these questions, the court becomes part of the problem.



Who Has Been Busy Destroying Democracy?

By Victor Davis Hanson, *Daily Caller*, condensed

“Destroying democracy”—the latest theme of the Left—can be defined in many different ways.

How about attempting to destroy constitutional, ancient, and hallowed institutions simply to suit short-term political gains?

So, who in 2020, and now once again, has boasted about packing the 156-year-old, nine-justice Supreme Court?

Who talks frequently about destroying the 187-year-old Senate filibuster—though only when they hold a Senate majority?

Who wants to bring in an insolvent left-wing Puerto Rico and redefine the 235-year-old District of Columbia—by altering the Constitution—as two new states solely to obtain four additional liberal senators?

Who is trying to destroy the constitutionally mandated 235-year Electoral College by circumventing it with the surrogate National Popular Vote Interstate Compact?

Does destroying democracy also entail weaponizing federal bureaucracies, turning them into rogue partisan arms of a president?

So, who ordered the CIA to concoct bogus charges of “collusion” to sabotage Donald Trump’s 2016 campaign, the 2016-2017 transition, and the first 22 months of Trump’s first term?

Who prompted a cabal of “51 former intelligence officials” to lie to the American people on the eve of the last debate of the 2020 election that the FBI-authenticated Hunter Biden laptop was instead the work of a “Russian intelligence operation?”

Who ordered the FBI to connive and partner with social media conglomerates to censor accurate news deemed unhelpful to the 2020 Biden campaign?

Who pulled off the greatest presidential coup in history by using surrogates in the shadows to run the cognitively debilitated Biden presidency, then by fiat canceled his reelection effort, and finally anointed as his replacement the new nominee Kamala Harris, who had never won a single primary delegate?

Who ordered FBI SWAT teams to invade the home of a former president because of a classification dispute over 102 files out of some 13,000 stored there?

Who tried to remove an ex-president and leader of his party from at least 25 state ballots to deprive millions of Americans of the opportunity to vote for or against him?

Who coordinated four local, state, and federal prosecutors to destroy a former and future president by charging him with fantasy crimes that were never before, and will never again be, lodged against anyone else?

Who appointed a federal prosecutor to go after the ex-president, who arranged for a high-ranking Justice Department official to step down to join a New York prosecutor’s efforts to destroy an ex-president, and who met

in the White House with a Georgia county prosecutor seeking to destroy an ex-president—all on the same day—a mere 72 hours after Trump announced his 2024 reelection bid?

Who but the current Democrats ever impeached a president twice?

Has any party ever tried an ex-president in the Senate when he was out of office and a mere private citizen?

When have there ever been two near-miss assassination attempts on a major party presidential candidate during a single presidential campaign?

Who destroyed the southern border and broke federal law to allow in, without criminal or health background audits, some 10-12 million illegal aliens?

Who created 600 “sanctuary jurisdictions” for the sole purpose of nullifying federal immigration law, in the eerie spirit of the renegade old Confederacy?

Who allowed tens of thousands of rioters, arsonists, and violent protesters over four months in 2020 to destroy over \$2 billion in property, kill some 35 people, injure 1,500 police officers, and torch a federal courthouse, a police precinct, and a historic church—all with de facto legal impunity?

How do the purported destroyers of democracy find themselves winning 60-70% approval on most of the key issues of our times, while the supposed saviors of democracy are on the losing side of popular opinion?

How does a president “destroy democracy” by his party winning the White House by both the popular and Electoral College vote, winning majorities in both the Senate and House by popular votes, and enjoying a 6-3 edge in the Supreme Court through judges appointed by popularly elected presidents?

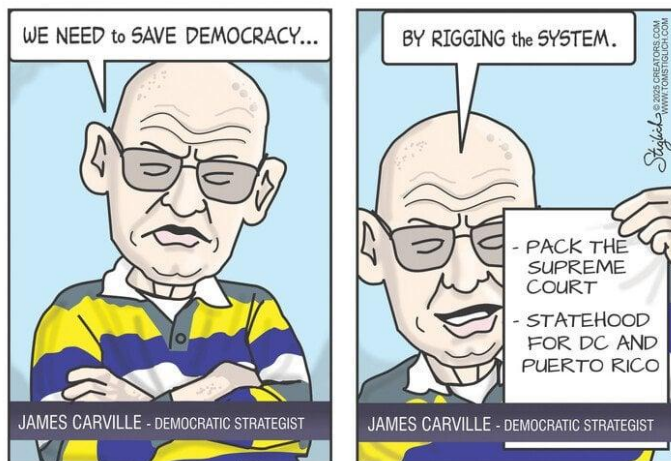
So, what is behind these absurd charges?

Three catalysts: One, the new anguished elitist Democratic Party alienated the middle classes through its Jacobin agenda and therefore lost the Congress, the presidency, and the Supreme Court, and now has no federal political power.

Two, the Democratic Party is polling at record lows and yet remains hell-bent on alienating the traditional sources of its power—minorities, youth, and independents.

Three, Democrats cannot find any issues that the people support, nor any leaders to convince the people to embrace them.

So, it is no surprise that the panicked Democrats bark at the shadows—given that they know their revolutionary, neo-socialist agenda is destroying them. And yet, like all addicts, they choose destruction over abandoning their self-destructive fixations.



America's So-Called Allies are Trying to Censor Us



By Tom Olohan and Gabriela Pariseau, Daily Caller,
condensed

Imagine stepping off a plane in London, Paris, or Rio de Janeiro, excited for a vacation or business trip, only for it to devolve into handcuffs, detention, confiscated electronics and a prison sentence.

Your offense? You posted from your kitchen about U.K. immigration policies or maybe you called a German politician a name or just wrote something critical about a certain Brazilian Supreme Court Justice. This isn't dystopian fiction or some far-off fever dream.

The UK government arrested over 12,000 people in 2022 and 2023 under two of the country's speech policing laws. In February, Germany conducted 50 pre-dawn armed raids in one day over online speech. In at least one case, police officers confiscated a man's devices because of a meme he posted on social media. Similar persecution has occurred in Romania, France and Finland.

And that's just what these countries are doing to their own citizens. Make no mistake, many of America's so-called allies

have made it their mission to bring censorship and punishment to our shores.

Last year, U.K. Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley threatened to “throw the full force of the law” at foreigners for their online speech. Just before the 2024 U.S. elections, a European Union Commissioner warned Donald Trump and Elon Musk that they better not say anything that would be illegal in the EU during an X interview on American soil. And in February 2024, Brazil issued an arrest warrant for an American citizen after trying to censor her speech.

The EU and the U.K. are also cajoling Big Tech companies to carry out their anti-free speech push. The EU alone has fined Big Tech companies over \$30 billion, according to Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg. U.K. Digital Secretary Nadine Dorries even repeatedly suggested Zuckerberg could be jailed if Meta did not silence enough speech.

France threw Telegram CEO Pavel Durov in prison before allegedly pressuring him to censor content related to the Romanian elections. And Musk is currently under investigation by both the EU and France, which could lead to a massive fine or a countrywide platform ban.

These aren’t isolated incidents. They’re part of a mounting global assault on free speech.

For years, foreign censors have held all the leverage and been able to quietly request that American social media companies censor specific content without users or the U.S. government ever knowing. But Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) and the House Judiciary Committee are putting an end to the secrecy.

Americans can now keep tabs on when foreign countries are turning the screws on our social media companies to change their policies or censor our citizens. The committee subpoenaed Big Tech companies to turn over all examples of such pressure on an ongoing basis, and it continues to receive new evidence.

Disturbingly, Jordan has also gained access to documents showing that the EU is even trying to make social media companies change their terms and conditions to be more in accordance with its local anti-free speech laws. This could impose anti-speech European values on all platform users, including free-speech-loving Americans.

The Trump administration has made free speech a number one priority both domestically and as a key element of its foreign policy.

Just last week, President Trump used the Global Magnitsky Act to impose sanctions on Brazilian Supreme Court Justice Alexandre de Moraes for his aggressive efforts pressing platforms to silence American citizens. This human rights law bars De

Moraes from doing business with Americans and American institutions and prohibits him from entering the United States.

De Moraes should be the first of many foreign leaders to feel the full impact of Global Magnitsky sanctions.

If the bureaucrats in London, Paris, Berlin and Brussels truly hate our free speech values, our citizens, and our tech companies this much, is it too much to ask that they refrain from visiting or doing business with us?

Trump is over the target and needs to continue to do everything in his power to protect American citizens and companies abroad.

We are in a fight over whose values will prevail. One side is actively working to silence their political opponents and lock them up without a trial. The other believes that the freedom of speech shall not be infringed. American values must win.



An Existential Threat to and from the Intelligence Community

**By J.B. Shurk, American Thinker,
condensed**

Director of National Intelligence (DNI) Tulsi Gabbard’s declassification of communications and reports that implicate Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, senior officials from the Obama administration, and former heads of the Intelligence Community in a conspiracy to frame President Trump with the Russia Collusion Hoax is nothing less than earth-shattering.

America has endured many political scandals. The country has never had to contend with anything of this magnitude — in which a lame-duck president abused and politicized national intelligence-gathering operations in order to blame an adversarial nuclear power for an embarrassing election loss and set in motion a series of fraudulently predicated criminal investigations intended to force President Trump’s resignation from office or impeachment and removal.

As enormous as this scandal already is, it remains an ongoing criminal conspiracy. Every time former Obama officials — including former DNI James Clapper and former CIA director John Brennan — publicly lie about material facts regarding the Russia Collusion Hoax, they are acting as co-conspirators in a plot to defraud the American people, overthrow a legitimately elected president, and cover up past criminal activity.

Perhaps the only aspect of this story that could rival in size such treason against the United States is the corporate news media's continued refusal to report these events accurately without fear or favor. For many reasons, newsrooms will not do so. Because indoctrinated and committed leftists control the American press, "journalists" lack the requisite discernment to see beyond partisan political blinders and report facts that are personally troubling. Even worse, many "journalists" have redefined their professional role away from any responsibility for objective truth-telling and toward a kind of active agency in which they shape "truth" to advance a particular worldview. "Journalists" love Obama. They despise Trump. They are happy to act as assets for former Obama administration officials pushing lies and to hide facts that are politically inconvenient.

"Journalists" were and remain essential co-conspirators in the Russia Collusion Hoax. By publishing sensational stories that were often contradicted by a mountain of publicly available facts, the nation's pre-eminent news companies aided and abetted the Clinton-Obama information war against the American people. As has been their wont in this era in which "journalism" resembles stenography, famous "reporters" simply repeated what corrupt members of Obama's Intelligence Community told them without ever verifying the accuracy of their reporting. When pressed to corroborate salacious details of their Russia Collusion Hoax stories, "journalists" habitually relied on "anonymous sources" from "past or present government officials" as tawdry proof that their shoddy "journalism" passed muster.

In exchange for acting as propagandists spreading disinformation and misinformation in a hybrid war being waged by powerful Democrats and Intelligence Community officials against citizens of the United States, "reporters" received promotions, celebrity recognition, book deals, and Pulitzer Prizes. Even after DNI Gabbard's declassifications have exposed the corporate news media's Russia Collusion propaganda for the trashy clickbait that it is, "reporters" refuse to retract past lies, return Russia Collusion-related awards or remuneration, or publicly admit any wrongdoing.

The American press corps is now so inextricably linked to the Democrat party and the corrupt Intelligence Community that it would rather pretend not to see the greatest scandal in American history than admit its own complicity in perpetrating mass fraud against citizens of the United

States. These are, of course, the same "professionals" who refused to acknowledge President Biden's obvious cognitive decline for four years — going so far as to defame those who *did notice* as "conspiracy theorists" — only to claim today that the Biden administration simply pulled the wool over their eyes. Should the growing body of evidence documenting the Clinton-Obama conspiracy to overthrow President Trump become impossible to ignore, these same "professionals" will surely claim that powerful members of the Democrat Party, Obama administration, and espionage apparatus had them fooled, too.

The damage from the Russia Collusion Hoax cannot be overstated. The psychological warfare directed against the American people destroyed any residual social unity in a nation that has become only more divided since the turn of the century. The covert hybrid war engineered by Clinton confidants, Obama allies, and Intelligence Community spymasters constituted nothing less than sedition and treason against the legitimate government of the United States. Not only was President Trump handicapped during his first term by unlawfully predicated criminal investigations but also the Clinton-Obama-aligned co-conspirators further inflamed tensions with nuclear Russia, exhibiting malicious disregard for the safety of the citizens of the United States.

As a nation, we are lucky that the Clinton-Obama *coup d'état* was ultimately unsuccessful. Had the Russia Collusion Hoax precipitated President Trump's resignation or provided enough political cover for corrupt co-conspirators in Congress to impeach and remove him, the American public would be today even more vulnerable to the machinations of a deeply immoral and dishonest Intelligence Community. Federal bureaucrats who operate in secret and without oversight remain a constant threat to the freedom of all Americans. Bureaucrats who would wage an information war against the American people and conspire to provoke kinetic war between Russia and the United States are a threat to all mankind.

After any disaster, the survivors must go on. It is at this time that sober, well-intentioned people take stock of troubling past events and look for potential lessons that can aid them in the future. It is fair to say that the Russia Collusion Hoax provides many. Among those, perhaps this is the most significant: No American should uncritically believe any supposed statement of fact coming from the press, the Intelligence Community, or any government official attempting to define "truth" by appealing to a title of authority.

Blind faith in powerful institutions ensures only that those institutions will become irredeemably corrupt. Healthy skepticism for official pronouncements and public debate of government-sponsored "truths" are indispensable ingredients for a free society. If any honest observer still clung to the naïve belief that the Intelligence Community,

permanent federal bureaucracy, or American news media were honest, impartial institutions acting on behalf of all Americans with dispassionate professionalism, the Russia Collusion Hoax should have exposed such comforting delusions as idealistic hogwash.

Here is another lesson vital to the survival of these United States: The president, in whom all executive power is vested, must have complete control of and total authority over the Intelligence Community, the executive departments, and the broader administrative state. There can be no extra-constitutional organ exercising executive power that feels emboldened to disregard lawful presidential orders and entitled to chart its own course. If every spy chief and agency manager operates as if vested with independent power and unilateral authority, then there are a thousand “presidents” governing the United States. As the Electoral College has not voted them into office, they are, in actuality, *tyrants* disguising their misappropriation of power behind titles of authority.

The Clinton-Obama Russia Collusion Hoax was nearly a successful *coup d'état* precisely because the Executive Branch of the federal government has long been home to a thousand tyrants pretending to be presidents. For the Republic to endure, this betrayal of the U.S. Constitution must come to an end.

Acknowledging these truths adds significance to DNI Gabbard's ongoing disclosures. At no time in American history has the Office of the President taken such direct aim at its own Intelligence Community. These public disclosures are embarrassing — which is why America's rogue agencies have worked so hard to keep them classified. They are incriminating — which is why a reactionary public relations campaign (read: a new bombardment of information warfare) is underway to undermine DNI Gabbard's authority and protect Russia Collusion Hoax perpetrators from legal accountability. Finally, these disclosures are an existential threat to the Intelligence Community — which is why former spies, current members of Congress, and the corporate news media continue to cover up the truth.



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