



## WOMEN FOR THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION NEWSLETTER

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### President CJ's Letter:

Dear Colleagues,

It is hard to believe Women for the American Constitution was “born” exactly 2 years ago in February of 2020.

When forming the organization, we thought it was important to teach about our country’s Constitution because with the passage of time, the constitution had been misunderstood, misquoted, and manipulated to fit certain agendas. This was before knowing a constitutional crisis of unimaginable proportions was about to ensue (brought on by Covid-19).

As the following two years progressed, with so many Covid restrictions, with the extremely questionable presidential election process, and the radical measures by the Biden administration, one event gave way to the next, until now, we hardly recognize our own country, as the founding fathers intended.

This month we begin our 3rd year as an organization. What I deem most critical at this growth period for our organization is taking an active role in learning and teaching others the meaning of our founding documents. It is about liberty vs. tyranny. What’s happening today is destroying the very framework of our government. We, the W.A.C., must be an active force within our community.

In my opinion, it is not just the knowledge we have lost by not educating our youth on American History, Civics or the founding principles. We are functioning at a deficit level of ability to think and reason. Those who founded this country, even the basic man in the field had a capacity to think and reason, far beyond our over-entertained younger generation (s). A clear sign we are on the decline as a free nation. It is our civic responsibility to learn, and educate others with the fundamental concepts, but also with the critical thinking skills to reason and understand.

As President Reagan, so wisely said, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on to them to do the same.” That, my friends, is the true mission of Women for the American Constitution.

This year we will be educating members and others on the founding principles through monthly speakers and special educational programs. We will be taking an active role in the community – appearing before legislative boards, including our local school boards. We will learn how to defend liberty by knowing exactly how an issue relates (or has no relation) to the founding documents. We will be working to elect conservatives to national, state, and local office. We will be fundraising, so that we can donate money to these candidates, to conservative elected officials, and to relevant causes or timely issues.

With our monthly newsletter and the articles we print and/or reprint, we hope to keep you informed on constitutional issues and infringements, hopeful solutions, and conservative candidates who will work on behalf of the American Constitution. We invite you also to join us monthly at our luncheons where we have speakers to elaborate on specific subjects. And, this year we will be offering an evening course teaching about the Constitution – two evenings a month, for three months, beginning at the end of March.

With your help, we are looking forward to a remarkable year ahead!

*C. J. Hatcher, WAC President*

*For those who fought for it, Freedom has a flavor the protected will never know.*

*--P. McRee Thornton--*

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## WAC Members Enjoyed Our Annual Membership Gathering in January

On January 31, 2022, WAC officers hosted our annual membership gathering to plan for an exciting new year and celebrate Virginia's new Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and Assembly. It gave everyone a great opportunity to socialize, discuss strategies for making a positive difference in Virginia and the community, learn about upcoming education opportunities, and renew their membership. Much excitement in the air!





## Virginia's 5<sup>th</sup> District GOP Convention

Our 2022 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention will be held on Saturday, May 21 at Hampden-Sydney College, Kirby Field House, 198 Athletic Center Drive, Farmville, VA 23901. The purposes of the convention are to elect a Congressional nominee and a 5<sup>th</sup> District Chairman. In order to vote at the convention, you **MUST** register to be a delegate ahead of time with your local county or city Republican Committee. The registration deadline for Albemarle County has not yet been announced. If you would like, you can register by filling out the form available on your preferred candidate's website given below. Each candidate will then make sure the forms are submitted on time. Alternatively, full instructions to become a delegate to the convention will be part of a Mass Meeting Call of the Albemarle County Republican Committee planned for March. ACRC has requested that delegate applications not be submitted prior to the issuance of the call for the Mass Meeting. This year, we have two GOP candidates running for the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat: Dan Moy is challenging incumbent Bob Good for the Republican nomination. A brief background on each summarized from their campaign websites and press releases is below.



### Dan Moy for Congress

When Air Force veteran Dan Moy announced he was running for Virginia's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional seat he stated: "It was an honor of a lifetime to serve our country leading our men and women into battle in the US Airforce for nearly three decades. After 27 years in uniform, I'm answering the call to serve a new mission: I'm running for Congress to represent my neighbors in Virginia's Fifth District. The congressional district that was first represented by James Madison deserves to have a congressman who will not only vote right, but also care about people and lead right."

"Our country is at a crossroads, and we need serious leaders who understand the urgency of this moment. The people of the Fifth District deserve an accessible representative who will stand as a bulwark against the liberal agenda threatening to leverage our children's future – a battle-tested servant leader who will fight tirelessly in defense of conservative principles. I am that leader and I am all-in to champion our citizens, families, and voters in DC."

Dan's values are: securing a strong national defense, preserving the sanctity of life, listening to the public,

defending our gun rights, championing individual liberty, balancing our budget, standing with law enforcement and first responders, keeping political agendas out of our schools, working with Governor Youngkin, bringing manufacturing back, renewing our economy, and finishing the border wall.

Moy's faith is at the core of who he is and what he stands for. He resides in Charlottesville with his wife, Kellie, and two young sons. Dan holds a doctoral degree in history from the University of Oklahoma. He is a graduate of the Joint Forces Staff College, the West Point Seminar in Military History, and the George C. Marshall Center's "Leaders for the 21st Century" international security studies program. Dan is currently Chairman of the Republican Party of Charlottesville, and also serves as an Adjunct Professor for the University of Virginia's Batten School of Public Policy.

Dan is a retired Air Force Colonel with 27 years of active-duty service where he gained extensive operations and policy experience specializing in national and international security operations, strategic partnerships, and the defense acquisition, planning, and budgeting process. He has deep expertise in counterterrorism, cyber, and unmanned intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems, policies, and programs. Among his many leadership assignments, he commanded counterinsurgency operations in Afghanistan, served as Deputy Military Advisor to the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and led the Secretary of the Air Force acquisition portfolio for command and control and unmanned aerial systems as Deputy Director for Information Dominance. Dan is a recipient of the Legion of Merit, the Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Bronze Star.

Moy also served as Governor Glenn Youngkin's Regional Veteran's Coalition Director during the 2021 election cycle.

For more information on Dan's background, or if you would like to contribute to his campaign or sign up to be a delegate to the Fifth District convention, please go to his campaign website at: <https://www.danmoyforcongress.com/>



### Bob Good for Congress

Bob Good is running for re-election as the Republican nominee for Congress for

Virginia's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Bob graduated from Liberty University in 1988 with a degree in finance, and completed his MBA in Leadership from Liberty in 2010. He has been married to his wife, Tracey, for 32 years and has three grown children. After college, Bob was hired by Citifinancial in their lending division. During his 17-year tenure he ascended from branch manager, to area training director, to district manager overseeing operations in northern Georgia, southeastern Tennessee, and central and southwest Virginia.

Bob left Citifinancial in 2005 for a position as Senior Associate Athletic Director for Development and Executive Director of the Flames Club at Liberty University. During his 15 years at Liberty, Bob raised \$20 million to help student athletes receive a Christ-centered education at Liberty while competing in NCAA Division I athletics.

Bob is a born-again Christian and served more than 15 years as an adult Sunday school teacher, and for ten years as a church deacon.

In 2015, Bob was elected to the Campbell County Board of Supervisors and completed his term in December 2019. While on the BOS, Bob was a supporter of reducing taxes and regulations, encouraging economic growth, prioritizing funding for law enforcement and public safety, the Second Amendment, preservation of our right-to-work laws, and protecting the rights of individual property owners.

Bob was first elected to Congress in November 2020 and is running on a platform of limited government, fiscal responsibility, and America-first policies. He introduced 25 bills in Congress during 2021. He has also cosponsored over 230 other bills related to combatting vaccine mandates, securing the southern border, fighting illegal immigration, balancing the federal budget, ensuring our elections are more secure, and protecting parental rights in schools. Other issues he supports are: law and order, policy initiatives that grow American jobs, legislation that protects life from conception, rural broadband, and energy independence.

For more information on Bob's background, or if you would like to contribute to his campaign or sign up to be a delegate to the Fifth District convention, please go to his campaign website at: <https://www.bobgoodforcongress.com/>



## The Neo-Liberal War on Dissent

By Glenn Greenwald,  
Substack, condensed

When it comes to distant and adversarial countries, we are taught to recognize tyranny through the use of telltale tactics of repression. Dissent from orthodoxies is censored. Protests against the state are outlawed. Dissenters are harshly punished with no due process. Long prison terms are doled out for political transgressions rather than crimes of violence. Journalists are treated as criminals and spies. Opposition to the policies of political leaders are recast as crimes against the state.

When a government that is adverse to the West engages in such conduct, it is not just easy but obligatory to malign it as despotic. Thus can one find, on a virtually daily basis, articles in the Western press citing the government's use of those tactics in Russia, China, Iran, Venezuela and whatever other countries the West has an interest in disparaging (articles about identical tactics from regimes *supported* by the West — from Riyadh to Cairo — are much rarer). That the use of these repressive tactics render these countries and their populations subject to autocratic regimes is considered undebatable.

But when these weapons are wielded by *Western governments*, the precise opposite framework is imposed: describing them as despotic is no longer obligatory but virtually prohibited. That tyranny exists only in Western adversaries but never in the West itself is treated as a permanent axiom of international affairs, as if Western democracies are divinely shielded from the temptations of genuine repression. Indeed, to suggest that a Western democracy has descended to the same level of authoritarian repression as the West's official enemies is to assert a proposition deemed intrinsically absurd or even vaguely treasonous.

The implicit guarantor of this comforting framework is *democracy*. Western countries, according to this mythology, can never be as repressive as their enemies because Western governments are at least elected democratically. This assurance, superficially appealing though it may be, completely collapses with the slightest critical scrutiny. The premise of the U.S. Constitution and others like it is that majoritarian despotism is dangerous in the extreme; the Bill of Rights consists of little more than limitations imposed on the tyrannical measures majorities might seek to democratically enact (the expression of ideas cannot be criminalized even if majorities want them to be; religious freedom cannot be abolished even if large

majorities demand it; life and liberty cannot be deprived without due process even if nine of out ten citizens favor doing so, etc.). More inconveniently still, many of the foreign leaders we are instructed to view as despots are popular or even every bit as democratically elected as our own beloved freedom-safeguarding officials.

As potent as this mythological framework is, reinforced by large media corporations over so many decades, it cannot withstand the increasingly glaring use of precisely these despotic tactics in the West. Watching Justin Trudeau — the sweet, well-mannered, well-raised good-boy prince of one of the West's nicest countries featuring such a pretty visage invoke and then harshly impose dubious emergency, civil-liberties-denying powers is just the latest swing of the hammer causing this Western sculpture to crumble. In sum, you are required by Western propaganda to treat the two images below as fundamentally different; indeed, huge numbers of people in the West vehemently denounce the one on the left while enthusiastically applauding the one on the right. Such brittle mythology can be sustained only for so long:

The decade-long repression of Julian Assange and WikiLeaks, standing alone, demonstrates how grave neoliberal attacks on dissent have become. Many are aware of key parts of this repression — particularly the decade-long effective detention of Assange — but have forgotten or, due to media malfeasance, never knew several of the most extreme aspects.

While the Obama DOJ under Attorney General Eric Holder failed to find evidence of criminality after convening a years-long Grand Jury investigation, the then-Chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, Sen. Joseph Lieberman (I-CT), succeeded in pressuring financial services companies such as MasterCard, Visa, PayPal and Bank of America to terminate WikiLeaks' accounts and thus banish them from the financial system, choking off their ability to receive funds from supporters or pay their bills. Lieberman and his neocon allies also pressured Amazon to remove Wikileaks from its hosting services, causing the whistleblower group to be temporarily offline. All of that succeeded in crippling WikiLeaks' ability to operate despite being charged with no crime: indeed, as the DOJ admitted, it could not prove that the group committed any crimes, yet this extra-legal punishment was nonetheless meted out.

Those tactics pioneered against WikiLeaks — excluding dissenters from the financial system and coercing tech companies to deny them internet access without a whiff of due process — have now become standard weapons. Trudeau's government seizes and freezes bank accounts with no judicial process. The "charity" fundraising site GoFundMe first blocked the millions of dollars raised for

the truckers and announced it would redirect those funds to other charities, then refunded the donations when people pointed out, rightly, that their original plan amounted to a form of stealing. When an alternative fundraising site, GiveSendGo, raised millions more for the truckers, Canadian courts blocked its distribution. And it was just over a year ago when Democratic politicians such as Rep. Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) successfully pressured tech monopolies Google and Apple to remove Parler from its stores and then pressured Amazon to remove the social media site from its servers, at exactly the time the social media alternative became the single most-downloaded app in America.

That the U.S. and UK Governments have kept Assange himself — one of the most effective dissidents in the West in decades — in a cage for years with no end in sight by itself highlights how repressive they are. But the precipitating cause of Assange's apprehension from the Ecuadorian Embassy has been forgotten by many and it, too, illustrates the same disturbing trend.

In 2017, mass protests erupted in Barcelona as part of a movement in Catalonia for more autonomy from the Madrid-based Spanish government, culminating in a referendum for autonomy on October 1. In 2019, even larger and more intense protests materialized. The methods used to crush the protests shocked many, as such domestic aggression had been rarely seen for years in western Europe. Spain treated the activists not as domestic protesters exercising their civic rights but as terrorists, secessionists and insurrectionists. Violence was used to sweep up Catalans in mass arrests, and their leaders were charged with terrorism and sedition and given lengthy prison sentences.

About the crackdown, a protest video proclaimed that Spain had just witnessed "a degree of force never seen before in a European member state." While a fact-check by the BBC failed to affirm that maximalist claim, it documented multiple grave attacks by the police on protesters in Catalonia. Meanwhile, "Spanish police engaged in excessive force when confronting demonstrators in Catalonia during a disputed referendum, using batons to hit non-threatening protesters and causing multiple injuries," Human Rights Watch concluded, adding that though the protesters were "largely peaceful," some "hundreds were left injured, some seriously. Catalonia's health department estimated on October 2 that 893 people had reported injuries to the authorities."

From the Ecuadorian Embassy, Assange, in both 2017 and then again in 2019, used WikiLeaks' platforms to vocally publicize and denounce the actions of the Spanish government — not to express support for Catalanian independence but to denounce the civil liberties assaults

used to crush the protest movement. Assange made multiple media appearances to object to the use of violence by the state police, and WikiLeaks' Twitter account, virtually on a daily basis, was publicizing videos and other testimonial evidence of the crackdown.

It was Assange's reporting on and denouncing of violence by the Spanish government against its own citizens that was the final cause of Ecuador's decision to rescind its asylum. The Spanish government made clear to Ecuador how indignant they were that Assange was publicizing their abuses. It was just several months after the first protest movement that Ecuador announced it was cutting off Assange's internet access, claiming the WikiLeaks founder had been "interfer[ing] with other states" — meaning speaking out on the civil liberties abuses by Madrid. And it was the following year that Ecuador, pressured by the U.S., UK and Spain, withdrew its asylum protection and allowed the London police to enter its embassy, arrest Assange, and then put him in the high-security Belmarsh prison where he has remained ever since despite being convicted of no crime other than a misdemeanor count of bail-jumping. All of this reflects, and stems from, a clear and growing Western intolerance for dissent.

This last decade of history is crucial to understand the dissent-eliminating framework that has been constructed and implemented in the West. This framework has culminated, thus far, with the stunning multi-pronged attacks on Canadian truckers by the Trudeau government. But it has been a long time in the making, and it is inevitable that it will find still-more extreme expressions.

It is, after all, based in the central recognition that there is mass, widespread anger and even hatred toward the neoliberal ruling class throughout the West. Trump, Brexit and the rise of far-right parties in places where their empowerment was previously unthinkable — including Germany and France — is unmistakable proof of that. Rather than sacrifice some of the benefits of inequality that have generated much of that rage or placate or appease it with symbolic concessions, Western neoliberal elites have instead opted for force, a system that crushes all forms of dissent as soon as they emerge in anything resembling an effective, meaningful or potent form.

So many of the controversies over the last decade, often analyzed in isolation, have been devoted to this goal. The pervasive surveillance systems constructed by the West — revealed during the Snowden reporting but only partially reined in at best since then — are crucial tools, as surveillance powers always are, for monitoring and thus stifling dissent. We have now arrived at the point where the U.S. Government and its security state is officially and explicitly clear that it regards the greatest national security threat not as a foreign power such as China or Russia, and

not as non-state actors such as Al Qaeda or ISIS, but rather "domestic extremists." For years, this has been the unyielding message of the DHS, FBI, CIA, NSA and DOJ: *our primary enemies are not foreign but are our fellow citizens who have embraced ideologies we regard as extremist.*

This new escalation of repression depends upon a narrative framework. Those who harbor dissenting ideologies — and particularly those who do not embrace that dissent passively but instead *take action* to advocate, promote and spread it — are not merely dissenters. The term "dissent," in Western democracies, connotes legitimacy, so that label must be denied them. They are instead domestic extremists, domestic terrorists, seditionists, traitors, insurrections. Applying terms of criminality renders justifiable any subsequent acts of repression: we are trained to accept that core liberties are forfeited upon the commission of crimes.

What is most notable, though, is that this alleged criminality is not adjudicated through judicial proceedings — with all the accompanying protections of judges, juries, rules of evidence and requirements of due process — but simply by decree. When financial services companies "choked" Wikileaks back in 2010, they justified it by pointing to the government's *claim* that the group was engaged in crimes and therefore in violation of the rules of the platforms ("MasterCard rules prohibit customers from directly or indirectly engaging in or facilitating any action that is illegal," spokesman Chris Monteiro said "when explaining its shutting of WikiLeaks' account). The same was done to 1/6 protestors who have been punished in countless ways prior to conviction. And now Canadian truckers have been magically transformed into criminals without the inconvenience of a trial; "we now have evidence from law enforcement that the previously peaceful demonstration has become an occupation, with police reports of violence and other unlawful activity," GoFundMe said" when explaining why it shut down fund-raising accounts.

Last June, PayPal announce a new partnership with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), whereby the liberal activist group would identify individuals and groups whose ideology is, in the eyes of the ADL, "extremist." This would enable not only PayPal but financial services companies around the world to then terminate their accounts and exclude them from the financial system. Clearly, once the ADL declares a person or group to be "extremist" and PayPal banishes them, no other mainstream corporation will want to be accused of hosting them. As PayPal's founding Chief Operating Officer David Sacks warned at the time the partnership was announced, the purpose of this program is "shutting down people and organizations that express views that are entirely lawful, even if they are unpopular in Silicon Valley." Comparing this to the spate of unified Silicon

Valley censorship that has erupted over the last several years, Sacks explained why this power is so alarming:

As for the notion of building your own PayPal or Facebook: because of their gigantic network effects and economies of scale, there is no viable alternative when the whole industry works together to deny you access.

Kicking people off social media deprives them of the right to speak in our increasingly online world. Locking them out of the financial economy is worse: It deprives them of the right to make a living. We have seen how cancel culture can obliterate one's ability to earn an income, but now the cancelled may find themselves without a way to pay for goods and services. Previously, cancelled employees who would never again have the opportunity to work for a Fortune 500 company at least had the option to go into business for themselves. But if they cannot purchase equipment, pay employees, or receive payment from clients and customers, that door closes on them, too.

This is why it is so imperative for the Democratic Party and their media allies to describe the four-hour riot at the Capitol on January 6 as an insurrection and attempted coup. If those are mere protesters or even just rioters, then all the standard protections and legal safeguards apply to them, as liberals demanded be applied to protect BLM and Antifa protesters, even ones who used violence. If, however, they are part of a broader insurrectionary movement — an ongoing attempt to overthrow the U.S. Government — then they are elevated from ordinary political adversaries into a faction of sustained criminality, and anything and everything, from censorship and detention to extra-legal means of banishment such as no-fly lists and exclusion from the financial system, becomes justified, even necessary.



## Inside the Woke Indoctrination Machine

**By Andrew Gutmann and Paul Rossi, Wall Street Journal**

Last spring, we exposed how two elite independent schools in New York had become corrupted by a divisive obsession with race, helping start the national movement against critical race theory. Schools apply this theory under the

guise of diversity, equity and inclusion programming. Until now, however, neither of us fully grasped the dangers of this ideology or the true motives of its practitioners. The goal of DEI isn't only to teach students about slavery or encourage courageous conversations about race, it is to transform schools totally and reshape society radically.

Over the past month we have watched nearly 100 hours of leaked videos from 108 workshops held virtually last year for the National Association of Independent Schools' People of Color Conference. The NAIS sets standards for more than 1,600 independent schools in the U.S., driving their missions and influencing many school policies. The conference is NAIS's flagship annual event for disseminating DEI practices, and more than 6,000 DEI practitioners, educators and administrators attended this year. Intended as professional development and not meant for the public, these workshops are honest, transparent and unfiltered—very different from how private schools typically communicate DEI initiatives. These leaked videos act as a Rosetta Stone for deciphering the DEI playbook.

The path to remake schools begins with the word “diversity,” which means much more than simply increasing the number of students and faculty of color—referred to in these workshops as “Bipoc,” which stands for “black, indigenous and people of color.” DEI experts urge schools to classify people by identities such as race, convince them that they are being harmed by their environment, and turn them into fervent advocates for institutional change.

In workshops such as “Integrating Healing-Centered Engagements into a DEIA School Program” and “Racial Trauma and the Path Toward Healing,” we learned how DEI practitioners use segregated affinity groups and practices such as healing circles to inculcate feelings of trauma. Even students without grievances are trained to see themselves as victims of their ancestors' suffering through “intergenerational violence.”

The next step in a school's transformation is “inclusion.” Schools must integrate DEI work into every aspect of the school and every facet of the curriculum must be evaluated through an antibias, antiracist, or antioppressive lens. In “Let's Talk About It! Anti-Oppressive Unit and Lesson Plan Design,” we learned that the omission of this lens - “failing to explore the intersection of STEM and social justice,” for instance—constitutes an act of “curriculum violence.”

All school messaging must be scrubbed of noninclusive language, all school policies of noninclusive practices, all libraries of noninclusive books. Inclusion also requires that all non-Bipoc stakeholders become allies in the fight against the systemic harm being perpetuated by the institution. In “Small Activists, Big Impact—Cultivating Anti-Racists and

Activists in Kindergarten,” we were told that “kindergartners are natural social-justice warriors.”

It isn’t enough for a school to be inclusive; it also must foster “belonging.” Belonging means that a school must be a “safe space”—code for prohibiting any speech or activity, regardless of intent, that a Bipoc student or faculty member might perceive as harmful, as uncomfortable or as questioning their “lived experience.” The primary tool for suppressing speech is to create a fear of microaggressions.

In “Feeding Yourself When You Are Fed Up: Connecting Resilience and DEI Work,” we learned techniques, such as “calling out,” that faculty and students can use to shut down conversations immediately by interrupting speakers and letting them know that their words and actions are unacceptable and won’t be tolerated. Several workshops focused on the practice of “restorative justice,” used to re-educate students who fall afoul of speech codes. The final step to ensure belonging is to push out families or faculty who question DEI work. “Sometimes you gotta say, maybe this is not the right school for you. . . . I’ve said that a lot this year,” said Victor Shin, an assistant head of school and co-chairman of the People of Color Conference, in “From Pawns to Controlling the Board: Seeing BIPOC Students as Power Players in Student Programming.”

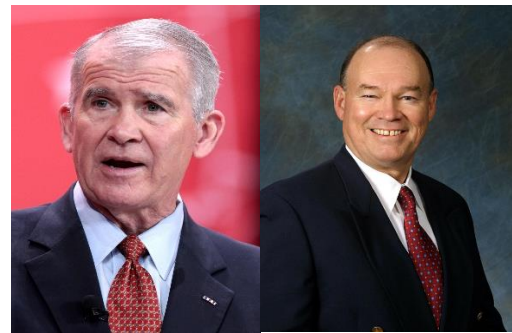
With the implementation of diversity, inclusion and belonging, schools can begin to address the primary objectives of DEI work: equity and justice. NAIS obligates all member schools to commit to these aims in their mission statements or defining documents. Equity requires dismantling all systems that Bipoc members of the community believe to cause harm. Justice is the final stage of social transformation to “collective liberation.” The goal is to remake society into a collective, stripped of individualism and rife with reparations.

In sessions such as “Traversing the Long and Thorny Road Toward Equity in Our Schools,” “Moving the Needle Toward Meaningful Institutional Change,” “Building an Equitable and Liberating Mindset” and “Breaking the White Centered Cycle,” we learned that the only way to achieve equity and justice is to eradicate all aspects of white-supremacy culture from “predominantly white institutions,” or PWIs, as NAIS calls its member schools, irrespective of the diversity of a school’s students. Perfectionism, punctuality, urgency, niceness, worship of the written word, progress, objectivity, rigor, individualism, capitalism and liberalism are some of the characteristics of white-supremacy culture in need of elimination. In “Post-PoCC Return to PWI Normal,” DEI practitioner Maria Graciela Alcid summarized: “Decolonizing white-supremacy-culture thinking is the ongoing act of deconstructing, dismantling, disrupting those colonial ideologies and the superiority of Western thought.”

DEI was “another thing to put on the plate, and absolutely now, it is the plate on which everything sits” said teacher Gina Favre, describing her school’s transformation.

No longer are private schools focused primarily on teaching critical thinking, fostering intellectual curiosity, and rewarding independent thought. Their new mission is to train a vanguard of activists to lead the charge in tearing down the foundations of society, reminiscent of Maoist China’s Red Guards.

The danger, however, goes far beyond private schools. The same framework called diversity, inclusion, belonging, equity and justice has gained influence in public education, universities, corporate workplaces, the federal government and the military. For the sake of our children and our nation’s future, it must be dismantled.



## **Victimhood: Favorite Status of the Left**

**By Oliver North and David Goetsch, Townhall**

America was founded and expanded from sea to sea by rugged individualists, freedom-loving men and women who believed in personal responsibility, self-sufficiency and independence. Our pioneering ancestors had a no-excuses attitude toward life. They believed in working hard, smart and long to build better lives for themselves and their families, wanted opportunities not handouts, would accept only what they earned and preferred a government that stayed out of their way. For decades, this approach to life carried over from generation to generation, making the United States the most productive and prosperous nation on earth, a nation where being “self-made” and “upwardly mobile” were compliments.

Over the past several decades, things have changed, and not for the better. In contemporary America -- a nation whose culture is increasingly controlled by the left -- rugged individualism and personal responsibility are being purposefully and systematically supplanted

by a victimhood mentality. Leftist ideologues, whose ultimate goal is complete control over the lives of all Americans, now encourage people to deny responsibility for their circumstances and view life as something over which they have no control.

In other words, leftists encourage Americans to view themselves as victims. To no one's surprise, people who see themselves as victims are perpetually frustrated and angry, believing the deck is stacked against them and they have no hope of improving their lives. As a result, they turn to nanny government to rescue them, which is precisely what the left wants Americans to do.

This "poor me," self-pitying view of the world is behind such absurdities as critical race theory, claims of systemic racism and the entitlement mentality, all of which are based on an oppressor versus victim philosophy that is devastating. It's an outlook that hurts our country and the supposed victims as well. Victims are never victors; they will never improve their lives by wallowing in self-pity and blaming their circumstances on others.

In addition to feeling entitled, "victims" have turned being offended into the new national pastime. Anything that doesn't comport with their "poor me" view of the world offends them. Further, today's privileged victims never see themselves at fault. No matter how bad their choices, a victim's less-than-desirable circumstances are always someone else's fault.

Since President Franklin Delano Roosevelt demonstrated politicians could win and retain power by turning Americans into dependent wards of the state, leftist politicians have been promoting victimhood and the entitlement mentality it produces. George Bernard Shaw said, "A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul." Leftists got the message. They have persistently applied Shaw's principal to seduce Americans into government servitude, a condition not only encouraging victimhood but guaranteeing loyal Democrat voters.

Ironically, the worst victims of the Democrats' nefarious machinations are the "victims" they purport to defend. If you want to help people build better lives, the worst thing you can do is convince them they are victims. Calling people victims gives them an excuse

for failure, lassitude and self-pity. Victims don't do what is necessary to improve their circumstances -- things such as taking responsibility for their own lives, refusing to make excuses and working hard, smart and long. Instead, they wallow in self-pity and expect the world to take care of them or they turn to crime. This perspective on life makes victims easy targets for unscrupulous politicians who use them to gain and retain power.

Never ones to worry about the ultimate consequences of their shortsighted policies, leftist Democrats continue to push their strategy of ensuring a perpetual bloc of loyal voters by creating an entitled subclass of victims permanently dependent on the government. Unfortunately for America, they are succeeding.

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## Upcoming Events/Announcements

- **March Luncheon** – Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 24, 2022, Speaker: Ken Davis, Virginia Deputy Attorney General, 2013-2014. Subject: The Origin and Rise of Marxism in America. Greencroft Club
- **WAC Action Committees Sign-Up** – We need members to be involved! Contact: Rena Snow ([renasnow@hotmail.com](mailto:renasnow@hotmail.com))

