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**THREATS**

TO THE  
**AMERICAN  
FAMILY**

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**T**he American Principles Project is a non-profit 501(c)(4) dedicated to protecting the American family, representing it in politics, and fighting both to defend parental rights and to promote laws that will allow families to flourish instead of exacerbating their dependence on a welfare state. A great part of what we do involves frontline campaigning and policy-crafting, but we also recognize the need to involve families directly in protecting their interests. Parents have enough to worry about between balancing their work/home relationships and their individual familial needs, which makes it difficult to find the time to identify the forces working against them let alone find a way to fight them. That's why we've created our first annual report identifying the greatest threats to the American family.

We want to provide a forum that helps parents to know what they're up against, one

they can trust to work for them, that they can support themselves, without worrying about being deceived by a wolf in sheep's clothing. And we didn't want you to just take our word for it. That's why we've involved as many outside voices as possible, to give you, the concerned parent, the broadest, most reliable, and helpful conservative perspective.

Within this report you'll find four categories of threats: corporations, special interest groups, legislation, and politicians. Each category has six specific threats listed within it, written by conservative leaders, politicians, and policy experts you can trust, showing you exactly why these threats have earned their place in our report. Finally, you'll read an essay from Terry Schilling, president at American Principles Project, on the looming threat that we've identified as the greatest threat to the American Family.

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# A Letter

FROM SEN. MARCO RUBIO

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**H**ealthy families are at the core of any strong society. Ancient tradition, modern social science, and common sense all agree on this. And yet today, family life is under attack from powerful forces across the nation.

First and foremost, it is under attack from a powerful faction of cultural Marxists in this country who are openly committed to undermining and destroying the family. This faction represents a small minority of the population, but it has an outsized influence in our elite institutions, from the academy and the media to Hollywood and Silicon Valley. Following their cultural lead, upscale liberals now push the Marxists' anti-American, anti-family agenda at every level of society.

During the COVID lockdowns, parents saw just how serious the threat of the far left is. It started with draconian measures that kept American kids out of the classroom for more than a year—over twice the length that other Western countries imposed remote school—to satisfy liberal paranoia. The social and psychological damage inflicted on children, who were at reduced risk from COVID in the first place, will have lasting consequences for years to come.

If that were not enough, parents saw firsthand how woke activists use the public education system to divide the country, tear down religion, and replace the family with the state. Our children were indoctrinated with the destructive idea that every social interaction is based on race. They were told that if they have a mom and a dad, they are members of an oppressive class. And they were subjected to shocking and inappropriate depictions of gender and sexuality. What were recently fringe theories have increasingly entered the mainstream of school curricula.

To defend our families from this insanity, we need to strengthen community institutions that are still free from elite control: local school boards, churches, law enforcement agencies, and more. But those too are under attack. We have seen leftist states ban in-home church meetings while they declare Planned Parenthood an “essential service.” We have seen cities defund and try to abolish their police forces. We have even seen Child Protective Services remove minors from their homes when parents refused to consent to gender transition “therapies.”

This blatant totalitarianism has no place in America. But those who dare speak out

against it will find themselves condemned by the legacy media and canceled by Big Tech. Companies like Google, TikTok, Instagram, and Twitter censor conservative voices and spread Marxist propaganda. Meanwhile, they keep our kids hooked on addictive, corrosive content to expand their profit margins. Millions of young people are currently suffering from depression, anxiety, and loneliness, all enhanced by social media use.

It is no wonder that suicide and drug use rates are on the rise. Our kids are bombarded every minute of every day with negative information and unhealthy stimuli. Without the historic structures of family, faith, and community, they would have nowhere else to turn for help and healing. And yet, it is those very structures that cultural Marxists are working to destroy.

Marxist attacks are enabled by a policy consensus that disempowers Americans from standing up to them. Rescuing our children starts with parents taking back control over their schools. However, it will also require politicians to crack down on Big Tech, even if that's not what the doctrines of free-market fundamentalism would have once counseled.

More generally, to push back against the far left, we will have to build a new economic

consensus that values Americans as workers, family members, religious believers, and members of their communities, not just as consumers.

Our laws should reflect this consensus by making the stability of American families a priority unto its own. That is why I worked with Ivanka Trump and Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) to double the child tax credit for working families. It is why I created the Paycheck Protection Program to save small and family-owned businesses from COVID lockdowns. And it is why I am pushing to strip Big Tech companies from their ridiculous Section 230 protections, which deprive families whose children have been harmed by them of legal recourse.

America is under attack. It is also at a crossroads. We have the strength, the resources, and the creativity to make the 21st century a new American Century, with healthy, flourishing families at its heart. But we could also be the generation that witnesses cultural Marxism usher in America's decline.

The choice is ours. I hope and pray for the sake of my family, and for families across the country, that we make the right one.



When Marco Rubio was first elected to the United States Senate in 2010, he set one objective for himself: to help bring the American Dream back within reach of those who feel it is slipping away. From the Paycheck Protection Program and Everglades restoration to supporting veterans and bringing jobs back from China, that is the goal he works towards every single day. Rubio has spent most of his life in West Miami and still lives there today with his wife Jeanette and their four children.

# Corporations

THAT THREATEN THE AMERICAN FAMILY

*Introduced by Sen. Tom Cotton*



For decades, conservatives have correctly identified Big Government as a threat to our culture and families, but there is a new and more omnipresent threat. Left-wing activists have captured corporate boardrooms across the nation and are using big business to advance their extreme ideology like never before. These woke corporations wield immense power over our lives, much like the government, but they are even less accountable to the American people.

Conservatives are surrounded by reminders that corporations are not on our side—and in many cases are actively hostile to family, faith, and freedom itself.

Massive companies, from Disney to Lockheed Martin, force their workers into H.R. lectures about Critical Race Theory. Stores plaster “Black Lives Matter” posters in their windows before being looted by BLM mobs. America’s liberal tech titans censor, silence, de-platform, shadow ban, and oppress anyone who resists being assimilated into their ideological cult—especially social conservatives.

Earlier this year, Amazon removed *When Harry Became Sally*, a popular book that argued against the left’s radical transgender

ideology, from its website on the grounds that opposing that ideology was supposedly “hate speech.”

My office asked Amazon to send us the exact passages from the book that it deemed so hateful they couldn’t sell it. Of course, the company never got back to us. Yet still today, you can go online to Amazon and order actually hateful books like Hitler’s *Mein Kampf*, Marx’s *Communist Manifesto*, or the left-wing treatise *How to Blow Up a Pipeline*. Apparently race-hatred, class-hatred, and terrorism are OK, but biological reality is unacceptable.

Amazon’s decision was never about “hate.” It was about sending a conservative book that it hated down the memory hole, never to be seen again. It was about putting social conservatives in our place.

Increasingly, the corporations that control our lives and livelihoods aren’t even American. Once-great American companies have moved their headquarters, jobs, and factories overseas to save a buck. Many nominally American companies are beholden to foreign interests like the Chinese Communist Party. That’s why once-great companies like Nike and Coca-Cola lobbied against a bill to crack

down on Chinese slave labor earlier this Congress. The leaders of these woke corporations are not only wrong, but monstrous hypocrites, as well.

In one important respect, woke corporations are an even bigger threat to America than the government. The Founders built safeguards into the Constitution to give the people power over our government. We vote out bad politicians in frequent elections. The branches of government check and balance the ambitions of all the other branches.

Comparatively few safeguards exist to curb the abuses of corporate power. But that doesn't mean we are helpless. We can still rein in out-of-control woke corporations using institutions that are accountable to the people, like Congress and state legislatures. Just this year, I introduced bills to rein in Big Tech and prevent federal contractors like

Lockheed from teaching Critical Race Theory. We can and must pass those bills.

The American people elect Republicans and conservatives not merely to limit government power but to preserve their way of life from tyranny, wherever it arises. Whether it is a meddlesome bureaucrat like Tony Fauci or a corporate oligarch like Jeff Bezos and Mark Zuckerberg, we must fight bullies and petty tyrants, whether they sit in government agencies or corporate boardrooms.

No parent wants to raise children in a masochistic nation that hates itself and divides its citizens by race, sex, and faction. Parents want their children to grow up in a united, proud, and prosperous nation. Republicans should make that nation a reality. The GOP must not be the party of Big Business or Big Government, but of big families.



Senator Tom Cotton is a United States Senator from Arkansas. He serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary, and Intelligence Committees. Senator Cotton has been a leader on national security issues in the Senate. His legislative accomplishments include: ending the Obamacare mandate tax as part of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act; helping pass a bill to create a Veterans Administration Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection; securing funding for the military; and helping pass legislation to increase competition for prescription drugs.



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# Facebook

*by Sen. Marsha Blackburn*

If great power does indeed come with great responsibility, it follows that any subsequent change brings with it the potential for serious consequences should that power fall into the wrong hands.

Over the past few years, we have watched Big Tech solidify its place in the American family. Pandemic lockdowns made access to technology an integral part of work and education; but as use of tech exploded, so did our exposure to the darker, more pernicious effects of mandatory screen time.

Google, TikTok, and other popular companies have all taken their turn in the hot seat, but it is Meta (formerly Facebook) and its constellation of popular social media platforms that has drawn the most criticism for its reckless targeting of young users, and its refusal to protect those users from content that violates not only platform standards, but basic standards of decency.

Over the past year, I have conducted a deep dive into the darkest corners of Meta's popular Instagram platform to prove that this content is not only accessible, but available free from the restrictions Meta claims it places on accounts owned by children and

teens. In multiple hearings with the Senate's Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, I have listened in horror as executives denied the existence of this problem, and dismissed hard evidence to the contrary as anecdotal. But it's important for parents, teachers, doctors, and spiritual leaders to know that Big Tech understands what is happening. They're aware that their platforms are hotbeds for sex trafficking and bullying, and content that glorifies self-harm, drug use, and eating disorders. Furthermore, that knowledge has changed nothing about the way they do business.

Right now, a bipartisan coalition of my Senate colleagues and I are working on reforms that will allow us to protect kids online, and get our arms around content moderation, privacy, and data security problems—but that's just half the battle. The real fight is happening in the laptops, phones, and hearts of American families, who are now facing an enemy that has already forced its way inside the house.

Protecting our children means recognizing that the dark influences they encounter online have the power to not only damage

their mental and spiritual health, but also isolate them from the people who love them most. By playing an active role in understanding why and how they enjoy using these platforms, we can better understand how we

can use legislation as a tool to protect kids without tying the hands of companies whose innovation does not come at the expense of their most vulnerable users.



Marsha Blackburn is the first woman to represent Tennessee in the United States Senate. She is a member of the Armed Services Committee, the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, the Veterans Affairs Committee, and the Judiciary Committee, and serves as the Ranking Member on the Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security Subcommittee. In the 116 th Congress, she led the Senate Judiciary Committee's Tech Task Force, a roundtable-style working group dedicated to the examination of technology's influence on American culture.



# Amazon

*by Rep. Ken Buck*

Is it a stretch to call Amazon “anti-family”? Not at all. Even if one chose to ignore Amazon’s notorious lobbying efforts in the states opposing pro-family policies, it’s easy to argue that Amazon’s business itself poses a threat to the family. Despite the material benefits to consumers the Big Tech giant would appear to provide, there is something to be said for the cost of expediency. Consider what happens when we outsource all of our basic needs to a distant, corporate behemoth and what American families stand to lose from Amazon’s digital monopoly on everyday life.

Retail is the primary place that everyday Americans enter the stream of commerce. In the past, that happened at a physical store. Now, it happens online and on mobile devices. But brick-and-mortar matters. It’s part of the built environment of cities. The conversation between customer and owner, the familiarity of faces across the counter, the chance meetings with a neighbor—these are elements of civil society. These interactions make up a significant part of the warp and weave of communities, and we should care about their survival.

Amazon and other monopolies present an enormous threat to this way of life. More than that, Amazon and other big tech monopolies are an existential threat to every small business in America, whether they do business online or in a brick-and-mortar store. Its business practices are something not even the best-managed retail operation can compete against. Amazon has a documented practice of copying third-party sellers’ products, producing a competitor product at a lower cost, and then demoting the original product in search results below its own. Sometimes, Amazon will even buy out the company that it has destroyed through discriminatory business practices to obtain its trademarks and reputation. The Antitrust Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee did a sixteen-month investigation of these behaviors, some of which are criminal, and in the process uncovered countless abuses just like this. The firm has left behind it a trail of wrecked businesses and financial ruin.

We should also not underestimate what price this goliath exerts on the entrepreneurial spirit of our country. The founders

of advanced technology firms and high-productivity manufacturing concerns are often those with high degrees of social capital. Retail is a sector that allows access to the market for anyone with enough grit and work ethic. Many small retail businesses represent a ticket into the middle class for immigrant families, or social mobility for native-born Americans. If the only profitable retail businesses in America are those that operate at a titanic scale, then that ladder into ownership won't be available for future generations.

And so, we arrive at Amazon's effect on the American family if its practices are allowed to continue. That family is stripped of the beauty and community of its mainstreets, and the happiness that comes from familiar places and rituals. A well-designed user interface has never made anyone feel belonging. That family also loses a roadway to prosperity that is as old as human civilization. Its life is poorer and more miserable, no matter how high Amazon's stock climbs.



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# Google

by Rachel Bovard

Can Google be family friendly? That’s a value judgment Google can’t even seem to agree on within its own ranks. In 2019, a Google vice president had to address employee concerns over the use of the phrase “family friendly” when discussing a product for children at a company-wide meeting. Said one employee who stormed out in disgust, using the word “family” to mean “household with children” was “offensive, inappropriate, homophobic, and wrong.” Okay then.

With that as the backdrop, it’s unsurprising that Google and its host of platforms, which include YouTube, aren’t necessarily aligned with the priorities of most families, particularly parents: specifically keeping kids safe online, maintaining their privacy, and going to lengths not to expose them to smutty content.

Google, like most Big Tech platforms, views children first as future clients, and only second as a class to be protected from harm. And this approach informs how they tailor their products toward kids. More than half the nation’s public schools use free Google education apps like Gmail and Google

Docs. More than 25 million students and teachers also use Chromebooks.

What you see as tech-centered learning, Google sees as a profit behemoth. While federal law makes it illegal for corporations to track children under 13 without parental consent, Google has taken advantage of a loophole in the law that allows the school system to consent on behalf of the parent.

And, according to the state of New Mexico, which sued Google for violating child privacy, Google has a feature that syncs its Chrome browser with other devices used by a student on that same account—effectively blending a student’s school and personal web activities into a single pool of data for Google to harvest. And that is exactly what they’ve been busted doing. In 2017, the company admitted they track students in schools, including “scanning and indexing” student email messages sent on Google’s platforms and tracking the activities of student users outside of Google’s education suite.

Google’s commoditization of children for cash is hardly its only problem. Google’s platforms, particularly YouTube, are consis-

tently on the hook for mainlining disturbing, sexualized content to kids.

In 2017, YouTube updated its policies to address “ElsaGate,” where creators were taking some of the most popular children’s characters and drawing them in bizarre and inappropriate situations—and YouTube’s algorithm was recommending them to kids. That same year, YouTube closed comment sections on videos with children where pedophiles were engaging in predatory behavior. In years past, Google has had to change its search algorithm to prevent exploitative content from appearing in searches on both Google and YouTube

At the heart of this problem is YouTube’s powerful recommendation algorithm, which

feeds users more of what they want. YouTube is estimated to be second only to its parent platform, Google, in web traffic, and 70 percent of what users watch is fed to them through recommendations. YouTube, rather than address the exploitative and addictive nature of its algorithm, is reportedly trying to capitalize on it—that is, make it even more addictive.

But this shouldn’t come as a surprise. Google is not a family-friendly company first, they are a for-profit company first. And as their platforms grow in ubiquity and access to kids, that presents a danger to America’s children that demands a public policy response.



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# BlackRock

by Saurabh Sharma

With 10 trillion dollars under management, the investment firm BlackRock is the largest asset manager in the world, and one of the greatest threats to the American family today.

In our economy, shareholders reign supreme. Every publicly traded company's board is under a fiduciary duty to maximize shareholder returns. However, this system relies on those shareholders having basic rational economic interests, interests that matter less and less to BlackRock as their massive size allows them unlimited power to sway financial markets. Over the past 20 years, BlackRock has mainstreamed “environmental, social and governance” (ESG) which deploys corporate power—in this case, investment dollars—to pose an economic and cultural threat to everyday Americans.

Trillions of the dollars BlackRock manages come from the investments made by pension funds, public and private, that millions of American households rely on for security in their retirement years. However, BlackRock invests those dollars not based on what generates the best return for the households that rely on them but based on the social

change they want to create in American society. For instance, they have pursued a “net-zero” carbon strategy that de-prioritizes the highly lucrative oil and gas industry out of their portfolio on one hand, while also hurting the industry that provides millions of blue-collar workers dignity and a way to support their families. Where BlackRock goes, trillions of dollars held by other companies follow, leading to a status-quo where when we need energy most, the dollars citizens put away for a secure retirement are being used to jack up prices at the pump.

In an era of skyrocketing inflation, caused by the corporate-friendly monetary policies BlackRock champions, they've sought returns in novel asset classes. BlackRock now regularly purchases entire residential neighborhoods with thousands of single-family homes before they ever hit the market. As a result, prices go up, families delay home-ownership, and BlackRock erodes a cornerstone of the American Way of Life.

Culturally, the “social” part of the ESG framework BlackRock champions is weaponized to attack families' interests and values. Young men, especially white men,

are victimized as part of a systemic Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity (DIE) regime that damages their ability to support their families and leads to incompetent company leadership that causes businesses that employ thousands of people to collapse.

These incompetent companies, incapable of making great products anymore, instead engage in virtue-signaling games cheered on by their biggest shareholders like BlackRock. Companies have BlackRock's green light to send billions of dollars to left-wing

causes like defunding the police, transgender ideology, and mass immigration. This relentless cultural maelstrom confuses America's children and destroys the iconic history of beloved American brands.

BlackRock's war on the economic and cultural wellbeing of everyday American patriots makes their sheer size, power, and influence an existential threat to America's families. It is time that policymakers act or risk the end of the American Way of Life.



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## AbbVie

by Pedro Gonzalez

Last year, a study published by the American Academy of Pediatrics suggested that the rate of transgender identification among America's youth may be as high as 9 in 100. Considering that adult gender dysphoria occurred at a rare rate of 2-14 in 100,000 less than a decade ago, that quantum leap should give us pause.

But it hasn't. Partly because this radical trend has resulted in a financial boon for pharmaceutical companies with drugs used in "medical transition" therapy, like AbbVie's Lupron.

Initially developed to fight prostate cancer, the Food and Drug Administration has approved its use in other areas. The FDA has not, however, specifically authorized Lupron's administration to obviate the development of sexual features in children suffering from gender dysphoria. Indeed, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton launched an investigation into AbbVie for allegedly promoting Lupron outside of its approved use without disclosing the risks.

"The manufacture, sale, prescription, and use of puberty blockers on young teens and minors is dangerous and reckless," Paxton

said. "These drugs were approved for very different purposes and can have detrimental and even irreversible side effects. I will not allow pharmaceutical companies to take advantage of Texas children."

AbbVie originated as a spinoff of Abbott Laboratories in 2013. The company's financial reports show that Lupron has generated more than \$5.7 billion in domestic net revenues since then. It's unclear what percentage of those sales are attributable to Lupron's use in "gender-affirming" care for gender-distressed youth. What we do know is that Lupron has been a controversial drug from the beginning.

The FDA reports more than 30,000 adverse events for Lupron products, including more than 2,500 deaths. They told horror stories of brittle bones and faulty joints. Unsurprisingly, the company spends a lot of money on marketing and lobbying—more than \$55 million in the last decade, according to data from OpenSecrets.

The "gender-affirming" model of care in the United States proceeds undeterred under the assumption that gender reassignment is the best way to help children and the only

moral option—neither of which is true. Indeed, that assumption stands on sand, according to Dr. William Malone, an assistant professor of endocrinology and an advisor to the Society for Evidence-Based Gender Medicine.

“Despite more than 50 years of experience with mature adult gender transitions, there is a lack of convincing evidence that transitions improve the psychological functioning of those with gender dysphoria, and studies on regret have been plagued by high dropout rates that prevent meaningful conclusions for practitioners and patients alike,” Malone wrote in Medscape. “Pediatric transitions are a much more recent phenomenon, with little to no quality data to guide decision-making.”

Malone brings to bear an abundance of evidence showing that the primrose path down which gender-distressed youth have been led is more like a thorn patch. The three critical points are these: most cases of early childhood-onset gender dyspho-

ria self-resolve, the “gender-affirming” care model is based on “a single Dutch study that is not applicable to the current populations of gender-dysphoric youth,” and virtually 100 percent of children who begin puberty blockers will proceed to cross-sex hormones and surgeries and all the irreversible things entailed.

And yet we plod onward to the benefit of ideologues and corporations above all. AbbVie’s virtue signaling blurs the lines between the two. “The pride flag proudly waves outside AbbVie’s headquarter buildings each year during LGBT Pride Month,” reads a post about the company’s philanthropic efforts.

Tammany Hall’s William “Boss” Tweed (played by Jim Broadbent) said in *Gangs of New York* the first rule of politics is that “ballots don’t make the results, the counters make the results.” The second rule might be to follow the money if you want to know why who is saying and doing what.



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## MindGeek

*by APP Staff*

**M**indGeek is one of the largest porn conglomerates in the world, despite the fact that its website refuses to identify it as anything but a leading tech company. Though porn is mentioned nowhere on its site, MindGeek owns multiple porn companies, including Pornhub, RedTube, YouPorn, and Brazzers. Pornhub alone, according to its 2020 Tech Review, receives 130 million visitors a day.

It's no secret that porn has detrimental effects on children and family life. It comes between couples, fostering feelings of inadequacy and dissatisfaction within intimate relationships as well as increasing sexual compulsive behavior and addiction. It normalizes degenerate sexual behavior such as group sex, bestiality, and sadomasochistic activity. It also destroys the very image of love and affection that is central to marriage and family life.

Beyond this, when children are introduced to porn at an early age, they are more likely to engage in sexual activity earlier than their non-exposed peers, which puts them at an increased risk of contracting life-altering illnesses, such as STDs. It fosters the idea that

affection for one's partner is not essential to sexual activity, making marriage and family life seem unappealing and confining. It can even condition viewers to trivialize rape.

MindGeek is not a threat simply because it is one of the industries promoting porn, but because it is the industry promoting and producing pornographic content. It began its life as a small porn company, and grew by absorbing smaller porn companies until today, where it owns nearly every major (and minor) porn venue in the world.

This company has flown under the radar for years, partly because its monopoly on the industry minimizes any major lawsuits among competitors, and partly, perhaps, because no one wants to acknowledge the extent we've allowed porn to infiltrate the internet. Their relative anonymity coupled with their focus on tech advancement only makes them more dangerous to American families and particularly our children.

While porn was once confined to the pages of lewd magazines, nearly every child has the ability to privately access porn today.

According to a 2019 study by Common Sense Media, 19% of 8-year-olds own their

own smartphone, with the number climbing to 53% by age 11 and climbing steeply to reach 91% by age 18. In 2020, 83% of Pornhub's U.S. traffic came from smartphones. Whether it's a raunchy ad, a typo when googling "prom", or a deliberate curiosity search, access to porn is only a click away. And while kids don't always know what's

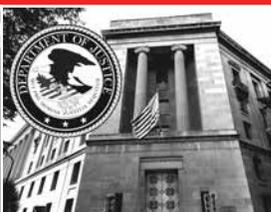
good for them, they do know how to wipe their browser history.

This is a real threat to childhood innocence, teen development, adult relationships, and marital health. If we don't expose it, denounce it, and fight it for our children, it will only continue to drag them down into degeneracy.

# Special Interest Groups

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*Introduced by Jim DeMint*



**B**igness is always at war with individualism and freedom because it results in the concentration of power. Individual decision making and free speech, along with small family units, churches, small businesses and community organizations, are a constant threat to those who seek to rule by harnessing the power of big government.

When I was first elected to Congress in 1998, special interest groups achieved some influence on government policies by lobbying and by donating to individual candidates and larger sums (unlimited) to the political parties. At the time, businesses were solely interested in policies that enlarged their sales and profits, such as lower taxes and less regulations. All this has changed—dramatically!

Today special interest groups are the most powerful forces in our culture and government. And they are controlled by wealthy leftists who are completely opposed to traditional American ideas—marriage, the family unit, hard work, self-discipline, religious faith and capitalism.

A large share of corporate stock in the world is owned by politically motivated left-

ist investors and asset managers such as Big Pharma, who has a monopolistic influence over our medical options, from insulin prices to vaccines to child hormone therapy. And their first priority is not sales and profit. They intend to fundamentally change our culture and economy.

These industries have become distinctly anti-American, anti-God and anti-Christian. They celebrate Gay Pride week and LGBTQ rights while pressuring their employees, suppliers and customers to follow suit. You will not see them celebrating traditional marriage and families, Biblical principles or promoting “American First” ideas. Businesses have been pressured by their boards to adopt the ESG (environmental, social and governance) operational philosophy which allows them to masquerade as responsible, philanthropic citizens while undermining all the principles that make America great.

Monopolies now largely control the U.S. federal government. Congress and the president may change parties, but the bureaucracy in Washington is in bed with globalist corporations (think Pharma, CDC and vaccines). Giant social media corporations and oth-

er media networks control the majority of communications around the world. They are quickly “canceling” all voices that disagree with their agenda. Large banks are withholding financing to companies associated with the fossil fuel industry and other disfavored businesses. Businesses have boycotted states that passed laws making it easy to vote, but hard to cheat. Major entertainment industries, like Netflix, threaten to remove their business from states that protect the unborn. And now we see major corporations fawning all over China during the Olympics in Beijing—largely because their goals are closely aligned with the Chinese communist agenda.

Big business interests are now completely in line with the leftist Democrat political agenda. Americans must fight back by electing candidates at the state and federal level who will fight the socializing of our economy and the secularization of our culture. Anti-trust laws must be enforced to break up huge monopolies. States must form alliances and call an Article V convention to reign in the power of the federal government and their corporate accomplices. And states must create fair and honest election systems so when the people speak out against this nonsense—their voices will be heard.



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#19  
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## American Academy of Pediatrics

by Dr. Michelle Cretella

**D**ecades of social science data demonstrates that children reared by their biological parents in a loving marriage fare best across all measures of health - even into adulthood. This is especially true in regard to decreasing high risk behaviors like the use of cigarettes, alcohol, drugs and early sexual debut. In short, a child's family structure and degree of parental involvement is the most critical health factor in a child's life. One would then assume that the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), whose motto is "Dedicated to the health of all children," promotes evidence-based health policies that are pro-parent and pro-family. Sadly, this is not the case.

Since the early 1970s, the AAP has increasingly abandoned both science and medical ethics, in favor of leftist social agendas that undermine parents, threaten children's health, and—in the case of unborn children—their very lives. For example, in March of 1972, 10 months before *Roe v. Wade*, the AAP acknowledged that our patients' lives begin at fertilization. Following *Roe v. Wade*, however, the AAP increasingly embraced adolescent girls' right to abortion

without parental consent. This position devalues the lives of our unborn patients at a time of unprecedented advancements in fetal medicine, increases teen girls' risk for breast cancer and other harms, and also undermines parents.

In fact, the AAP has long promoted an adolescent right to confidentiality in health-care beginning as early as 11 or 12 years old. This confidentiality centers around matters of sexuality (including sexual identity, gender identity, contraception and abortion), drug and alcohol addiction, mental health treatment, and more recently, vaccination. The AAP even facilitates adolescent confidentiality by training health professionals to bill insurance for these confidential services without disclosing the real service charges to the parents.

Perhaps one of the most egregious issues affecting parents is the AAP's transgender intervention policy for gender-confused youth. Since 2018, the AAP has emotionally blackmailed parents to promote the use of social transition, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones and surgical interventions for all gender confused youth, regardless of age,

claiming that to fail to do so will cause these youth to commit suicide. However, when it comes to suicide rates among transgender-identified youth, AAP fails to share with parents that they are at no more risk of suicide than are children with other diagnoses, including depression, anxiety, autism, eating disorders and ADHD.

According to respected gender identity expert, psychologist James Cantor, who fact-checked the AAP's transgender policy, "... not only does the AAP fail to include any of the actual outcomes literature on such cases, but it also misrepresents the contents of its citations, which repeatedly said the very opposite of what AAP attributed to them." In other words, the AAP ignored studies demonstrating that 75-95% of minors with gender incongruence resolve by adulthood and lied about the conclusions of the studies it did cite.

Let the research speak for itself.

Ninety percent of all suicide victims have a diagnosed mental disorder. There is no evidence that trans-identified children who commit suicide are any different. Suicide prevention among trans-identified youth should involve the same approach used with other youth, namely, the evaluation and treatment of underlying psychological challenges or traumas. Every threat of suicide should be taken seriously; but it cannot dictate its own standard of care. Puberty blockers, hormones and cosmetic surgical interventions are not suicide prevention.

Parents and policy makers interested in a professional pediatric organization whose policies are grounded in the moral principle of "First, do no harm" and science, rather than social agendas and economic incentive, should visit the American College of Pediatricians (ACPeds). ACPeds philosophy and science is "The Best for Children. Protecting the Child by Preserving the Family and Honoring Life".



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THREAT

# Chamber of Commerce

*by Rep. Jim Banks*

Until 2018 the Chamber of Commerce was considered an essential extension of the Republican Party. For good reason, too: The Chamber is the largest lobbying organization in the country, and during the 2014 midterms over 99% of its donations went to Republicans.

But this cycle the Chamber has given almost 30% of its PAC money to Democrats.

That shift is no mystery. When the GOP embraced President Trump's agenda it untethered itself from the big business lobby and Wall Street interests.

Republicans are still aggressively pro-market, but, on a few questions, we've diverged from the Chamber. Our most important difference is immigration policy.

The Chamber wants amnesty and more immigration, and that won't change until the laws of supply and demand stop applying to the labor market. Within the GOP, President Trump cemented secure borders and limited immigration as foundational, and House leadership just pledged to oppose all amnesty legislation.

On immigration, Republicans represent American workers' interests, and business

lobbies don't. So right now there's little room for compromise, and that's OK.

But not all our disagreements can be explained by competing interests. Recently, the Chamber has promoted the left's anti-family agenda. Republicans can't put up with that.

The Chamber has repeatedly endorsed the so-called "Equality Act" which would insert gender ideology into federal civil rights law, violating business owner's conscience rights and exposing them to lawsuits. Those endorsements put radical ideology before the interests of the Chambers' due paying members. That is crazy. Republicans should work with groups that we disagree with on unrelated policy, but we shouldn't elevate groups grounded in hostility towards American families. We can't work with crazy.

Republicans and the Chamber of Commerce share many of the same goals: lowering taxes, improving workforce training, reducing regulatory burden and protecting workers' right to choose. And we can work together to achieve them. But Republicans support those policies as means to making American families better off. Tying our wagon to an anti-family organization to lobby

against, say, the reconciliation bill would be counterproductive.

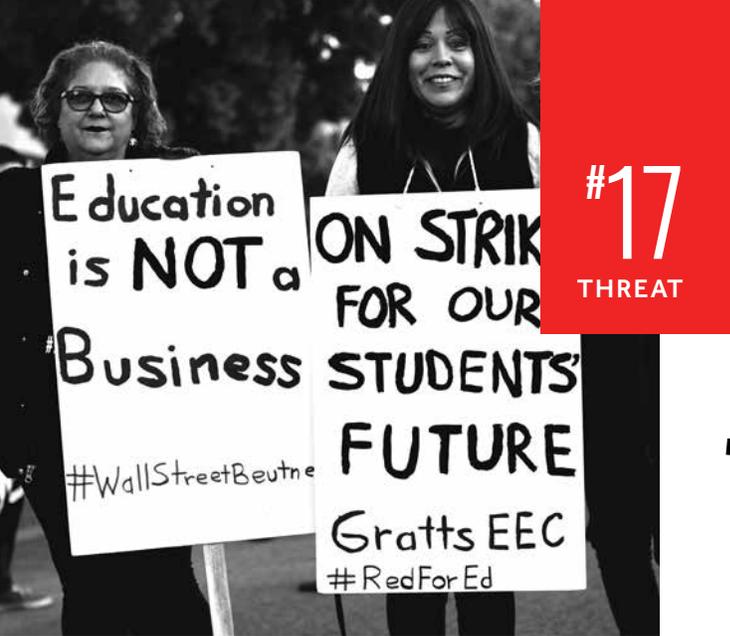
As I pointed out last March, President Trump showed Republicans our path to an enduring majority requires permanently becoming a working-class party. That means embracing an agenda that helps the working class—by helping small businesses, securing the border and most of all, by championing strong families. Since Republicans shifted in that direction, we lost the Chamber’s undivided support but gained nine points in the generic ballot and are poised to sweep in 2022.

We may disagree on immigration, but the Chamber should mind its alternative. Today’s Democrat Party is run by true radicals who celebrate confiscatory taxation, and disdain private enterprise. The business lobby shouldn’t fool itself into trying to manage the far left.

No relationship is perfect, but Republican support for families can’t be compromised. It is the pillar of our party. The Chamber shouldn’t let radical dogma sour a productive relationship.



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## Teachers Unions

by Rep. Chip Roy

If there has been any silver lining to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is that the corruption and the authoritarian elements in our public education system have been totally exposed. The jig is up; parents across the country are waking up, standing up for their rights, taking back their school boards, fighting Big Education as a whole—and winning.

But we have only just begun to fight.

Largely driving this movement is the discovery of just how pervasive the radical progressive agenda is in schools across the country. Millions of parents working from home were also able to see firsthand the poisonous, anti-American indoctrination their children were receiving in their online classrooms.

Now that the left's attempted ideological colonization of our children is completely out in the open, they are actively trying to push parents out of the education equation.

They aren't even trying to hide this agenda. Former Virginia gubernatorial candidate Terry McAullife famously said he “[doesn't] think parents should be telling schools what they should teach,” and criticized parents for being concerned about gender ideology, crit-

ical race theory, and schools' sexual assault cover-ups. Less than a month later, Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) compared similarly concerned parents at school board meetings to the January 6th rioters. The Michigan Democrat Party recently had to delete a social media post which all but said the same thing.

Most alarmingly, after the National School Boards Association (NSBA) sent Attorney General Merrick Garland a letter likening concerned parents to “domestic terrorists”, the AG dutifully followed and ordered DOJ to investigate parents—a shameful directive he has still refused to rescind. In response to this directive, the public discovered that the FBI's Counterterrorism Division was compiling and categorizing threat assessments related to parents and directing FBI personnel to use the specific “threat tag” to track potential investigations. To make matters worse, emails recently unearthed by Parents Defending Education indicate that the NSBA letter actually solicited by Biden's Secretary of Education.

In addition to the radicalism curricula, this pandemic also exposed the level of corrupting influence that teachers unions have

in their shameful crusade to keep schools closed.

Chicago public school students recently lost five days of school because the Chicago Teachers Union refused to comply with the city government’s decision to return to in-person teaching. Less than four months ago, the union criticized officials for closing failing schools, instead proposed “investing in real equity,” and complained that the public school system was “underfunded.” In reality, Congress appropriated more than \$204 billion in new federal spending to K-12 schools, the largest ever influx of federal education funds.

And while families across America were struggling to balance online school, child-care, work, and their businesses being shut down, the American Federation of Teachers was successfully lobbying the CDC to advise keeping more than 90% of America’s schools closed when the science said otherwise.

The bottom line is obvious, and so are its implications.

Big Education, through teachers unions and bureaucrats at every level, is directly attacking our way of life by trying to corrupt and indoctrinate our kids.

To my colleagues in Congress, we need to stop funding the bureaucrats that put teachers unions ahead of kids and that target the parents with counter terrorism tools. This is what Jefferson called tyranny over the minds of men, and we must stop it. No more excuses.

To parents, keep demanding your rightful control over your children’s education. You know what is best for them – not the government. Hold your school officials and politicians accountable for every single decision they make that affects your child.

We owe this fight to our kids and to the Republic they will inherit.



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THREAT

# The Department of Justice

by APP Staff

“Are you aware of any time in American history where an attorney general has instructed the FBI to begin to intervene in school board meetings?”

This was the opening line of questioning from Sen. Josh Hawley when Biden-appointed Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The alarming reality about the Biden-controlled Department of Justice (DOJ) is that they have been weaponized against the American people—specifically American families. The very people the DOJ is supposed to protect. But not all American families—just those who dared to exercise their First Amendment rights to oppose the racist and radical sexual indoctrination of their children in public schools.

In response to a letter from the National School Boards Association calling on the DOJ to investigate parents as potential domestic terrorists, Attorney General Merrick Garland instructed the DOJ to work with local and state law enforcement to investigate upset parents. It was later discovered that the letter was actually solicited by Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona.

This should be enough to condemn any federal agency, let alone America’s national law enforcement arm, but it doesn’t stop there.

Last September, the DOJ sent out a “Back to School” message to students with pro-transgender messaging, falsely labeling legislative efforts to protect girls’ sports and child innocence as “attacks” on the transgender community.

When states passed legislation to protect children from harmful “sex change” procedures and to protect women’s athletics from men who claim to be women—the DOJ stepped in and filed statements of interests with opponents of these laws. Shouldn’t the DOJ be protecting children and female athletes?

When the people of Texas, through their elected officials, passed a law protecting preborn children when a heartbeat can be detected, the DOJ sued the state, attempting to protect abortionists and their profits instead of vulnerable preborn babies.

It goes without saying that the justice system should protect the most vulnerable over the most powerful, but the DOJ under the Biden regime has decided to do the exact opposite.



#15  
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# Mainstream Media

*by Brent Bozell & Tim Graham*

It shouldn't be the slightest bit controversial to assert that the family is the glue that holds society together. But for the Left, that views abortion as its Holy Grail, that devotion to family poses a direct threat. The family, then, must be dismantled. So radical is this proposition, and so offensive to an overwhelming percentage of Americans, that this agenda is kept hidden.

But sometimes it's bluntly proclaimed. In their founding document, the Marxist organizers of Black Lives Matter proclaimed: "We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and 'villages' that collectively care for one another." For years that proclamation stood. But then BLM became famous—so it disappeared from their website.

It takes a village to raise a child...because parents aren't supportive enough of the Revolution.

There is a cultural revolution in our schools that marches under the buzzwords "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion." What that ends up meaning in practice in many American schools is the opposite. Orwell, call your

office. It's uniformity of curriculum, inequity on behalf of those claiming to be systemically oppressed, and exclusion of dissent.

The media promote this ideological crusade both in newscasts and in entertainment programming, and whenever anyone resists their takeover, then they suddenly declare a dreadful "culture war" is being waged by the rabble. Liberal journalists warn that formerly "nonpartisan" school board elections are being ruined by conservative attackers.

Parents were first confused, then dismayed, and finally disgusted with their school systems for delays in reopening during the pandemic. They have taken a greater interest in what is being taught and have been revolted by some of the content of classes they witnessed first hand. Parents have also expressed shock at some of the reading materials that were required in class.

For example, in Fairfax County, Virginia, they required Toni Morrison's novel "Be-loved," which has scenes of forced oral sodomy, enslaved men having sex with cows, and a scene of white men gang-raping a black woman. Can't this be debated? Objecting to these choices is smeared as "book banning,"

not book questioning. The Left has even attacked the mere idea of notifying parents of sexually explicit content.

This dismissal of dissent extends to criticism of “critical race theory,” or “abolitionist education,” which teacher Keziah Ridgway explained as steeped in “the understanding that race is a social construct used by white people for their own political and financial gain.” She has boasted CRT “centers on black resistance and black joy” and abolishes “the white supremacist, racist, and patriarchal lenses that are intrinsic within schools and are so harmful to all students.”

Does this sound like “equity”? Or Marxist indoctrination? How can white parents just accept this as the New Normal? Even black parents have dissented from this trend.

The anti-family Left continues its long march to destroy Christianity. Parents are fighting schools imposing gender theory. In Loudoun County, Virginia, the school board is now insisting on “inclusive” language for addressing transgender students. “LCPS staff shall allow gender-expansive or transgender students to use their chosen name and gender pronouns that reflect their con-

sistently asserted gender identity without any substantiating evidence.”

There is no dissent allowed: “staff or students who intentionally and persistently refuse to respect a student’s gender identity by using the wrong name and gender pronoun are in violation of this policy.” The Loudoun school board even suppressed evidence of a “gender-expansive” boy donning a skirt so as to enter the girls bathroom to sexually assault a child, and later, after being secretly moved to a different high school, assaulting a second child. Media outrage? No. Aside from Fox News, it was a collective yawn.

Democrats have explicitly stated that parents shouldn’t have any power in determining how schools are run. This underlines that the Left believes that as an ideological elite, they should be able to indoctrinate America’s children, and parental authority be damned, until their revolution is complete. Protecting the American family will take an enormous effort from parents fighting back. The trend so far is encouraging, but parents must understand it is not just about their children, but they themselves are in the bullseye.



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#14  
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## Big Pharma

by J.D. Vance

America's largest pharmaceutical companies want you to believe they have only your best interests at heart. If you trust their marketing, they exist solely to relieve your pain and suffering, cure disease, and protect your health—with a laundry list of side effects, of course. But the same political radicalism that has infected much of corporate America has spread to the pharmaceutical industry. And that industry lobbies aggressively to influence public policy and ensure that they can cash in on taxpayer funding and other benefits from the federal government.

Who benefitted financially from COVID-19? Netflix, Amazon, and big pharma. Who bears the brunt of the cost? American families. Pharmaceutical profits have skyrocketed in the billions due to government contracts to produce and distribute the vaccine. Meanwhile, the regular FDA has relaxed its safety requirements due to “emergency measures.” Given this rush to distribution, one might expect a little leeway for citizens to choose what enters the bodies of their children. But, no. Under pressure from industry and the “public health” bureaucra-

cy, vaccines are now mandated for millions of American workers and school children.

This opportunism takes a particularly dark turn when it interacts with progressive gender theory. Gender dysphoria is good for business. Continuous medications—puberty blockers, hormone therapy, surgery, and all the necessary painkillers to get through the torture—all of that costs big bucks. The Lupron manufacturer AbbVie made \$726 million on that drug alone in 2018. Nothing drives share prices like a consistent, long-term revenue stream. Puberty blockers for 12-year-olds become antidepressants for 22-year-olds become fertility treatments for 32-year olds. Children drive very long-term royalties.

In some places, they've managed to get any alternative for addressing gender dysphoria banned as “conversion therapy,” essentially labeling any other treatment as abuse rather than healthcare. Dissident doctors face pressure from their hospitals and licensing boards to do exactly what the pharmaceutical lobby demands. They offer treatment; they also crush any efforts to offer alternatives.

All those claims of “health” as the altruistic motivator neglect to mention, and in some cases downright deny, the permanent impact those “treatments” have on our kids. Puberty blockers are not just a pause button in your child’s development, but can cause permanent damage. Not only that, but the off-label use of puberty-suppressing hormone (or gonadotropin-releasing hormone as they are formally known) is not even FDA-approved for children.

Don’t think that those profits aren’t pushed toward political returns. In 2020, pharmaceutical companies wrote 10,000 individual checks totaling an investment of \$9 million into state political campaigns. That’s 2,467 individual state legislators—over a third of state lawmakers—receiving money from pharmaceutical companies in the course of their 2020 campaigns. That’s one way to “persuade” the government to litigate your interests.



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This has to stop. Of course, we want an innovative pharmaceutical sector. We want genius scientists developing new therapies for cancer and currently untreatable genetic conditions. The pharmaceutical industry can be—and has been—a force for good.

But we cannot offer fat rewards for the chemical abuse of kids. We can’t let one industry write its financial interests into public health policy. Parents who care enough about their child to try and find the source of their mental confusion before bowing before popular political narratives should be supported, not penalized. “Parental rights” means nothing if terrified doctors and progressive administrators can force off-label drugs on children. Not all problems can be solved with tiny pills, and a society that pretends otherwise will sacrifice its health—and its children—on the altar of an industry that spends far too much time lobbying government and far too little developing the necessary breakthroughs of tomorrow.

# Legislation

THAT THREATENS THE AMERICAN FAMILY

*Introduced by Patrick Brown*



Progressives' vision for family policy tends to be heavy on the policy, and light on the family. Instead of understanding the family as an integral social and economic unit, their policy prescriptions too often see households as a collection of individuals that happen to share a roof. Rather than using public policy to protect and strengthen the family unit, progressives tend to see individuals as in desperate need of government action to relieve them of their obligations to each other.

The essays in this section demonstrate how this tendency leads the Left astray. Heavy-handed programs like Build Back Better (BBB) see the government as needing to step in as caretaker, through universal pre-kindergarten and child care, so that parents can be pushed into the labor force. Additionally, BBB would have treated marriage as an afterthought, implicitly penalizing it by providing more tax benefits to low-income cohabiting couples than married ones. Instead of strengthening the institutions of civil society that help families raise their children in the values and environment they deem best, progressives bills like the Equal-

**“No man can be a competent legislator who does not add to an upright intention and a sound judgment a certain degree of knowledge of the subjects on which he is to legislate.” ~ James Madison (Federalist #53)**

ity Act would have a chilling effect on everything from churches to girls' sports.

It is vital to understand the discrete threats these bills would pose to family life. But it is equally important to recognize the long-term consequences this mindset would

bring, and where progressives go wrong. The left's misguided approach to family policy stems from misunderstanding the role and purpose of the single social institution oriented towards the procreation and raising of children.

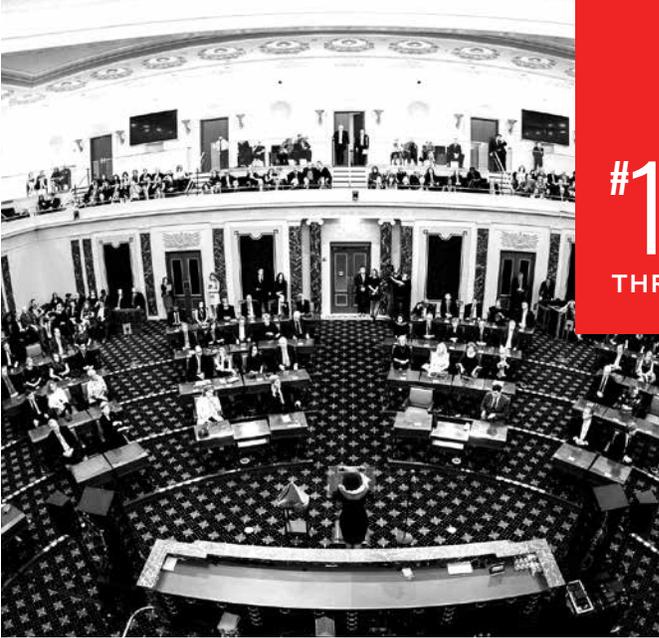
Reams of social science data back up what many of us know from experience—that the safest place for a child to be raised is by married, biological parents. The family offers stability, purpose, and others-centeredness in a culture often seduced by individualism, careerism, and consumerism. It is the place where character is formed and values handed down, which explains why some far-left radicals want to “disrupt the family” and use the state to indoctrinate children into ev-

erything from critical race theory to gender ideology.

In order to defend the family as the key, fundamental unit of society, it will be essential to point out the flaws in the left's expansive proposals for social re-engineering. From there, the next step will be building up an arsenal of proposals which expand parents' choice in education, help families deal with the cost of living, compensate parents for the hard work of having and raising kids, and build up the social environments in which more children can safely thrive. Placing the family as the center of a social and economic policy agenda will showcase the inadequacy of the leftist approach to family policy, and protect families for years to come.



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#13  
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## S.1. For the People Act/ H.R.4 John Lewis Voting Rights Bill

*By Ken Cuccinelli & Michael Bars*

**F**or more than twenty years, Democrats have been trying to take over U.S. election laws in a coordinated, politically driven campaign of deceit and division.

Most recently, they went from declaring 2020 the most secure election in history to pushing a “stolen election narrative” in 2022, with even President Biden implying that the forthcoming midterms could be compromised and illegitimate. Why the dramatic shift? Because in 2021 many states around the country enacted new laws protecting the integrity of their elections—making it easy to vote and hard to cheat in elections that are secure, transparent, and accountable. Most importantly, the reforms help restore voter trust that every legal vote can be cast and counted fairly and openly.

In return, Democrats in Congress responded with radical legislation to block and override state election laws, erase key safeguards protecting our elections from fraud, force taxpayers to foot the bill for political campaigns, make states register illegal aliens (and 16-year-olds) to vote, and destroy voter ID.

Making matters worse, they then tried to abolish the legislative filibuster used for nearly 200 years to ensure bipartisanship and consensus-driven decision making so they could force their legislative takeover of all 50 states’ elections into law by changing the rules.

But to the disappointment of Democrats, these bills, which rely on a media-assisted “voter suppression” myth to convince Americans that election integrity is racist, failed five times to pass through January of this year. It should be noted that, had they succeeded in eliminating the filibuster, the Democrats’ takeover wouldn’t have stopped with elections, but the worst of the liberal agenda would soon follow—packing the Supreme Court, attacks on pro-life protections, the socialist Green New Deal, and so much more.

What could have instilled such fear into Democrats that they would attempt an unprecedented, authoritarian power grab—something more akin to Hugo Chavez’s Venezuela than anything ever seen before in the U.S.—rigging the election sys-

tem in their favor in silencing millions of American voters for generations to come?

The American family.

Democrats want to marginalize our long-term viability as a pro-life and pro-family movement by devaluing our vote and preventing us from electing leaders who represent our values to office. They plan to systematically erode the power of our most sacred institution of hearth and home whereby our fundamental values and beliefs are nurtured and passed down at the kitchen table, our churches, and within our communities. In fact, research shows that those who grow up in a healthy, happy family environment are more likely to vote, to be engaged in politics, and to carry on the traditions and values that come with a healthy home lifestyle.

Make no mistake, the Democrat takeover of elections would spell disaster for our Democracy and generations of disenfranchised American voters, but because of conservatives who stand up for their right to vote, it continues to fail.

The reality is that it has never been easier to register and vote for every American—regardless of your race, your party affiliation, or where you live—than it is today. This is a measure of success for which Americans can all be proud. Election integrity is not racist, voter suppression and discrimination are already illegal, and Democrats’ federal takeover of elections has nothing to do with “voting rights.”

It’s about preserving their power. We cannot let them win.



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#12  
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# Women's Health Protection Act

by Marjorie Dannenfelser

**O**n the heels of an embarrassing Supreme Court defeat for the Biden administration in its litigation war against the Texas Heartbeat Act, President Biden issued a statement renewing the Democrats' calls to pass the so-called "Women's Health Protection Act."

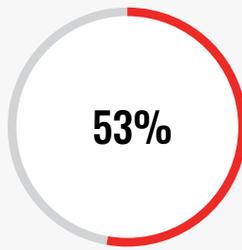
If ever the concept of doublespeak applied to legislation, it applies here. This deceptively named bill has nothing to do with protecting women—instead, it would enshrine a "right" to unlimited abortion in our Constitution. Accurately dubbed the "Abortion on Demand Until Birth Act" by pro-life members of Congress, this extreme federal takeover would prevent enforcement of existing pro-life laws and block new pro-life policies, both at the federal level and in the states, where more than 100 pro-life laws were enacted in 2021.

According to an analysis by Charlotte Lozier Institute, "The operative language of the bill cuts at the heart of a state's ability to enact any meaningful restriction on abortion... waiting periods, ultrasound requirements, informed consent, telemedicine bans, hospital transfer agreements, hospital admitting privileges, parental consent, and

multiple other reasonable regulations on abortion would be struck down." The Hyde Amendment, the traditionally bipartisan policy that has saved at least 2.5 million lives by preventing taxpayer funding of abortion on demand, would likely be struck down. Furthermore, the bill is expressly written to supersede longstanding conscience protection laws, raising the specter of forced complicity for pro-life health care workers and institutions without any recourse at the federal level.

This bill demeans women by falsely attributing our social and economic gains to abortion. It ignores women harmed by legal abortion—including by unsafe conditions, negligence and incompetence in abortion facilities that the profit-driven abortion industry is indisposed to regulate itself—and the fact that at least half the babies killed are girls. Melissa Ohden, founder of the Abortion Survivors Network who miraculously survived a saline abortion that nearly burned her alive, testified at a U.S. Senate hearing last June:

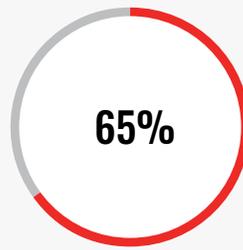
"How can access to abortion, the very act that should have ended my life, simultaneously be a fundamental right to exercise?



**More Likely to Support Republican Candidate Who Would Limit Abortion at 15 Weeks**

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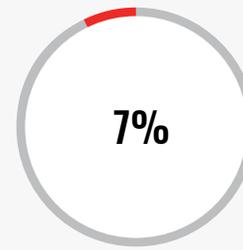
Source: SBA List/OnMessage Inc, Jun. 2021.



**More Likely to Vote for Candidates Who Limit Abortion**

About two-thirds of Americans (65%) and the same percentage of registered voters say they “are more likely to vote for” candidates who would limit abortion to at most the first three months of pregnancy. This includes about nine in 10 Republicans (88%), more than six in 10 independents (62%), and more than four in 10 Democrats (44%).

Source: Marist/Knights of Columbus, Jan. 2020.



**Millennial Support for Democratic Platform on Abortion**

Only 7% of Millennials share the position of the Democratic Party platform: abortion-on-demand, through all nine months, paid for by taxpayers. Seven of 10 Millennials support limits on abortion through specific policies like parental notification, limiting late-term abortions after five months of pregnancy, and opposition to taxpayer funding of abortion.

Source: Institute for Pro-Life Advancement, Jan. 2019.

Life is the foundation of all other rights... everyone in this room was granted the privilege to retain that right—a privilege I was denied. A privilege my unprotected population of abortion survivors were denied.”

Under the rubric of “reproductive justice,” the bill smears pro-life advocates’ legislative efforts as rooted in racism. Peer-reviewed research reveals the truth: the death toll of abortion is nearly four times higher within Black communities. Outside the pro-life movement this is rarely recognized as a pub-

lic health crisis or a matter of “equity” and social justice.

Pro-abortion Democrats are deeply out of touch with the American people, who reject abortion extremism and overwhelmingly support substantial limits on abortion. In light of the *Dobbs* decision that has finally returned this issue to the people and their elected representatives, Americans should not and will not stand for this undemocratic assault on their right to protect vulnerable women and unborn children.



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#11  
THREAT

# Biden’s American Families Plan

by Kevin Roberts

Joe Biden ran for president pledging to reunite our divided nation. His agenda is stalled in Congress because it violates that pledge. Biden’s \$1.8 trillion “American Families Plan” has even failed to unite lawmakers in his own party.

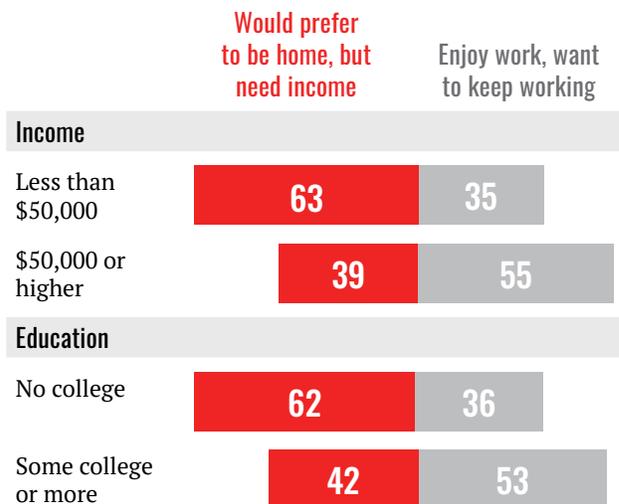
One reason is that the plan’s debt-financed spending priorities—taxpayer subsidies for child care, higher education, and

welfare—have nothing to do with the inflation, supply-chain breakdowns, and COVID restrictions that are racking our economy. Biden’s plan would exacerbate all three.

But even worse is the Democrats’ blindness—or indifference—to the damage policies like these have done to their ostensible beneficiaries for decades. The low-income workers, the single moms, the underprivi-

## Income and Education Gaps in Work-Life Balance

% of employed parents with children under age 18 saying they...



Note: Based on those who are employed either full or part time. Income based on annual family income. “Don’t know/Refused” responses not shown.

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“Biden’s American Families Plan actually caters to the wishes of higher-income, higher-educated minority factions, according to a survey at the Pew Research Center.”

leged children elevated in progressive rhetoric are invariably subjugated by progressive policies. The welfare programs that succeed encourage work and family stability that lead to self-sufficiency. But Biden's plan is written as if the top-down, elite-directed policies of the 1960s and 1970s didn't lead to intergenerational dependence, fatherlessness, isolation, and poverty.

Government cannot replace the social capital generated by intact families of married parents living in tight-knit communities—or even the financial capital that such families can build up over time. On the contrary, government usually discourages it. Even today, with all we know about the irreplaceable importance of marriage and family cohesion to vulnerable children, federal welfare programs still reward non-work and actively penalize marriage. These flawed programs trap lower-income families in unstable homes, dangerous neighborhoods, and failing schools.

Biden's American Families Plan would double down on this paternalistic folly, hoping that a few new entitlement programs will fix the problems caused by the old ones.

His plan to subsidize commercial child care (but not home- or faith-based care that the overwhelming majority of parents use) reflects the worst of liberal hubris and interest-group cronyism. It would penalize stay-at-home moms, inflate the price of child

care, and worsen children's prospects—all to put the thumb on the scale of a lifestyle most lower-income mothers don't want.

Biden's \$109 billion proposal to make community college "free" and billions for teacher training are similarly inapt. Most community college students already pay no tuition. And no training program will change the fact that politicized teachers unions and school boards are more interested in indoctrinating students in woke ideology than teaching them the knowledge, skills, and habits they need to succeed.

What underprivileged families need are safe streets, child-centered schools with parents in charge, flexible welfare programs that reward work and marriage, and a healthy economy that fosters good jobs and rising wages. Giving trillions of dollars to the elite interest groups who have given us "defund the police," anti-science school shutdowns, and record inflation would only return us more of the same.

Working moms, dads, and kids need to be rescued from the dysfunction of social welfare programs that are anti-work and marriage, not smothered by another layer of them. If we want to reunite our country, we have to reunite our families—first with each other, and then to the jobs, community empowerment, and upward mobility to which they are entitled.



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will continue to lead policy research efforts on many of the issues he championed at TPPF, including education, health care, border security, election integrity, and more, and his leadership will also be critical in pushing back on the radical, socialist agenda being advanced by the left at all levels of government.



#10  
THREAT

## Biden's Title IX Executive Order

*by Maureen Bannon*

**T**itle IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 states: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” They protect women, not just from exclusion in certain elements of academia and extracurriculars, but also from potential harassment from members of the opposite sex by preserving private spaces according to each sex. After all, providing separate volleyball teams but shared locker rooms and showers would hardly be considered equivalent features of this accommodation.

With Title IX protections, women’s right to compete on an even playing field with members of their own sex, along with the right to privacy from prying eyes and wandering hands in the privacy of separate facilities, such as locker rooms and bathrooms, were covered under the law.

Now 50 years later, those protections that so many fought for are being actively destroyed by the radical Left.

According to President Joe Biden’s Executive Order, the interpretation of Title IX has expanded to include, “...discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.” While the order is touted as a protection for vulnerable minorities, the new language is self-eradicating. Women are no longer protected because there is no longer any definable notion of what a woman actually is. Based solely on feeling and lacking a concrete definition, law cannot discern between the vulnerable and their predators.

The result: Women lose all rights to privacy and fair competition, and any school that dares to protect them loses their federal funding. When it comes down to it, will academic institutions choose to protect women or protect their profits? Take one look at the inflation of tuition costs over the last twenty years, and you’ll find your answer.

Sure enough, we see it already. William Thomas, now going by the name “Lia”, was a mediocre male swimmer at best. He was ranked number 462 among all male college swimmers. In May 2019, William started taking hormone replacement therapy and is now ranked number one among all female

college swimmers. William, a biological male, is dominating the female swim domain due to his biological differences.

We see school boards covering up cases of sexual assault when female bathrooms are open to anyone who identifies as a female. In Loudoun County, Virginia, a male student who “felt” like a female assaulted not one, but two victims due to the Superintendent for the Loudoun County Public Schools covering up the first assault. Since the male student was not punished for the first assault, he went on to assault a second innocent female victim. The radical Left does not care about the innocent female victims. In California, women’s prisons are open to anatomically male inmates who identify as female due to the passage of SB 132. The institution’s method of handling having biological

males in female prisons is by handing out contraceptives and Plan B to female inmates. Women cannot be protected when their aggressors are given a free pass to sidestep every defense by “identifying as their victims.”

Our country is at war for our girls. There is no time to sit on the sidelines and let someone else fight this battle. We cannot stay silent. The time to step up and protect our daughters, granddaughters, sisters, and nieces, is now. If we don’t make this a political priority, our politicians will quickly cave to the robust corporate pressures, the radical Leftist ideologies, and political ambitions, while our girls will lose all protections in the public sphere and be made to believe that they do not matter. We can never stop fighting for our girls.



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#9  
THREAT

## The Equality Act

by Sen. Mike Lee

Recently, a transgender collegiate swimmer named Lia Thomas demolished the competition, logged the fastest times in the nation, and paved the way to a national championship. In 2020 and for years before that, this same individual swam as a man, Will Thomas, a competitive athlete but nowhere near a national-championship qualifier.

Some of Thomas's teammates and competitors are understandably upset. One told Fox News that despite the team's outward celebration, "I think secretly everyone just knows it's the wrong thing to do." In the legal profession, the judicial standard of "shocks the conscience" is occasionally used. The dangerous 'Equality' Act would make similar shocking situations legally protected and far more frequent. Unfortunately, many in Congress do not seem to be shocked by much anymore.

Should the so-called Equality Act become law, people of conscience would be steamrolled and blocked out of professions, philanthropy, and increasingly society altogether. The bill would endanger religious hospitals that refuse to perform sex reassignment sur-

geries and insurers who object to hormone replacement for children. Parents could lose custody for denying teenagers irreversible procedures, placing countless children struggling with self-identity and mental health concerns in overburdened state systems. Students attending universities with sex-specific dorms would be forced out of Pell and federal research grants and would be ineligible for federal student loans. Many summer camps would be required to place campers and counsellors by their proclaimed gender identity rather than sex, allowing biological males on only their own request to join or even oversee cabins of female minors. Women's shelters would be required to admit for residential care biological men claiming to identify as women. Artists such as cake decorators would risk closure for following their religious tenets and declining to support LGBTQIA+ messaging through their craft.

The list goes on and on. We have always been a pluralistic and diverse nation. Our republic has always functioned because decent people have treated those around them with respect and compassion even when their

beliefs conflict. That is how Catholics and Quakers, Puritans and Pietists, Amish and Atheists formed and preserved our republic. The scorched-earth social dogmatism of the modern left is a threat to the American way of life, and the left's attempt to paint Americans of conscience as bigots is itself a form of invidious discrimination. Our country would cease to be free if those holding

traditional definitions of marriage and gender—understandings on which even Democratic politicians ran for office less than a decade ago—were blacklisted from society. The thought shocks the conscience.

Not only would the 'Equality' Act kill women's sports, it would end American social liberty. I will oppose it in every way I can.



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#8  
THREAT

## Fairness for All Act

by Ryan T. Anderson

Intolerance is a vice, but there is no virtue in accepting bad compromises. The so-called “Fairness for All” legislation is a bad compromise. To say that is not to question the good faith of the bill’s advocates. It’s merely to note that despite the goodwill of the bill’s proponents and despite its name, the bill is grievously unfair.

The bill elevates “sexual orientation and gender identity” to a protected class in the Civil Rights Act, while also providing certain religious liberty protections. But those protections for religious liberty are insufficient. And they come at the price of legally enshrining a misguided sexual and gender ideology.

This will allow the federal government to use our civil rights laws as a sword to punish citizens who dissent from the reigning sexual orthodoxy. And it is certain to create significant harm to the common good, especially for the privacy, safety, and equality of women and girls, for the ability of doctors to practice good medicine and parents to seek good medicine for their children, and to the bodies and minds of people suffering from gender dysphoria.

Religious freedom isn’t the only interest threatened by sexual orientation and gender identity laws. And the limited protections for religious liberty in FFA do not do anything to address the core problems with sexual orientation and gender identity laws. As a result, religious liberty protections do nothing for secular women, doctors, parents, and patients who have the same concerns about gender ideology.

At stake are different understandings of the human person and of human nature. Elevating “sexual orientation and gender identity” to a protected class in the Civil Rights Act isn’t about “live and let live” at all. It’s about legally enforcing new norms of sexuality nationwide, with limited spaces of freedom for some religious actors. FFA effectively helps brand alternatives to the favored ideology as bigotry while carving out a limited “right to discriminate” for some “bigots.” This will do harm that the bill’s supporters fail to grapple with — harm to people’s privacy, safety, equality, and physical and mental wellbeing, along with forms of liberty — not just for religious believers, but for all dissenters from progressive gender ideology.

Everyone should be free to engage in legitimate actions based on the convictions that we are created male and female and that male and female are created for each other. Religious liberty is an important human right, but we must also protect paren-

tal rights, women's privacy and safety, and medical professionals' conscience rights. We must refuse to impose a misguided gender ideology on the nation. This holistic and inclusive approach would achieve true fairness for all.



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# Politicians

THAT THREATEN THE AMERICAN FAMILY

*Introduced by Jon Schweppe*



Government and politicians go hand in hand; one cannot exist without the other. It's only natural that these political men and women are poised to be the biggest allies and the biggest threats to American families. All power serves a purpose, and we've been blessed with many strong leaders who stick to their principles and don't allow themselves to be bullied by their belligerent counterparts. People like Governor Ron DeSantis, who puts Florida's well-being over popular frenzy, and Senator Joe Manchin, who often places his principles before strict party politics.

Others, however, are not so high-minded. These politicians are our biggest threats as they send us sultry smiles and moralized memos, meanwhile pushing a dangerous anti-family agenda through the undercurrent of litigation—to these ideologues, a 2,700+ page infrastructure bill presents 2,700+ opportunities to sneak in harmful provisions that will hasten the destruction of the American family.

While these politicians prioritize their ideological agenda, they fail to take responsibility for the issues the voters actually care about. When President Biden tanks our economy and

refuses to stand up to Russia, all the while blaming Putin's actions for our inflation and rising gas prices instead of taking executive responsibility, does that exude the "strength of the American people?"

When Vice President Kamala Harris is put in charge of the border crisis and does little more than release a strategy memo and attend a few meetings, despite all her campaign reliance on her judicial history and decisive action—can we honestly say we see our best political foot moving forward?

And when Republican Rep. Chris Stewart presents the Fairness for All Act as an alternative to the Equality Act that Republicans should support—as if it isn't caving to the same progressive agenda—do we not begin to doubt the sincerity of the Republican Party?

As a conservative organization, it would be easy for us to turn to the Democrats, pick the top five, and recite our litany of grievances. That makes sense—many of them, if not most, support an ideology that is destructive to the family, to liberty, and to freedom. But we cannot fixate solely on party lines—not when so much is on the line. Sometimes the most dan-

gerous politicians are the ones that claim to be our friends.

In this section, you will find the politicians we ranked as the biggest threats to the American family based on their records, including

their public claims and their political follow through. Each choice is backed by hard evidence as to why that person, not just the party label, poses a threat to American families.



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#7  
THREAT

## Gavin Newsom

*by Ryan P. Williams*

In his recent “State of the State” speech, California Governor Gavin Newsom extolled the virtues, compassion, and justice of what he called “The California Way.” For those familiar with the public policy of California under Newsom’s tenure and his predecessor’s, The California Way amounts to re-distributive programmatic liberalism on bread-and-butter issues like education, welfare, and housing; standard-issue ideological leftism on issues like identity politics, “social justice,” and abortion; and job-destroying environmental fanaticism aimed at the agricultural, manufacturing, homebuilding, and energy sectors.

Given these trends and Democrat priorities in recent years, California has become a great place to raise a family, but only if you collect a high-six or seven-figure annual income from the entertainment, tech, or financial sector; are a member of a public employee union with lavish health and retirement benefits; or are part of California’s highest per-capita poor population. If you’re a member of the middle or working classes, the prerequisites for thriving families are harder and harder to achieve. High housing costs

and the disappearance of good blue-collar jobs are driving a mass exodus-of-the-middle out of California. Just look at the numbers: despite its large population of illegal immigrants, after the 2020 census California will for the first time in its history lose a congressional seat. Families are flocking to more dynamic, lower-cost, and low-unemployment states like Florida, Arizona, and Texas. For the many families and individuals voting with their feet, the California Way leads to the nearest highway out of town.

Gavin Newsom likes to boast of the growing GDP of California, but such abstract and aggregate data hide a sobering fact for members of and aspirants to the traditional American family: Newsom, his party, and his policies in California are materially and ideologically aligned against the interests of thriving families. And what happens in California doesn’t stay in California — all of this, and more, is coming to a blue or purple state near you. While high unemployment and living costs are certainly barriers to flourishing families, the most morally and materially corrosive threats to the family under Newsom are education and COVID policy.

Since 2015, the main vehicle for the importation of cultural liberalism on matters of sex, sexual “identity,” gender, “gender expression,” homosexuality, and abortion has been the California Healthy Youth Act, passed when Newsom was Lieutenant Governor to Jerry Brown. As Governor, Newsom signed Assembly Bill 101 on October 8, 2021, adding racial identity politics education on top of existing “sex” education. The bill mandates an “ethnic studies” course for all public (including charter) high school students. Parents with a keen eye for evolving educational trends will recognize this euphemism. The “ethnic studies” requirement will ensure the latest ‘critical social justice’ fads of the education schools have a direct and unassailable line into K-12 education in California. The result will be ideological propaganda masquerading as an “inclusive” history of California. Students will be told a story about past oppressors and past oppressed, with skin color and ethnic identity as the essential and unquestionable dividing line of the morality tale.

Perhaps most egregious of all of Newsom’s assaults on CA families was his COVID response. Acting under indefinite “emergency” powers, Newsom and state executive officials stole two years of normal life from the

children of California, shuttering schools and mandating unnecessary vaccines at the behest of the teachers’ unions. For many CA families and children, this rolling trauma and deficit in intellectual and social development will never be erased. The hysterical, authoritarian, and anti-science response of Newsom’s administration to COVID should destroy any trust rational citizens, let alone mothers and fathers, have in California’s super-majority political party.

The “California Way” means prohibitively high housing costs; anti-American, racialized, and excessively sexualized indoctrination in education; rapidly rising energy and food prices; and a Damoclean “public health” sword wielded by Governor Newsom and his unelected and often incompetent bureaucrats. Conservative, liberty-loving, and traditional families living outside of California ought to avoid it at all costs. Those parents unlucky enough to reside here currently ought to flee. And all patriotic and pro-family Americans should closely track the latest leftwing trends on family policy emanating from California. Gavin Newsom’s California does have one virtue: it’s an early warning system for moral corruption and civilizational decline.



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#6  
THREAT

## Miguel Cardona

*by APP Staff*

In the early days of Joe Biden’s presidency, as he began to fill out his cabinet, attention quickly focused on the well-known names he had chosen for high-profile positions — Merrick Garland, Janet Yellen, Pete Buttigieg, and Xavier Becerra, among others. Some of these nominees generated a great deal of controversy. But other Biden picks flew under the radar, including his choice for Secretary of Education, Miguel Cardona.

A former Commissioner of Education in Connecticut, Cardona cut a low profile during his confirmation hearings. Republicans largely avoided confronting him, and some even outright praised him, with Sen. Richard Burr (R-N.C.) promising the nominee that he would “encourage all of my colleagues on my side to support you ... and to move expeditiously to have you sworn in as the next secretary of education.” Unsurprisingly, Cardona sailed through the Senate by a vote of 64-33.

But in the time since then, Secretary Cardona has been busy. Although he has still mostly avoided the spotlight — as an April headline in *POLITICO* put it, “If you can’t name Biden’s Education secretary, you prob-

ably aren’t alone” — he has arguably done as much to advance Biden’s radical, left-wing agenda as any other member of the president’s administration. As a result, Cardona represents a uniquely dangerous threat to American families.

As head of the Department of Education, Secretary Cardona has significant power to impact families, power he has not hesitated to use since stepping into the job. In the fall of 2021, for example, as parent outrage was beginning to rise over the continued mandatory masking of their children in schools, Cardona threw his support behind the mask mandates, threatening to go after any state which attempted to scrap them. This embrace of masking notoriously backfired on Democrats in Virginia, where Republican Glenn Youngkin rode a wave of parental support into the governor’s mansion.

But unfortunately, Cardona was only getting started. In January 2022, emails obtained by FOIA request revealed that the education secretary had requested the National School Boards Association send a letter to the Biden administration calling for the investigation of parents protesting at school

board meetings. The NSBA letter caused an uproar particularly over its comparison of concerned parents to domestic terrorists and its call for federal law enforcement to invoke the PATRIOT Act in going after them. While Cardona later denied any involvement in the letter, he did not disavow the letter's clear aim of frightening parents into submission.

In fact, Cardona has consistently taken the side of teachers' unions and education bureaucrats over the concerns of parents. In March 2022, following the passage of Florida's Parental Rights in Education law, the education secretary joined with the rest of the left-wing chorus in smearing it as a "don't say gay" bill that would "target...vulnerable students and families." The bill, in truth, merely mandated that parents be informed about their children's health and well-being in schools and prohibited teaching students in kindergarten through third grade about sexual topics — all provisions that had overwhelming support from Florida voters. Nev-

ertheless, Cardona warned his agency would be "monitoring" the state, threatening to roll back these parental protections should they be able to cook up some justification for doing so.

There are, of course, many other examples one could point to of Cardona's blatant disregard of the concerns of parents and families — to name just a couple more: his injection of critical race theory concepts into federal education grantmaking or his agency's proposed rule to replace "sex" with "gender identity" in Title IX, thus paving the way for biological boys to be allowed in girls' bathroom, locker rooms, and athletic competitions. But what has already been stated above likely suffices to prove the point. Since taking on the role of Secretary of Education, Miguel Cardona has waged an extensive war on parental rights and, by extension, the American family itself. He has fully earned this place as one of the family's top threats.



#5  
THREAT

## Rachel Levine

by Emily Jashinsky

Rachel Levine’s intentions are clear. As a transgender public official, Levine actively seeks to be a “role model” on LGBT issues for children and adults alike. In other words, Levine hopes to use the visibility that comes with serving in office to normalize transgender ideology. That, of course, is bad news for the many Americans who suffer with gender dysphoria and for our ailing culture more broadly.

“I am pleased to speak on this topic and be a mentor and role model to LGBT youth whenever I have the opportunity,” Levine told PennLive in a 2015 interview, after being appointed as the state’s first transgender physician general.

After President Biden named Levine assistant secretary of health at the Department of Health & Human Services, the seasoned physician brought that same mentality to Washington D.C. Last fall, Levine told one journalist that trans advocacy was part of the DHS job’s “portfolio” as “health equity work.”

“I want to advocate for the LGBTQ+ community and for vulnerable transgender individuals in particular,” said Levine. “That

includes transgender seniors, that includes transgender individuals of color, and I particularly advocated for transgender youth, who I think are somewhat under siege in our country.”

“I have always been very pleased to advocate for LGBTQ+ and transgender individuals,” added Levine, “and to serve as a role model and to show transgender individuals, transgender youth, that people can accomplish whatever they set their minds to.”

In that same interview, Levine said advancing LGBT advocacy “informs many things in terms of insurance coverage and health care coverage” and insisted the department was working to “embed” the “health equity” agenda into its work.

Upon nominating Levine to HHS, President Biden described the move as “historic,” signaling that his administration also saw the pick as an opportunity to normalize trans ideology. Their belief is that Levine’s visibility as a successful trans adult signals to the public that it’s possible to overcome struggles with sex by transitioning. This also serves the purpose of exposing the public to a successful trans adult, normalizing the un-

scientific falsehood that sex can be changed and increasing tolerance for an intolerable lie.

The ideology that confuses vulnerable people and the public at large into thinking sex can be changed is wreaking what Abigail Shrier has famously described as “irreversible damage” on a mass scale.

In “Irreversible Damage,” Shrier noted that “Between 2016 and 2017 the number of gender surgeries for natal females in the U.S. quadrupled, with biological women suddenly accounting for—as we have seen—70 percent of all gender surgeries.” But, as Shrier also wrote, “Several studies indicate that nearly 70 percent of kids who experience childhood gender dysphoria—and are not affirmed or socially transitioned—eventually outgrow it.” That combination confirms what heartbreaking anecdotes increasingly show: the push

to normalize trans ideology is persuading people to treat their pain with harmful, irreversible, unscientific methods based on radical ideology.

Levine is not merely helping dysphoric kids and adults soothe discomfort or overcome suicidality. To the extent that’s the effect of Levine’s work as a “role model,” the comfort will be tragically temporary for most struggling individuals. For some, they’ll be left with transitions they regret, with physical and psychological scars that follow them for the rest of their lives.

Joe Biden and Rachel Levine are intentionally normalizing this harmful pseudoscience. They are absolutely correct that Levine is serving effectively as a role model, bolstered by a complicit media and corporate support, but they fail to grasp how terrifying that prospect is for the health of the country.



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#4  
THREAT

## Vice President Kamala Harris

*by APP Staff*

Vice President Kamala Harris may feign interest in protecting the American way of life, but she deliberately supports groups who fight to destroy the American family and silences those who expose the truth.

In 2015, after years of undercover investigation, David Daleiden began publishing videos that revealed the ugly truth about Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry. He now faces criminal prosecution for his investigative journalism, an extreme response to actions that should be protected under his First Amendment rights. This attack has been headed, from the start, by none other than Kamala Harris.

It is a widespread fact that Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry prey upon young, vulnerable women and coerce them into destroying their children's lives. Daleiden's videos provided irrefutable evidence of another dark side of their work: that their leaders are involved in the human trafficking of aborted babies and use criminal partial-birth abortions in order to do so. The videos shocked the conscience and horrified Americans across the political spec-

trum—and shed heartbreaking, clarifying light on the true meaning of state-sponsored, industrial-scale abortion in our country.

The American people have a right to know the motivating factors behind an industry that pretends to care about our most vulnerable, abused, and desperate demographic of women. And of course, whatever opposing viewpoints Planned Parenthood had been content to live with in the past, they, and their political allies, simply could not tolerate this footage being seen by the public.

Kamala Harris, who was at the time the powerful and well-connected Attorney General of California, was the first on the scene to silence truth in defense of economical murderous profits. Harris launched an 11-officer armed raid on Daleiden's home, at the behest of Planned Parenthood, to seize his videos and computer equipment. Harris' deputies also arrested Daleiden and are criminally prosecuting him for making the videos that they already seized. The sentence for his alleged crime is up to 6 years in jail.

The police pretext for this unprecedented raid was that the videos violated California's

law against recording “confidential communications”—even though the recordings were networking conversations intended to be shared with others, held in public places, and recorded in order to gather evidence of violent crimes (an explicit exception to the California law). In fact, countless local news reporters and activists regularly record and publish undercover video of conversations in California, but none of them have ever faced repercussions such as these. Even “politically incorrect” reporters such as James O’Keefe and Lila Rose, though publicly accused by Planned Parenthood and others of violating the recording law, have never been prosecuted by the California Attorney General.

The difference? Daleiden revealed that Planned Parenthood sold babies piecemeal. Even they have to admit, it’s not a good look, and Harris was happy to oblige their needs.

She launched a criminal enforcement effort against a news reporter under the California recording law for the first time in its 70-year history.

This is the messaging of tyrants, not the expression of the will of a free people. Anyone who believes in the right to a free press with free speech and free expression should unite to reject this abuse of power and obvious effort to obstruct the propagation of truth. Providing proof that innocent life is not only threatened by Planned Parenthood, but exploited further for monetary gain under criminal circumstances, should never come at the cost of freedom. Harris doesn’t care about your rights, the rights of your children, or the well-being of your families, but she is determined to wage political war against you. Is that the kind of leader you want to keep in your midst?



## President Joe Biden

by Aaron Renn

Many people regard President Joe Biden as a likeable and moderate Democrat. But his party, and thus the staff in his administration, is increasingly made up of radical leftists with a hostile, anti-family agenda. A past-his-prime Biden shows little interest or ability in curtailing their activism, making him a legitimate threat to the American family as titular head of the US government.

We saw this potential in action as we watched a coordinated political move by Biden's Department of Justice to brand as terrorists parents who object to progressive dogma being taught in their schools. The National School Boards Association sent a letter to the DOJ asking the federal government "to deal with the growing numbers of threats of violence" school officials were supposedly receiving. Shortly thereafter, Attorney General Merrick Garland sent a memo directing all US attorneys around the country to take action on this, saying that the DOJ was "committed to using its authority" on the matter.

Later it was revealed that these events had been orchestrated in coordination with the White House.

In other words, law enforcement has been weaponized by the government working hand in glove with activists and political operatives to threaten prosecution of parents opposing far left indoctrination of their kids.

This particular move seems to have backfired because it was exposed. But it's clear the Biden administration wants to criminalize dissent. A recent terrorism advisory, for example, warns of "false or misleading narratives" by "domestic threat actors" which "could inspire acts of violence." It's easy how this can be applied to parents who, for example, are pushing back against the forcible masking of their kids in school or other family-impacting pandemic restrictions.

The attempted criminalization of dissent by the federal government makes President Biden one of America's leading threats to the American family unless and until he reins in his rogue underlings.



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## Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

by Helen Roy

In his monologues, Tucker Carlson often makes the point that one can know what the Democratic Party is up to simply by inverting their stated goals. The party of “anti-racism” advocates racial segregation in schools. The party of the “underprivileged” advocates the interests of technofascists over workers. The party of feminists erases the word “mother” from the Congressional rules. And so on.

In most cases, personally and politically, the more dramatic the performance of virtue, the stronger the vice. No figure in the party captures this deep ambivalence—to be the poison while presenting as the cure—more readily than Alexandria Ocasio Cortez. Rather than being distracted by her elaborate and compelling performance, conservatives can instead abide by the Tuckerism stated earlier: her strongest symbolic resonance is where the true danger lies.

Because of her identity-defining stance as advocate and voice of the young, Cortez poses a specific threat to the American family.

Through AOC, the Democrats legitimate their claim to being the party of the youth. And while it’s true enough that young people

tend to vote left, just like black people tend to vote left, it’s also true that the official and unofficial policies Democrats offer to young (and black) people are some of the most efficient ways to explode their core relationships, bankrupting themselves personally and financially through self-imposed alienation and depravity. When Claudia Conway took to Twitter to expose intimate details of her parents’ faltering marriage, she tweeted at Cortez “adopt me.” Cortez tacitly approved of the message by subsequently following the girl. Of course, the response of any healthy adult to such a tragic public unfolding of personal strife would be total disengagement. But she who mimes advocacy is nothing more than an agitator in reality: an underminer of youthful optimism and of the foundations upon which young people would otherwise build their lives.

Against the backdrop of largely geriatric peers, she presents herself convincingly. By using youthful platforms and youthful language and simply being relatively youthful, AOC fashions herself into a lightning rod. She appears and speaks on Instagram stories like that one professor who never wore a tie

and made sure you knew it was okay to cuss in class. It's easy to confuse familiarity for intimacy on social media; young people do it as a matter of course. Youthful social anxiety is easily converted into political capital.

The point in the Conway situation, and when Cortez tweets about trans kids or cops the latest university newspeak in her broadcasts, is to send a particular message to millions of young people—many of whom went on to doxx their parents for insufficient support of Black Lives Matter during the Summer of Love following the death of George Floyd. That message remains clear: political cancellation is a legitimate vehicle for laundering personal resentment against your family. But of course, cancellation isn't the correct term. AOC calls it “being challenged, held accountable, or unliked.” So it's fine. Parents must be made to understand.

This, in fact, is the true location of familial dissolution in our country—not the border, where Cortez once hired photographers to capture her crying about migrant caravans, but the home.

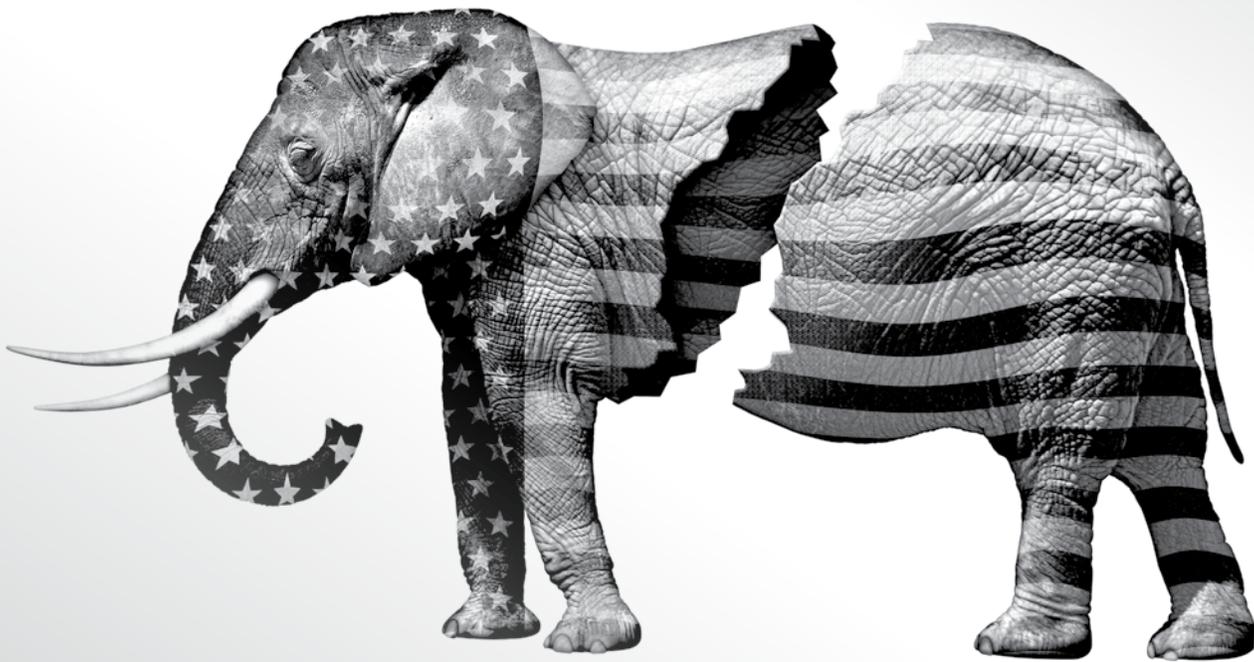
At the core of any highly effective lie, some kernel of truth must exist to keep it afloat.

Essentially, AOC capitalizes on a very particular and precarious faultline in our culture: intergenerational illiteracy and resentment. She would have a harder time fashioning herself as the voice of the youth if young people truly felt heard, seen, acknowledged, and above all, loved by the older people in their lives. The reasons for the gap in communication are varied. Mass parental acceptance of and deference to youth culture as a standalone, self-sustaining movement, often defining itself in opposition to tradition simply for the sake of contrarianism, is chief among them.

How do parents successfully place themselves between their children and the kind of leader that would have them joining up with Mao's Red Guard? Love them. Spend time with them. Hear their concerns. Limit their time spent being educated (in person or online) by people who are not you, and especially people who are diametrically ideologically opposed to your authority as a parent. Revivification of politics begins at the beginning. It's a good place to start.



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## Sell-Out Republicans

*by Terry Schilling*

While it is obvious that the Democratic Party has proposed most of the policies that make it harder, even undesirable, to start a family, get married, and protect the innocence of our children; the question remains: how did they manage it amid a two-party democracy? The answer is simple: they faced no real political opposition. For years, the Republican Party failed to effectively oppose or thwart almost any of the anti-family policies from the Democratic Party.

Until very recently, the GOP was largely led by a class of consultants, donors, staffers, op-ed writers, and politicians who considered opposition to the left's radical social agenda too risky. Instead of defending the family from the onslaught of the left, they decided to call a one-sided truce. They chose to give up on fighting for us in politics. They

told us that we had to retreat on controversial culture topics or risk losing the hearts and minds of the American public. We were told to sit still, look pretty, and mind our manners while our rights, liberties, and legacies were viciously attacked.

Was defending the family really a political liability? Obviously not. Donald Trump went directly against conventional wisdom by embracing so-called "culture war" issues. Not only did he win the nomination and the presidency, but he also revitalized the Republican Party. Now candidates across the country are turning blue states to red by campaigning on family-focused, "culture war" issues. They're winning.

The point is so simple you'd have to be a Republican consultant to have missed it for so long: there's no real constituency for sex changes for minors. Voters aren't pushing for

their kids to be assaulted with crossdressing storytellers, pornographic books, transgender ideology, and race indoctrination. They want all that to stop.

But despite that opposition, we are now seeing our children put on experimental drugs and even mutilated permanently to make a political point. Schools are deliberately encouraging children to transition while simultaneously keeping parents in the dark, harming not only the child's mental health but also his relationship with his parents, who are really his greatest allies in times of distress. The flagrant sex propaganda is not the product of the free market or the will of the American people. It is a deliberate public policy choice – our elected officials sold us out.

It must end. In 2022, Republicans are set up for a Tea-Party-sized electoral wave. We need to ask ourselves: what type of politicians will be replacing anti-family, anti-American Democrats? Are they willing to use the political power that the American people are trusting them with in order to save the family and save America? Do they have the courage to stand up to the evil forces that seek to destroy both? If their answer

is anything less than a resounding “yes,” we need to let them know that there will be consequences.

Every Republican should be aware that a vote against families means the end of their career. Corporate money may buy campaign platforms, but that doesn't mean they can buy our votes.

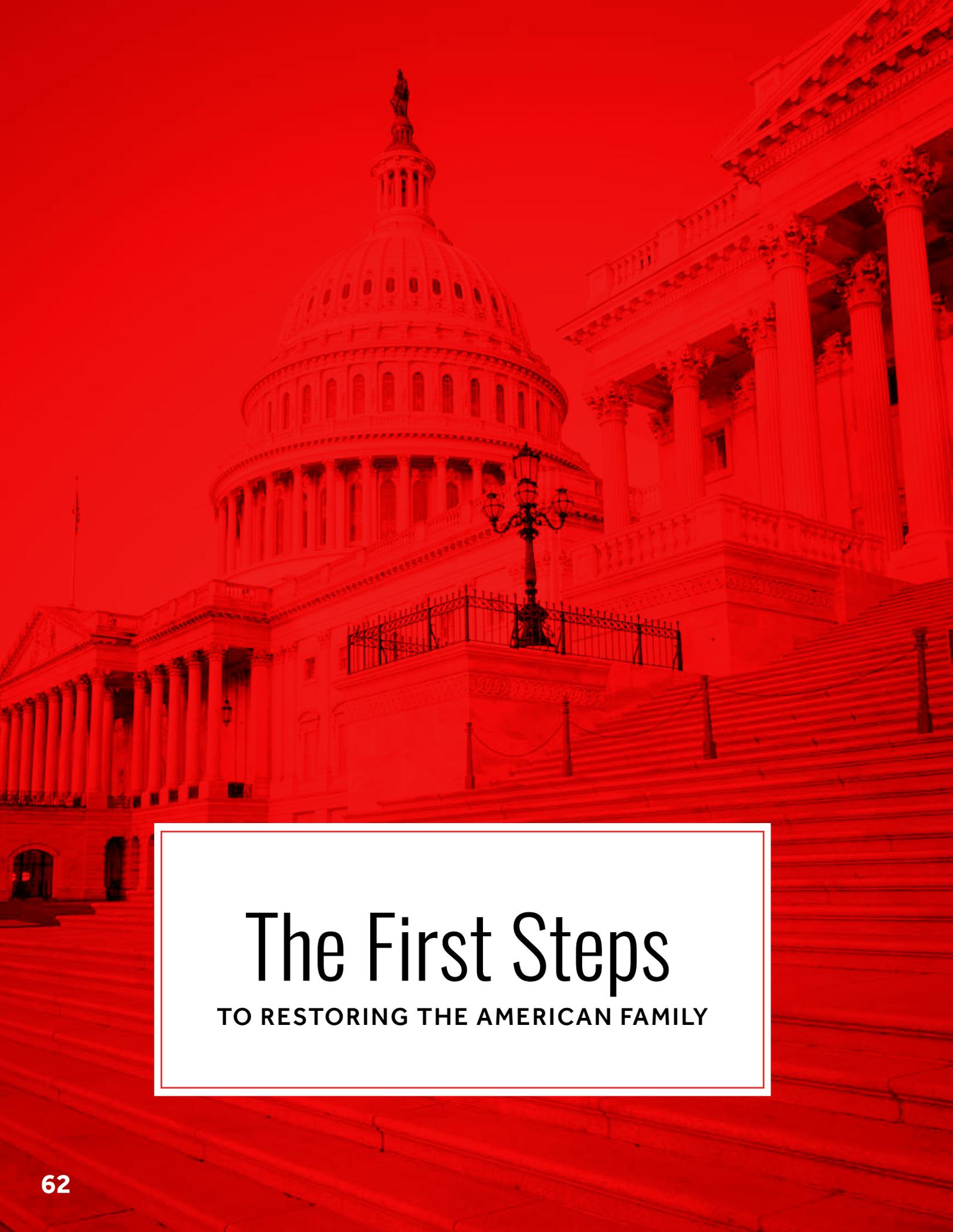
I'm happy to see that so many of the next generation of Republican leaders – many of whom have contributed to this report – understand the threats the American family is facing. They're thinking seriously and fighting hard against the left's insanity. The rest of the party should follow their lead.

Many of those who led us, and the party, into this mess in the first place are still around and eager to have another crack at making the GOP a moderate party of unilateral disarmament. We can't let that happen. The stakes are simply too high.

If America is to stand a chance, she needs a political party that serves as an effective opposition to the evil targeted at destroying our families and the souls of our children. Without that, America and its families are doomed.



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# The First Steps

TO RESTORING THE AMERICAN FAMILY

# Parents' Bill of Rights Act

by Sen. Josh Hawley

America has long recognized parents' fundamental right to direct their children's education. During the school closures over the past year and a half, however, many parents were stunned to discover for the first time that radical ideologies, such as Critical Race Theory, were being peddled to their children. And when they tried to voice their concerns, they were shut down by school boards and intimidated by Joe Biden's Justice Department. Parents grew in their sense that their views mattered less than the whims of woke school bureaucrats and teachers' unions.

The Left's insistence that CRT is not taught in schools belies the reality that curricula and teaching materials infused with racial identity politics are emerging daily from school districts across the nation. Seattle Public Schools even explicitly includes CRT as part of its Black Studies curriculum, which the district is working to embed in every subject. Democrats and their corporate media allies may continue trying to gaslight parents, but parents know better and are increasingly alert to attempts to indoctrinate their children.

Still, parents need help, and public policy must leave no doubt that parents, not bureaucrats, are in the driver's seat when it comes to K-12 education. That's why I have introduced the Parents' Bill of Rights Act—to clearly and definitively enumerate the rights all parents have over their children's education.

These parental rights begin with the essential right to full curricular transparency. Contra the policies of school districts like Loudoun County, Virginia, this right allows parents to make copies of teaching materials and prohibits schools from requiring parents to sign nondisclosure agreements to view curricula. Further, parents will be able to access information on individuals who engage their children at school, including guest and outside presenters, as well as any third-party groups which receive school contracts or funding. These rights will help to ensure that toxic ideology does not seep into classroom instruction or trainings.

Under the Parents' Bill of Rights, parents will be guaranteed the right to visit with their children at school, and to be notified immediately of any safety matters at their kids' schools. Parents also will be able to access all school records concerning their children, as well as control how any outside groups use their children's personal data. Finally, parents will have the right to be heard

**“Parents aren't the problem. They're the solution.” ~Sen. Josh Hawley**

at public school board meetings on all matters pertaining to their kids' education.

This legislation communicates to school administrators that there will be consequences for failing to afford parents basic rights. When any of these parental rights are abridged, parents are empowered to sue for injunctive relief. And the most serious offenders—schools and school districts which

repeatedly violate parents' rights—risk losing half of their federal funding.

In the new year, Congress should work to free parents and their children from the dual threats imposed by woke ideologies and hubristic education bureaucrats. Passing the Parents' Bill of Rights would be a good place to start.



U.S. Senator Josh Hawley is recognized as one of the nation's leading constitutional lawyers. He has litigated at the Supreme Court, the federal courts of appeals, and in state court, fighting for the people's liberties. Raised in rural Missouri, Josh previously served as Missouri's Attorney General and earned a reputation for taking on big government, big business, special interests, and organized crime.

# Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act (S.251/H.R. 426)

by APP Staff

**A**s men across the country seek to compete in athletic competitions against authentic women, it has become clear: Congress must act to protect women’s sports by passing the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act.

This bill, sponsored by Senator Mike Lee (R-UT), would directly counter President Biden’s Executive Order on the reinterpretation of Title IX. The text asserts that “sex shall be recognized based solely on a person’s reproductive biology and genetics at birth.”

Women have a fundamental right to learn, live, and compete on an equal playing field. These important protections were enshrined in law in 1972 when Title IX was enacted in the Civil Rights code, ensuring that women would not be deprived of educational, sports, or scholarship opportunities, nor would they be dissuaded from these pursuits by deliberate privacy concerns. With President Biden’s January 2021 executive order re-interpreting these protections to include “gender identity,” women are now in danger of losing these common sense defenses—and indeed, as recent examples have demonstrated, this appears to be happening with greater regularity.

## **We need the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act**

- Without it, women will lose the right to compete for scholarships on a level playing field.

The era of competitive women’s sports would end as we know it. Authentic women would no longer be able to compete on a fair playing field, as men would dominate and strip them of their titles, their records, and their scholarships. Athletic opportunities for these women would disappear overnight, even in the Olympics.

Lia Thomas has demonstrated exactly how authentic women will lose their competitive standing within their own sports if they are obliged to compete against men. While competing as a male, Thomas was a mediocre swimmer. Since identifying as a woman, Thomas has absolutely dominated his female competitors—most recently by winning the 2022 NCAA Championship in the women’s 500-yard freestyle. Thomas’s comparative performance is an excellent example of the natural disparity between men and women. Women’s sports should not be made to suffer for the sake of gratifying the male ego’s need to compete.

- Without it, women will lose the right to privacy on overnight school trips, in their dormitories, and in their locker rooms.

Without this legislation, any man identifying as a woman will be given access to women’s private spaces such as locker rooms, showers, and bathrooms. That means your daughter’s school trip may result in her sharing a room with a male peer, her first roommate in college might be a biological male, and her showers could be inhabited by biological men.

Even women’s prisons and women’s shelters that receive federal funding would be required to house men, despite the fact that many of the women inhabiting those spaces have suffered abuse from men in their lives.

- Without it, educational institutions will be penalized for “discrimination” if they

do attempt to protect the women within their walls.

There will be no petition to sign to protect your girls. Speaking out will land the victim in trouble for discrimination; instead of the law acting as recourse, women will be doubly condemned—their privacy violated and their personal freedoms threatened if they speak out.

# The Stop CRT Act (S. 2346/H.R. 3179)

by APP Staff

**A**s public and private institutions across the country embrace Critical Race Theory (CRT), an anti-American ideology of racism and hatred, including taxpayer-funded institutions like K-12 schools and institutions of higher education, it has become clear: Congress must act to defund this noxious propaganda and protect our nation's children by passing the Stop CRT Act.

Proponents of Critical Race Theory reject the wisdom of Martin Luther King, Jr., and instead adhere to the cynical belief that the color of one's skin determines one's character, full stop, and that one's proper behavior as they mature in life is determined by their responses to these preset racial archetypes. So-called "oppressors" must offer reparations for crimes they never committed and the "oppressed" must constantly expect and demand such restitution for crimes that never victimized them. Under this belief system, the United States is branded an inherently racist institution that must be fundamentally changed. In one fell swoop, CRT teaches children to hate their nation, see their peers primarily as social creditors or debtors instead of friends, and determine their futures by false metrics of fabricated remorse and entitlement.

We believe the Stop CRT Act is so essential that a version of it should be attached to every appropriations bill – to prevent any government spending on CRT and other racist, hateful left-wing efforts designed to divide American citizens by race.

## We need the Stop CRT Act to protect kids

School children are already being exposed to this left-wing doctrine, confusing them and causing deep mental anguish and harm.

- In California, the mandatory "ethnic studies" course requires students to create their own "intersectionality rainbows" that "rank their various identities." Those identities include: gender, race, class, ethnicity, sexual orientation, beliefs, nationality, ability, age, etc...
- In New York, a school distributed a chart outlining the "8 White Identities" ranging from White Supremacist to White Abolitionist.
- Another New York school uses a curricula built around the 1619 Project, teaching children that America was founded in 1619, when the first slave ships arrived, rather than in 1776. This curricula is being implemented in primary schools across the country.
- In Georgia, Columbus Day was replaced with "Fall Day," and to celebrate, children were given a racial doll "test" to explain to them their implicit biases – without their parents' knowledge.
- In Pennsylvania, the Treddyffrin/Easttown School District in Chester County hired the Pacific Educational Group (PEG) to consult and reshape their curriculum. The result, only recently

released by America First Legal, was a CRT-centric vision of teacher training and curricula.

- In Florida, the state was forced to reject more than 50 math textbooks due to the inclusion of radical CRT themes in various lessons – CRT is being promoted in every avenue of education, even in STEM subjects.

### **We must root CRT out of the federal government**

On his first day in office, President Joe Biden went beyond rescinding former President

Donald Trump’s ban on “diversity” training and ordered agencies to root out systemic racism within their programs, but promised the Domestic Policy Council would “coordinate efforts to embed equity principles, policies, and approaches across the Federal Government.” These are not means of producing genuine equality and harmony within the nation, but ensuring a radical, numerical enforcement of perceived “fairness” without regard to work ethic, talent, and overall character. The Stop CRT Act would counter many of these racist “equity” initiatives.

# About

AMERICAN PRINCIPLES PROJECT

## ORGANIZING families in politics to DEFEND the family and SAVE America

**N**owadays, everyone has a political arm or lobbyist to protect their interests. But the American family does not. Given the increasingly hostile progressive attacks on parents and children, the American family cannot afford to be without a political cavalry to defend it.

The American Principles Project wants to make the family the most powerful, well-represented special interest group in Washington, D.C. Existing pro-family groups largely focus their efforts on education and tracking legislation. That's great. But we need more. APP is the only national pro-family organization engaging directly in campaigns and elections.

The family has two natural advantages when it comes to politics:

- When organized, families are numerous and more powerful than “any other special interest group.”
- Pro-family issues win elections.

But while hard-line progressive activists have grown comfortable attacking the family and making it difficult to raise children, pro-family political forces have largely been missing-in-action.

We want to impose a political cost on the Left's anti-family extremism.

If they want to attack parental rights, confuse young children about changing their gender, undermine the ability of parents to protect their children's innocence, or drive a wedge between parents and children in education, then they are going to be punished at the polls.

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