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President CJ's Letter:

Dear Colleagues,

Our inaugural *Women for the American Constitution Newsletter* made its debut one year ago in April of 2020. When I look back it seems a lifetime ago. It has been a year of heart-ache and loss, trial and tribulation. And we have strived to keep you informed all the while. This newsletter has been one way to stay connected and educated when we were unable to meet. Our organization's mission (established in the governing by-laws) is to inform, educate, and elect conservatives who support the U.S. Constitution as the founding fathers intended.

When forming the WAC organization over a year ago, the officers thought it was important for to teach about our country's Constitution because with the passage of time, the constitution had been misunderstood, misquoted, and manipulated to fit certain agendas. This was before knowing a constitutional crisis of unimaginable proportions was about to ensue (brought on by Covid-19). Then, as the year progressed, one event giving way to the next, it became clearly evident that our Constitution is now in jeopardy.

The terms "systemic racism," "white supremacy," "woke-ism," "cancel culture" – all somewhat unfamiliar before, are now part of our vocabulary. Certain other euphemisms deployed by today's leftist supporters to describe critical race theory, include "equity," "social justice," "diversity and inclusion," and "culturally responsive teaching." Critical race theory is simply Marxism in new clothes. Those selling this philosophy use words like "equity" because it sounds non-threatening and is easily confused with the constitutional principle of equality. Neo-Marxism (fundamental change) would be a hard sell otherwise.

In addition, the Constitution and Bill of Rights are under attack on nearly every front. National security, outlined in Article II of the Constitution, is the single most important

duty of the office of a U.S. President. With open borders and no immigration requirements, Biden has abdicated his sworn constitutional duty. Religious liberty, gun rights (2nd amendment), and free speech (censored by the corporate media) are all under attack. HR1 is an extreme, unconstitutional approach to (loss of) voting rights. The PRO Act cancels "right to work." The leftist power grab – to pack the Supreme Court; to remove the Senate filibuster; to give D.C. (and later Puerto Rico) statehood – all examples of a progressive move toward Marxism.

We are witnessing the remaking of our country. Our Constitution is in jeopardy – currently held hostage by an extremist movement, accelerated by the Biden administration. It is our civic responsibility to learn, and educate others, especially our children and grandchildren.

With our monthly newsletter and the articles we print and/or reprint, we hope to keep you informed on constitutional issues and infringements, hopeful solutions, and conservative candidates who will work on behalf of the American Constitution. We invite you also to join us monthly at our luncheons where we have speakers to elaborate on specific subjects.

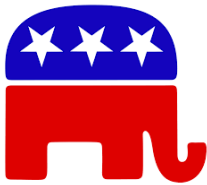
If you are not yet a member of this organization, please join! We welcome everyone in our fight for the American Constitution. (*Men join as Associate members.*) Together we can defend our Constitution, one issue at time. Information and education is key in this struggle to save our country! Thank you. **C. J. Hatcher, WAC President**

"Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed – else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die."

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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State GOP Convention 2021

In 2021, Virginia will elect a new Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General. Seventeen impressive Republicans qualified to be on the 2021 Convention Ballot for one of these offices by the March 26 deadline (see our March 2021 newsletter for brief bios and links to the campaign website of each candidate). This year, the State Central Committee has chosen to select our nominees by a Convention which will be held on May 8, 2021. Voting will occur at regional polling locations that are currently posted at the Republican Party of Virginia website (<https://virginia.gop/>). The deadline to submit your Delegate form was April 16.



The Kind of Leaders the Conservative Movement Needs to Stop the Left

By Kay C. James, President, The Heritage Foundation

I've been involved in the conservative movement for over 30 years. One reason I've been doing it so long is because I know that conservatives have the solutions to the most pressing problems America faces.

We have the research and the data on how to eliminate most poverty, how to shore up the education gap, how to create jobs and build prosperity, how to fix our overpriced health care system, and so much more. In fact, many of the tremendously successful policies that are being implemented in the states and that were implemented during the last administration were products of the conservative movement.

It's undeniable that when conservative ideas flourish, so does America.

It's also undeniable that when the left has power, America experiences decline, and the effects can be felt long after they're gone.

After having led the largest conservative think tank in the country for the past three years, I have some thoughts about the kind of leadership the conservative movement needs to defeat the most extreme onslaught of leftist ideology our country has ever seen.

First and foremost, the movement needs leaders who follow the True North principles of conservatism — principles based on the genius of America's founding and on the many lessons we've learned since; principles that have made this nation exceptional for nearly 250 years.

They include the idea that the federal government was created to protect fundamental freedoms and rights such as life, property ownership, freedom of speech and religion, the right to bear arms, and the right to be treated equally under the law. They encompass the concept that the government works for the people, not the other way around, and that taxes should raise the minimum revenue necessary to fund only the constitutionally appropriate functions of government. They also include the notion that the greatest driver of prosperity for all citizens is the free enterprise system.

But for a movement to grow in strength, it can't just have the right principles, it must have the numbers. The conservative movement needs millions more adherents, advocates and activists to push back against the left's agenda and ensure that only those who believe in constitutionally limited government are elected to lead us.

Conservative leaders must grow the movement without watering down its principles. That means attracting people who don't necessarily know they're conservative but who practice conservative principles in their daily lives. We must reach out more to non-traditional audiences of women, minorities and young people, and show them how our solutions provide the best outcomes for all Americans. Leaders must also train their organizations to speak to people's hearts and minds so they have the ability to change both.

The conservative movement must also reach more Americans speaking about the dangers of the left's ideas. Higher taxes, government-run health care, "canceling" those they disagree with, and gun control measures that only make criminals out of the law abiding all create a toxic environment for everyone's individual liberty.

And it doesn't stop there: Defunding the police despite the evidence that such efforts have already led to surges in violent crimes, forcing women to let men into their locker

rooms, and climate change bills that do nothing for the environment but would increase the costs of food, electricity and gas for families already struggling to pay the bills — these things erode our freedoms, our safety and our society.

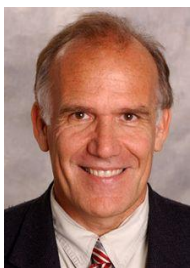
But conservatives can't just show Americans that we oppose the left's destructive ideas; we have to show them we have substantially better ones. To do that, we must find ways to get past the legacy media and social media censors to expose more Americans to the truth.

Finally, realizing that we can accomplish more together than any single organization could ever do alone, the conservative movement needs leaders who can unite many of its various elements, including social conservatives, fiscal conservatives, libertarians, populists and others.

Our leaders mustn't adopt leftist tactics like "canceling" other conservatives they don't agree with. To be successful, the movement must focus on defeating the true opponents of American greatness, not each other. Leaders must realize we don't have to have one way forward — different organizations can utilize different strategies — but we need to be united. We may play different positions on the team, but we're all wearing the same color jerseys.

Luckily, the conservative movement has several such leaders. But if we're going to defeat a better-funded and much larger left, we're going to need a lot more of them. The very fabric of our republic is being torn, and there is much work to do to save it. To win this fight, conservative leaders must be well-prepared for the challenges ahead.

Only then can we be assured we'll still have an America where freedom, opportunity, prosperity and civil society can flourish once again.



How Much Ruin Do We Have Left?

By Victor Davis Hanson, American Greatness

As Americans know from their own illustrious history, any nation's well-being hinges on only a few factors. Its prosperity, freedom and stability depend on its constitutional and political stability. A secure currency and financial order are also essential, as is a strong military.

Perhaps most important is a first-rate inductive educational system. Of course, nothing is possible without general social calm (often dependent on a reverence for the past) and secure borders.

The ability to produce or easily acquire food, fuel and key natural resources ensures a nation's independence and autonomy.

Unfortunately, in the last few months, all of those centuries-old reasons to be confident in American strength and resiliency have been put into doubt.

The challenge is not just enemies abroad such as China, Russia, North Korea and Iran. The greater problem lies within us, as we erode the inherited and acquired strengths that made us singular, both materially and spiritually.

We are now witnessing a concentrated effort to alter the constitutional order and centuries of custom and tradition. The left believes that's the only way it can retain its transient power, given the unpopularity of most of its current agenda.

A nation's institutions are its bedrock. Yet, the Electoral College and the Constitution's emphasis on individual states establishing voting laws are under assault.

Already gone is the 176-year-old tradition of a pivotal November Election Day. The 152-year-old nine-member Supreme Court, the 184-year-old Senate filibuster and the 62-year-old idea of a 50-state union are all being targeted by the New Democratic Party.

Given that the last presidential election was hotly contested, that Democratic congressional majorities are minuscule and that the Supreme Court is unsympathetic, the left seeks to change the rules to stay in power rather than adjust its unpopular policies.

We are running up vast multitrillion-dollar annual deficits as we race to a \$30 trillion national debt. More worrisome, our elites justify the spending with sophistries about debt being irrelevant, or inflation and stagflation being relics of the past -- even as prices are now soaring.

After costly strategic stagnation in Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya, our military is now turning on its own. Some of the politicized top brass seem more worried about the politics of their own soldiers than the dangers of foreign militaries.

Our public schools and colleges are systematically downplaying meritocratic curricula and substituting ideological, racial and cultural litmus tests. Admissions now often hinge as much on race, gender and ethnicity as on quantifiable achievement. The First Amendment and Fifth Amendment, covering free speech and due process, have vanished from most college campuses.

The year 2020 saw the most destructive riots in American history. Yet very few of the looters, arsonists and rioters were ever indicted. Most were never arrested.

Whether government arrests violent protesters or those assembling en masse and breaking quarantines is contingent on their ideology.

Private monopolies that control most of the written communications of Americans censor expression entirely on the basis of politics.

Modern Jacobins seek to erase our founding in 1776. Mobs tear down statues and deface monuments with impunity. There is no consistent rhyme or reason to why the names of schools, institutions and streets are erased overnight -- except the relative dangers of a nihilistic electronic mob.

Our officials at the Justice Department and the United Nations either will not or cannot defend the history and reputation of their own homeland.

Record natural gas and oil production has been giving the public affordable heating, cooling and transportation. Self-sufficiency in energy made the United States exempt from worries over Middle Eastern wars and foreign oil embargoes. The more we produced our own natural gas, the cleaner became our air and the smaller our carbon footprint.

Yet in just 100 days, energy prices have soared. The Joe Biden administration has canceled the Keystone XL pipeline and limited energy leasing on federal lands, threatening to all but end our gas and oil independence in just a few years. In the drought-stricken West, key irrigation water is still being diverted from farms to the ocean. Billions of dollars in farm aid are doled out on the basis of race. And promised new regulations and estate taxes may well kill off what's left of family farms.

Adam Smith said of successful nations that they have a lot of "ruin" in them. He meant that a dissolute, leisured and ahistoric generation has to waste a lot of its generous inherited wealth before it runs out.

We are learning how much will soon be left of what our ancestors bequeathed. And the rest of the world is watching -- some with glee, others with horror.



If Red States Don't Hang Together Against Woke Corporatism, They Will All Hang Separately

By James Pinkerton, Breitbart, condensed

Legend has it that back in 1776, at the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia, Ben Franklin [quipped](#) to his fellow revolutionaries, "We must

all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately." That is, if the patriots didn't stay together and fight for independence as a group, the British would win and then hang them all, one by one.

Fortunately, there's strength in unity. George Washington kept the army of the 13 colonies intact, and so, after five years of fighting, he won a decisive victory at Yorktown. To this day, the success of the American Revolution stands as an inspiring saga of purposeful teamwork; the Americans hung together—and were not hanged.

Yet of course, there's no such thing as a final victory; anything humans have done can be undone, and anything—including independence and sovereignty—can be lost.

Now today, defenders of American *state* sovereignty are at risk of losing the federal rights that were enshrined in the Constitution and in subsequent laws. So, this article is a discussion of what to do about it.

The Campaign to Squash the Peach

[We all know] about what's been happening in Georgia, as Democrats have recruited allies—including Big Media, Big Culture, and, most interestingly, Big Business—to join them in an attempt to bludgeon the Peach State into changing its just-changed voting laws.

Democrats have reason to hope that their effort to beat down Georgia will succeed; after all, four years ago, a similar beat-down effort succeeded in North Carolina. In March 2016, the Tarheel State enacted the so-called "bathroom bill," which sought to enforce uniform state standards for restrooms. But then came a storm of criticism, led by the Democratic president, Barack Obama, followed by threats of pullouts and boycotts. Later that year, the Republican governor who signed the bill, Pat McCrory, was defeated, and the year after that, the "bathroom bill" was repealed.

So now today, Democrats are orchestrating the same sort of criticism against Georgia. Once again, a Democratic president is taking the lead, and the same playbook—threats, pullouts, boycotts—is being played. Already, we have seen Major League Baseball pull the All-Star Game from Atlanta, and actor Will Smith announced that he was pulling a movie production from Georgia; many other punishments are planned.

Democrats wish to make Georgia into a *second* North Carolina, and then make Texas into a *third* North Carolina, then maybe Arkansas a *fourth*, and on and on, till nothing is left standing.

And the woke corporate signers of that letter included Bank of America, Amazon, Estée Lauder, Eventbrite, General

Motors, Netflix, Starbucks, Synchrony, Nordstrom, PayPal, Peloton, United Airlines, Twitter, Under Armour, and more.

And in the meantime, there's more power massing. On April 12, CBS News reported on an extraordinary conclave: First-of-its-kind call between more than 100 top corporate leaders focused on how to respond to proposed changes in state voting laws. Participants included top leaders of airlines, media, law, investment.

Then, on April 13, the *New York Times* reported that 60 law firms have banded together, in association with the left-wing Brennan Center for Justice at New York University, to fight GOP-instigated voting-law changes in court.

In the face of all this financial and legal firepower, there's only thing for the right to do: *organize*.

For Inspiration, Look to U.S. History

As we have seen, the founding of the United States is a lesson in the importance of rallying together. So now today, for those who care about the rights of the states, the same rallying is needed. Republicans and conservatives should see that the fight in Georgia is not just Georgia's fight; it's the proper fight of every American who cares about ballot integrity and honest elections. And so it's time to revive the spirit of Ben Franklin: *We must all hang together*.

Happily, U.S. history, treasure trove that it is, can provide us with further inspiration as to the value of banding together. Indeed, we can even point to a moment in our past when states banded together to push back on *corporate economic encroachment*.

That historic pushback came around the turn of the last century. In those days, two severe economic crises—the Panic of 1893 and the Panic of 1907—convinced most observers that the U.S. needed a modern national, or central, bank. After all, as the U.S. was now a major industrial power, it needed a sophisticated banking system that could backstop its economy.

Since the central banks of other industrialized countries were helping to smooth out their business cycles, leaders in America thought Uncle Sam needed the same sort of tool.

Yet while there was a broad consensus that the U.S. needed a new national banking institution, the details of the proposal were debated by various factions.

The leading faction was led by Sen. Nelson Aldrich (R-RI), brother-in-law to uber-tycoon John D. Rockefeller. Aldrich championed a central bank that was truly centralized; that is, it would be run out of New York City. Indeed, Aldrich and his allies wanted this bank to be publicly established, but *privately owned*—the ultimate in crony capitalism.

However, not everyone agreed with Aldrich. Other factions feared that a central bank run out of New York would be run for the benefit of New York bankers, and not for the help of the nation as a whole.

In fact, the nature of the new bank was a hot issue in the 1912 presidential election. Democrat Woodrow Wilson campaigned against the Aldrich faction, sounding strong populist notes in his party's platform:

Banks exist for the accommodation of the public, not for the control of business. All legislation on the subject of banking and currency should have for its purpose the securing of these accommodations on terms of absolute security to the public and of complete protection from the misuse of the power that wealth gives to those who possess it.

Campaigning on this plank of “complete protection from the misuse of the power,” Wilson won the 1912 election. And once he was in the White House, the 28th president joined with two like-minded figures on the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue, Rep. Carter Glass (D-VA) and Sen. Robert Owen (D-OK), each of whom chairing the banking committee in their respective chambers.

Wilson, Glass, and Owen agreed on the need for a national bank, but they didn't like the *central* part of it. Instead, they wanted a *federal* national bank—that is, a bank that had national power, but with that power distributed across the country, such that each regional bank was protected by a legal firewall, and thus was free to tailor policies specific to its region. In his memoir, Owen recalled his thinking; in opposition to Aldrich and his cronies, he favored public accountability and decentralization:

There was very resolute opposition in Congress toward turning over the entire control of the credit system of the United States to private hands ... the most serious objections were ... The entire banking powers of the United States were to be concentrated in the executive officers (private persons), who would be located in New York City, and this power would be sufficient to coerce every member bank and large business in America.

So we can see: True to his Great Plains origins, Owen did not want a central bank in faraway New York City wielding the power to “coerce” folks in places such as Oklahoma. Continuing, he added:

It was desirable, on the contrary, that the control of the system should be ... distributed and not concentrated in any one city where a small clique could control the system.

Determined to write the principle of “distributed” power into guiding law, Owen teamed up with Glass to write the Federal Reserve Act, establishing 12 regional banks

across the country. President Wilson signed the bill into law on December 23, 1913.

To put it mildly, the Federal Reserve System had, and has, plenty of critics, and yet in its 108-year history, nobody has come up with a better replacement model.

Indeed, we can say that one inarguable strength of the Fed is that it is decentralized. Another name, of course, for decentralization is federalism. And there's Madisonian genius there: to make American institutions representative of, and accountable to, *all* of America, including its regions and states.

Yet any good idea, including federalism, needs to be tweaked from time to time. And that's the case today, as unfortunately, the greatest power at the Fed has been allowed to cluster in just one of its dozen districts, New York. Why is that? Because New York is where the money is. For instance, Manhattan is home to BlackRock, the \$9 trillion investment behemoth.

BlackRock's CEO, Larry Fink, epitomizes "woke capitalism"—that is, the hegemonic desire to use financial power to dictate left-wing goals to everyone else. Indeed, BlackRock is so huge that it can influence just about every company, wherever it might be headquartered—including, of course, Atlanta. And while BlackRock might be the biggest woke outfit, it is hardly alone in this pressure campaign.

In the meantime in Georgia itself, left-wing activists are cheering on the national pressure. Here, for instance, is Stacey Abrams telling the *New York Times* that woke companies should keep up the pressure: "Companies don't exist in a vacuum. It's going to take a national response by corporations to stop what happened in Georgia from happening in other states."

We might pause over that telling phrase from Abrams: "national response." For sure, the left is counting on BlackRock & Co. to keep pressuring Georgia until it caves.

So what should Republicans do now? Here's one answer: Pass a new law or at least update an old law. That is, update the Federal Reserve Act so it applies to 21st-century concerns about geographic diversity, just as much as it applied to the 20th-century concerns of Glass and Owen. The law was written back in 1913 to guarantee geographic decentralization—to stop, say, New York City from dictating to the rest of the country. That was a good idea then, and it's a good idea now.

Moreover, the Act was written to help stabilize the financial system, protecting it from wild swings. In their day, Owen and Glass were thinking mostly about insulating the nation

from economic panics, and yet we can see that their wisdom—make sure power is distributed—also provides a potential insulation against woke *moral* panics. If the wokesters are seeking to dictate from New York City (including, of course, corporate media), then it's best to *compartmentalize*, insulating the rest of the country from hysterical lefty financial pressure.

And so today, if that insulation has worn thin, then maybe we need a revised law to rebuild the insulating safeguards.

Rallying the Red States

Fortunately, Republicans are now pushing back hard against the wokesters. It's not surprising that Georgia Republicans, such as Rep. Buddy Carter, have taken a strong stand against the boycotters. Nor is it a shock that Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) is out front. However, it *was* an eyebrow-raiser when, on April 5, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell issued an extraordinary statement denouncing corporate wokeism:

Our private sector must stop taking cues from the Outrage-Industrial Complex. From election law to environmentalism to radical social agendas to the Second Amendment, parts of the private sector keep dabbling in behaving like a woke parallel government.

With these sharp words, McConnell—always even-keeled and usually pro-business—was putting the woke corporatists on warning.

So what specific actions could the powerful Kentuckian ask the Senate to take to restrain woke capitalism? For one thing, he might look to the Federal Reserve, which has enormous sway over the operations of banks and financial institutions. If BlackRock's Fink, for instance, knew that Federal Reserve officials were scrutinizing his actions—that is, if regulators were mindful of their mandate to protect the integrity and autonomy of each of the dozen Fed regions—he would be less eager to issue demands from atop his Manhattan high-rise.

Unfortunately, McConnell is not in a great position, right now, to apply such pressure on the Fed—let alone to enact new legislation. Why? Because Democrats won last year.

Yet if Americans grow angry at the attempted rule by the woken—and a new poll verifies that anger—then GOP fortunes could change in 2022 and 2024. And if so, then Republicans could write in new protections for the states if they are threatened by hegemonic woke capital.

That is, today's GOP could build on the federalist vision of Owen and Glass—who, after all, represented areas that are now solidly Republican—updating that vision for the 21st century. A new law—or a new and stricter interpretation of existing law—could make it plain that the Fed looks askance

at Big Money muscling corporations to advance exotic social goals.

And that's just a start.

There are plenty of other actions that the GOP could take, all of which would remind the Manhattan moguls that not every American sees things the way they do—and that all Americans, and the states in which they live, have rights that should be honored and safeguarded.

For instance, to further defend Georgia, more Republicans could join Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri, who has long demanded that the federal government enforce the Sherman Antitrust Act of 1890. That venerable law, which was the hammer that broke up Rockefeller's Standard Oil in 1911, has been amended and updated many times over the last 13 decades, and yet the principle point of the statute—*restraint of trade is illegal*—is as true and valid as ever. And that's exactly what the wokesters are doing: *restraining trade*. Indeed, just about every day now, the elites are actively *bragging* about their activities, taking credit with the MSM; hence a typical headline: "Hundreds of Companies, CEOs Band Together on Voting Access." We might pause over that wording: "band together." Does that suggest *collusion*?

On April 13, Sen. Hawley joined with Sens. Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Mike Lee (R-UT) to propose legislation that would undo Major League Baseball's antitrust exemption. In addition, it's worth noting that it's not just the feds that can file antitrust suits; the states can, and so can private individuals.

Also, Republicans could demand that the feds enforce laws against punitive boycotts, since boycotts are the weapon of choice for the wokesters. Anti-boycott laws are little known today, but they are still on the books and could be revived. In addition, the GOP could look to the many federal laws requiring that corporate executives look first to their fiduciary duty to shareholders; that is, executives are in *violation of the law* if they purposefully do things in bad faith that cost shareholders money. For starters, it's obvious that cancelling the Atlanta All-Star Game on short notice is going to be costly for Major League Baseball; all those broken contracts must be paid off, and new contracts for Denver to be written on short notice. That right there is an obvious abrogation of fiduciary duty.

Yet for the time being, states under attack will have to defend themselves without help from Washington since the Biden administration is actively with the wokesters.

So for now, the red states are going to be tested: Can they hang together? As we have seen, Georgia, led by Gov. Brian Kemp, needs help right now. Fortunately, Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas is already helping; on April 5, in response to

baseball's pulling the All-Star Game from Georgia, the Texas chief executive is refusing to have anything to do with Major League Baseball, including throwing out the ceremonial first pitch for the Rangers' home opener in Dallas. And on April 6, Abbott said that corporations should "stay out of politics, especially when they have no clue what they're talking about."

Given that Texas has not just one, but two MLB teams, that's a gutsy move by Abbott. And so, Republicans and conservatives—in Texas and everywhere else—should be applauding Abbott.

Hopefully, other Republican governors, including those with major-league sports teams in their states, will join in to defend their brethren in Georgia and Texas.

Indeed, perhaps conservatives in all the states should convene to map out a coordinated response to the relentless attacks of the woken. That's what's needed: *A red-state bloc to demand the protection of decentralized federalist principles to check the woke power flowing out of New York City, as well as other blue dots.*

If such a red bloc could be established, the shades of Robert Owen and Carter Glass would love it. In their time, they built their careers around the proposition that the *whole country matters*, not just its financialist elite. And so today, such a red-state alliance—the threatened states hanging together—would be a righteous vindication of their federalist vision.



Why We Black Leaders Support Voter ID Laws

By Burgess Owens, Robert Woodson, Jennifer Carroll, Ken Blackwell, Raynard Jackson, George Farrell, James Wright, Michael Murphy

America is a country of over 300 million people. We are comprised of every shape, size, nationality, and opinion. This diversity has proven to be one of our greatest strengths.

However, if you listened to largely white liberal media personalities and elite CEOs, you wouldn't know this. According to liberal orthodoxy, all Blacks think alike, and all Blacks support Black Lives Matter, and all Blacks oppose the recently enacted Georgia Election Integrity Act.

To the contrary, a recent Rasmussen Reports poll found that 69% of Blacks and 82% of nonwhite minorities support voter ID. Another poll taken even more recently by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution found that a full two-thirds of

Blacks in Georgia support voter ID. The data seems clear: A majority of Black Americans support voter ID laws.

This shouldn't be surprising. Blacks know the value of the right to vote. We struggled to win that right in a country that for too long treated us as second-class citizens. We shed our blood so we could partake in American elections just like every other American citizen. We want to make sure that sacred right to vote, and the integrity of those elections, are protected.

It's clear that most Blacks support voter ID, and it's obvious why we do so.

Why then do opportunistic activists like Stacey Abrams pretend the entire Black community stands behind them and the radical Democrat Party? Why do they pretend that Black people are either opposed to voter ID or, even more offensively, that Blacks are incapable of obtaining IDs? The answer is in part because the elites, most of whom are white, have enabled them, taking it upon themselves to determine who the "leaders" of the Black community are and ignoring anyone else who suggests differently.

These elites are totally oblivious to the real Black leaders, such as civil rights legend Robert Woodson and Richard Finley; younger leaders like Wall Street wizard John Burnett; National Black Chamber of Commerce founders Harry and Kay Alford; Michael Murphy, political operative extraordinaire from Georgia; business and football legend Herschel Walker; Texas state Rep. James White; 21-year-old West Virginia state Rep. Caleb Hanna; former Florida Lt. Gov. Jennifer S. Carroll; former ambassador to the U.N. Human Rights Commission Ken Blackwell; and U.S. Congressmen Byron Donalds and Burgess Owens, to name a few.

What do all these people have in common? They are all Republican, therefore white liberal elites don't deem them to be Black because they come from a conservative perspective.

If corporate America wants to be truly woke, they must wake up to the fact that activists like Stacey Abrams -- and Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton before her -- absolutely do not represent the Black community; they represent the membership of their radical activist organizations and the interests of white elites, who are eager to open our borders wide and send more jobs overseas regardless of the effects these disastrous policies have on the Black community.

To add insult to this patronizing injury, the very same liberal elites who blast voter ID laws that most Blacks support run corporations that practice similar ID policies. If every other ethnicity is required to show an ID to vote, why is the Black

race considered incapable of doing so. This notion is absolutely insulting.

You can't board a plane without an ID. You can't pick up a package from a UPS distribution center without an ID. You can't buy alcohol without an ID. And you definitely can't visit President Biden in the White House without an ID. Is that racist? Of course it isn't.

We don't need media-appointed Black leaders chosen for us. We definitely don't need media-appointed Black leaders who care more about the Democrat Party and radical left-wing policy projects than they do the real needs and opinions of the Black community.

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Upcoming Events/Announcements

- **Next Luncheon:** 11:30 am, Thursday, April 29, the Greencroft Club, Speaker: Peter Farrell, The Journey of Self-Reliance
- **May Luncheon:** Anticipated 11:30 am, Thursday, May 20, the Greencroft Club
- **WAC Action Committees Sign-Up** – We need members to be involved! Contact: Rena Snow (renasnow@hotmail.com)