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FBI Used Counterterrorism Tools to Target Parents, Officials



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The Biden administration used the FBI's counterterrorism resources to target parents and local elected officials, according to whistleblowers cited in a congressional letter addressed to Attorney General Merrick Garland, who previously said in testimony before the U.S. Congress that such a thing never happened.

The letter, sent May 11 to Garland by the ranking member of the House Oversight Committee, Representative Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), cites evidence provided to Congress by whistleblowers showing that the FBI launched dozens of investigations into parents who criticized Covid-related school policies, such as mask mandates, at school-board meetings. The evidence was provided as part of an investigation into the application of Garland's October memo to the FBI instructing them to treat conservative parents as "domestic terrorists."

The letter reads, "In sworn testimony before this Committee, you denied that the Department of Justice or its components were using counterterrorism statutes and resources to target parents at school board meetings. We now have evidence that contrary to your testimony, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has labeled at least dozens of investigations into parents with a threat tag created by the FBI's Counterterrorism Division to assess and track investigations related to school boards.... These investigations into concerned parents are the direct result of ... your directive to federal law enforcement to target these categories of people."

"This whistleblower information is startling. You have subjected these moms and dads to the opening of an FBI investigation about them ... as a direct result of their exercise of their fundamental constitutional right to speak and advocate for their children," the letter concludes, calling on Garland to turn over information previously sought by the committee and void his memorandum from October 4, 2021 that instructed the DOJ and FBI to address the issue of "threats" against school-board members.

As reported by *The New American*, FBI internal correspondence made public last November clearly indicated that federal law enforcement used counterterrorism tools to target parents opposing school policies related to Covid mandates and the teaching of critical race theory and age-inappropriate sexual



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Soros Pours \$1 Million Into Stacey Abrams' Gubernatorial Bid



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Left-wing mega donor George Soros has injected \$1 million into the Georgia governor's race in support of Democrat Stacey Abrams' second attempt at the office, Fox News reported May 11.

Specifically, the donation came from Soros' Democracy PAC II, a committee that itself received \$125 million from the Hungarian-born financier. The PAC then gave the \$1 million to the pro-Abrams One Georgia Inc. on March 11.

In April, a federal judge ruled that One Georgia Inc. must suspend its activities until Abrams wins the Democratic nomination at the end of May, per the *Atlanta-Journal Constitution*.

Due to its suspension, One Georgia does not appear in state records. Although Abrams' team has not publicly announced the existence of One Georgia, Soros' federal disclosures show that the group shares an Atlanta address with Abrams' gubernatorial campaign committee.

In addition, the committee received a cash infusion from Democratic Governors Association-Georgia (DGA) and another Abrams-connected entity.

The same day as the Soros donation, March 11, DGA matched the sum with a \$1 million contribution of its own to One Georgia. Three days later, the Fair Fight PAC transferred \$1.5 million to One Georgia, meaning the pro-Abrams group has at least \$3.5 million in its war chest.

Fox News notes, "In addition to the \$1 million donation to Abrams' leadership committee, George Soros and multiple relatives donated nearly \$60,000 directly to Abrams' gubernatorial campaign earlier this year, according to a campaign filing. Soros and two of his children, Alexander and Andrea, each made three donations on Jan. 11. Each set of donations from the three Soros family members added up to \$19,700."

When Abrams first ran unsuccessfully for governor in 2018, the Soros family donated \$1.3 million to the Democratic Party of Georgia.



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Abrams, who has repeatedly claimed the 2018 gubernatorial race was stolen from her, has made clear that she not only wants to become governor of Georgia, but plans to run for president by 2040. Currently, she is both outraising and outspending her Republican rivals.

by Luis Miguel

PR Firm Advises Blue-chip Clients to Avoid Abortion Issue



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A major public-relations firm is privately cautioning its high-profile clients to stay mum on the leaked SCOTUS draft signaling the end of *Roe v. Wade*. Warning against taking “a stance you cannot reverse,” The PR firm Zeno refers to the abortion issue as an example of “50/50” or “no-win situations” that could “alienate” stakeholders.

In an internal communication obtained by Popular Information, Zeno’s Executive Vice President for Media Strategy Katie Cwayna sent Zeno staff a “template email to share with client contacts” regarding the leaked SCOTUS draft. In the template, Zeno warns its blue-chip clients to avoid being played by the media.

As Popular Information reported May 6, the email tells clients that “the media” will “look for corporations to take a stand and make their views known” and to avoid the bait, stating, “Do not take a stance you cannot reverse, especially when the decision is not final. This topic is a textbook ‘50/50’ issue. Subjects that divide the country can sometimes be no-win situations for companies because regardless of what they do they will alienate at least 15 to 30 percent of their stakeholders.... Do not assume that all of your employees, customers or investors share your view.”

Cwayna wrote that media may not have those companies’ best interest at heart: “Avoid media ‘fishing.’ Often during controversy, media will make general inquiries to multiple peer organizations, in which the first one to ‘raise its hand’ becomes the lead. In a case like this, being at the center is not advisable so be judicious if/how general inquiries are managed.... Steer clear of breaking news networks/outlets. We anticipate the story will dominate newsfeeds for the rest of the week as more details unfold, so avoid pitching reporters and outlets that focus on breaking news.”

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Biden Avoids Oval Office Over Its Lack of Teleprompter



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When was the last time you saw President Biden holding a press event at the Oval Office? Apparently, one reason for the president to avoid that historic setting is that it is difficult to properly install a teleprompter there.

The revelation was casually mentioned in a May 5 *Politico* report dedicated to a possible 2024 rematch between Biden and former President Donald Trump and published on Thursday. The report reads, “The White House has largely abandoned using the Oval Office for press events in part because it can’t be permanently equipped with a teleprompter; Biden aides prefer the fake White House stage built in the Old Executive Office Building next door for events, sacrificing some of the power of the historic backdrop in favor of an otherwise sterile room that was outfitted with an easily read teleprompter screen.”

The report also mentioned the president’s “slower and shorter gait” that is a result of pain in the president’s foot, which he allegedly broke while “playing with his dog in late November 2020.” *Politico* was kind to put it this way; the president injured himself by tripping on a bathmat following a shower and while pulling his German shepherd Major’s tail.

The *Politico* report also notes that some Democrats and even some of Biden’s allies have expressed concerns privately that the 79-year-old president may not be able to handle the rigors of another presidential campaign, which is expected to be much more demanding than the previous one.

Biden’s preferred setting, styled to look like the White House interior and featuring fake windows that display a digital view of the White House Rose Garden, according to media reports, was constructed during the renovation of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. The latter is located directly adjacent to the West Wing on the White House grounds, where the actual Oval Office is, and has been used for press events since last September.

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