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Biden Urged to Buy Black Vote With Reparations Commission



Sheila Jackson Lee (AP Images)

U.S. Representative Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) and advocates of slavery reparations are openly urging President Joe Biden to establish a commission to dangle the prospect of free cash in front of black voters to help defeat Donald Trump.

Lee and her gang “say Biden should bypass Congress and use his executive powers to create a slavery payouts panel to put him over the line against rival Donald Trump,” the *Daily Mail* reported on April 26. “The sums are eye-watering — black lawmakers in Washington seek at least \$14 trillion for a federal scheme to ‘eliminate the racial wealth gap’ between black and white Americans.”

A pro-reparations group, Earn the Black Vote Collaborative, and Lee say that “voter apathy among Black communities poses a significant challenge, with an estimated 271,000 registered Black voters abstaining from the polls.” However, creating a reparations commission is a “unique opportunity to not only address historical injustices but also to mobilize Black voters in key battleground states,” group spokesman Kamm Howard said. “President Biden stands to benefit significantly from prioritizing reparative justice, as evidenced by the overwhelming support among infrequent Black voters surveyed.”

The group claims that a poll of uncertain black voters in Michigan showed that some 58 percent might vote for Biden if he created a commission, resulting in 150,000 votes for Biden. They note that Biden beat Trump in Michigan in 2020 by a slim 154,000 votes.

And, according to Earn the Black Vote Collaborative, “Similar trends were observed in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.... In Pennsylvania, where Biden’s margin of victory was 80,000 votes, the [poll] report estimated that a Reparations Commission could garner an additional 55,000 Black votes in 2024. Likewise, in Wisconsin, where Biden won by 20,000 votes, the commission could add 100,000 additional Black votes.”

How much the radical idea might help Biden is unclear. The black-voters collective assumes only a *positive* effect from Biden’s creating such a commission — but doing so might also energize apathetic white, Asian, and Hispanic voters who see the scheme as manifestly unfair and openly racist



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Germany Allows Parents to Change Sex of Newborns on Birth Certificates



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The German parliament passed a law on April 12 that permits parents to change the sex of newly born children on their birth certificates. It also allows anyone found to have “deadnamed” someone — i.e., revealed that person’s given name and birth sex without permission — to be hit with a \$10,000 fine. The bill’s purpose is to protect the false concept of “gender identity ... by giving people the opportunity to change their [birth certificate] gender entry and first name without discrimination.”

According to pro-woman, pro-child news website Reduxx on April 22, not only does the bill permit “parents to alter the recorded sex of children beginning from birth,” but “from the age of five years old, it allows for name and sex changes if there is ‘mutual consent’ between the child and their parents.” Plus, by age 14, kids can change their name and identity on their own. If parents refuse to go along with the madness, “a family court would decide based on the best interests of the child,’ thus allowing the state to overrule the wishes of parents or legal guardians.”

It appears the United States is heading in Germany’s direction. Last year, leftist U.S. Representative Pramilla Jayapal (D-Wash.), an Indian immigrant, introduced H. Res. 269, a “Transgender Bill of Rights.”

Aside from forcing women to involuntarily share public restrooms with men, the bill would also force girls to play school sports with boys and force girls to use school restrooms with boys, force doctors and hospitals to provide “gender-affirming care” for “transgender” youngsters, and block states from forbidding such care.

Whether the law would ban sex identification on birth certificates or permit parents to designate whatever sex they want for their child isn’t clear, but states that refuse to identify a child as the sex he or she “prefers” or refuse to permit parents to designate the sex of the child on a birth certificate would likely face a federal civil-rights lawsuit.



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Biden Admin Puts Millions of Acres of Alaska Off-limits for Oil and Gas



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On April 19, Daily Wire reported that the Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Land Management had placed millions of acres in Alaska off-limits to further extraction of oil and gas.

“Following significant engagement with the public, Alaska Native Tribes, and Alaska Native Corporations, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) finalized the Management and Protection of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A) rule that will ensure maximum protection for significant resource values on the more than 13 million acres of Special Areas in the western Arctic, while supporting subsistence uses and needs for Alaska Native communities,” the BLM announced. The NPR-A is estimated to contain 8.7 billion barrels of undiscovered oil, as well as a vast quantity of natural gas.

Last year the administration put 2.8 million acres in Alaska and the Arctic Ocean off-limits, so in just one year’s time it has placed nearly 16 million acres of potential oil- and gas-producing land out of reach.

In spite of the administration’s claim that its actions will support “subsistence uses and needs for Alaska Native communities,” Josiah Patkotak, mayor of the North Slope Borough, where the reserve is located, decried the decision.

“The [Department of the Interior] seems to believe that they care about this land more than we do,” Patkotak said. “The elected leaders of the North Slope spoke in unison in opposition to this rule and the rulemaking process. To refuse to listen to our voices is to say that you know better — better than the people who have been this land’s stewards for the past 10,000 years, and who depend on its continued health for their own survival.”

In March, the Alaska Legislature passed a resolution asking the administration to withdraw its proposal to put the NPR-A off-limits. Republican Alaska state Representative Thomas Baker argued in support of the resolution, saying that the new rule “would turn millions of acres into de facto wilderness, which would preclude any development, any subsistence activities.”



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Home Depot Brings in K-9 Security Due to Migrants



(AP Images)

Biden “migrants” who gathered outside the Home Depot in New Rochelle, New York, to harass and steal from customers were such a nuisance that the company hired a K-9 security guard.

The *New York Post* reported on April 21 that the illegal aliens were frightening — if not actually accosting — customers as they left the store, pressuring the shoppers for tips to help unload their carts.

Although the canine presence seems to have driven the illegals off that property, at another store that the *Post* visited, in the Bronx’s Throggs Neck neighborhood, some 30 illegals “hovered” at the Home Depot’s doors — as documented by the paper with numerous photographs.

“Some were day laborers simply trying to ‘shape’ for work with local contractors,” the *Post* reported. But others were either flashers, thieves, or trying to shake down shoppers for tips. “Many others aggressively confronted shoppers, trying to sell them phony Apple AirPods or soliciting tips for lifting items from shopping carts into cars — even when uninvited.... A female supervisor saw one of the men washing his privates with a water bottle in the lot, and ... several women have called customer service to complain that migrants robbed them of purses or phones.”

The migrants are nothing if not aggressive, and won’t take no for an answer when they ask to carry or load merchandise, one woman said. She related that her husband twice told a panhandling illegal to back off, but he wouldn’t quit. “When her husband turned around to open the car door, the man ‘put his hand’ on one of the boxes in their cart,” the *Post* reported. The husband told the man to not touch anything, and when the migrant didn’t stop, the wife threatened him with pepper spray. “He started looking like he was getting angry. So we just hurried up and jumped in the car,” she said.

Home Depot’s headquarters ignored that customer’s complaint, but the problem is bad enough in the Bronx that two more stores there will get K-9 security.

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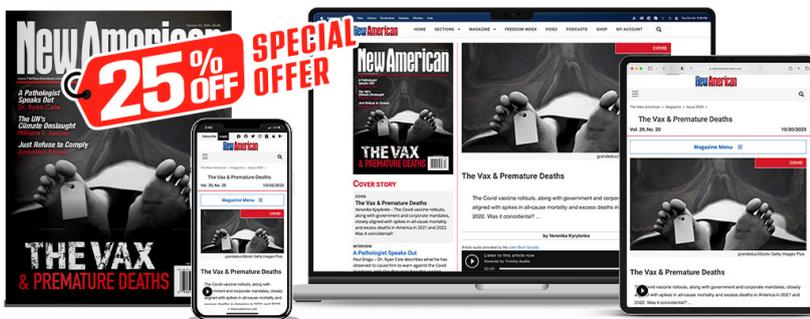


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