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Inside Track

“Boy Scouts” Become “Scouting America”



Roger Krone (AP Images)

The Associated Press reported on May 7 that Boy Scouts of America/Scouts BSA will be changing its name to “Scouting America” to emphasize its commitment to inclusion. The name change will officially take effect on February 8, 2025, the organization’s 115th birthday.

The announcement comes a decade after the Scouts decided to allow homosexuals to join, and five years after its 2018 decision to allow female Scouts. At that time, it changed its name from Boy Scouts of America to Scouts BSA. In 1972, the group boasted nearly 5 million members — all boys. Currently, it serves only a million members.

Said Roger Krone, the president of Scouting America, “This will be a simple but very important evolution as we seek to ensure that everyone feels welcome in Scouting.... Part of my job is to reduce all the barriers I possibly can for people to accept us as an organization and to join.... Though our name will be new, our mission remains unchanged.”

Once a bastion of traditionalism, the organization had for years been under fire from left-wing activists who didn’t approve of the “God and country” values espoused by the group. This name change represents the group’s latest capitulation to far-left values, and another move away from its original ideals.

The announcement to change names also comes in the wake of the organization’s bankruptcy settlement, which will pay former victims of sexual abuse in the group \$2.46 billion. Involved are 82,000 men who claim they were abused by Scout leaders over the years, with individual payouts ranging from \$3,500 to \$2.7 million.

The Scouts have strayed far from their original oath: “On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.” It’s an unfortunate loss in the culture war, as a group once committed to God and country now appears committed to the opposite.

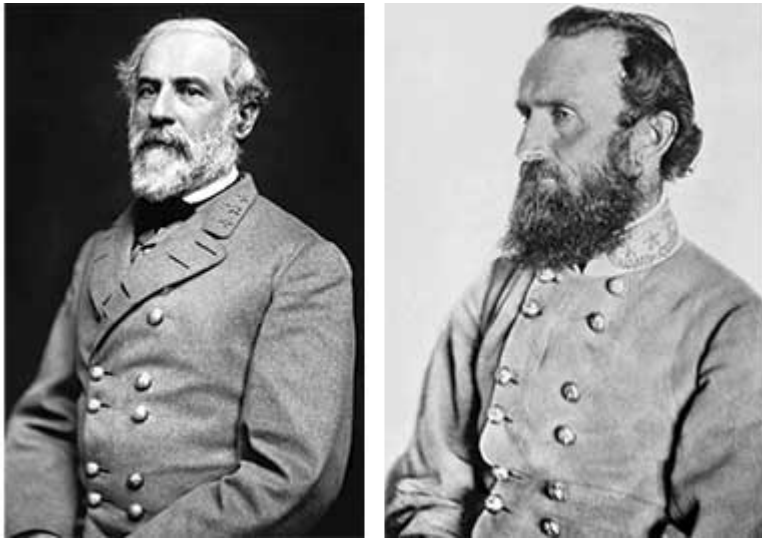
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School Board Restores Confederate Names to Schools



Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson (Library of Congress and Billy Hathorn/Wikimedia Commons)

On May 9, the school board of Shenandoah County, Virginia, voted to restore the names of Confederate Generals Stonewall Jackson, Turner Ashby, and Robert E. Lee to two schools — Stonewall Jackson High School and Ashby-Lee Elementary School.

Residents of the county had no trouble with the school names before 2020. But after the death of George Floyd, an hysterical anti-Confederate movement arose that ended in the toppling of Confederate statues and the renaming of anything that honored a Confederate. Thus did the board vote to call the high school “Mountain View” and the elementary school “Honey Run.”

However, “a fury had been unleashed in the rural county in the mountains of Virginia,” as *The New York Times* put it on May 10. Following the name changes, “opponents swore that Stonewall Jackson would be revived,” and on April 3 the county’s Coalition for Better Schools officially requested that the board reinstate the old names.

Noting that the names had been “integral parts of our community for years,” the coalition explained that a survey of area residents showed “overwhelming support” for renaming the schools: 91.3 percent wanted the schools once again to honor the Confederates.

“We believe that revisiting this decision is essential to honor our community’s heritage and respect the wishes of the majority. The overwhelming majority of the stakeholders in the [district] desire the names to be restored,” the coalition explained, and the board should “consider the majority sentiment while making decisions on behalf of the community.”

As expected, leftists condemned the move. However, many Virginians celebrated it on X. “Woke tears are being shed this morning from sea to whining sea, as Shenandoah County, VA decides to change its school names back to honor Stonewall Jackson and Turner Ashby. Let this decision inspire other counties to restore our history,” wrote one user. Another stated, “Shenandoah County did the unthinkable: they restored the names of American heroes to their schools! The tide is turning. Your voice matters. Keep fighting!”

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IBM Subsidiary Sued for Anti-white Discrimination



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According to a May 8 article on Bloomberg, America First Legal (AFL) has sued IBM subsidiary Red Hat for openly and illegally discriminating against a white male employee.

The lawsuit, filed by AFL on behalf of Allan Kingsley Wood with the U.S. District Court in Idaho, states that although Wood was a “loyal, dedicated, and skilled employee of eight years” who was also an “exemplary” worker “on a fast track to becoming an executive,” and he never received anything but stellar job performance reviews, the company fired him pursuant to its diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) policies.

Not only is Wood a white man, but he opposed DEI hiring. When company executives confirmed that DEI would influence hiring, Wood openly stated that employees should be hired for their “merit and skill rather than other immutable characteristics.” For this, alleges the suit, managers “targeted, marked, and labeled him as an undesirable employee,” and “he was subjected to discriminatory treatment and terminated because of Red Hat’s DEI policies.”

“On several occasions, managers and executives at Red Hat in comments to Mr. Wood and other employees expressed ... their desire to achieve certain ratios in the workforce based on race and gender.” Further, the company “made express statements ... that were derogatory towards white individuals and presented an anti-white agenda,” the lawsuit continues. It “sought to remake its workforce demographic, seeking to reach 30% women globally and 30% associates of color in the United States by 2028.”

In addition to Wood, Red Hat fired 20 other white men.

The lawsuit alleges that Red Hat violated the law by discriminating on the basis of sex, race, religion, or national origin; and by retaliating against an employee who complains about and opposes illegal discrimination. “In its quest to achieve its DEI goals, Red Hat intentionally discriminated against Mr. Wood on the basis of his race.” And because Red Hat fired 21 white men — not just Wood — the company “clearly acted with the intent to discriminate on the basis of race.”

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Polish Farmers Protest Against EU Climate Rules



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On May 10, Warsaw erupted in protests as farmers let their feelings be known about draconian European Union climate policies. They were joined in their protest by representatives from various other members of the Polish “Solidarity” trade union.

The European Green Deal is meant to drastically lower CO₂ emissions in the bloc of nations to fight the imaginary demon of climate change. The protesters claim the EU has gone too far, and that their rules harm not only farming, but Polish industry as well. They would like to see Poland’s government, which is currently headed by pro-EU Prime Minister Donald Tusk, reject the EU’s green policies.

“The Green Deal provisions ... are harmful to Poland’s economy,” Adrian Wawrzyniak, spokesman for the Solidarity farmers union, told global news agency Agence France-Presse on May 10.

“Contrary to popular belief, the Green Deal does not only affect farmers, it affects each of us, workers in all industries, and all Polish families,” said Dominik Kolorz, also of Solidarity. “We are already paying more for energy, [and] the sad effects of climate policy are already visible in the automotive industry, where ever more plants are announcing collective layoffs. The entire Green Deal is an attack on the freedom of each of us.... We want to force Polish politicians to thoroughly revise the Green Deal, or preferably throw it into the bin,” he added.

And retired farmer Wieslaw Czerwinski said that the Green Deal “raises the costs of production, raises costs every day, costs of heating, costs of energy.”

The Polish protest echoes demonstrations against EU climate policies in other nations, such as the Netherlands, Portugal, and France, where farmers worry that useless climate policies are destroying agriculture and their way of life. European farmers are also worried because the EU has lifted duties and quotas on Ukrainian farm produce. This makes Ukrainian products far cheaper, and the cheap imports have disrupted the agricultural market in many EU nations.

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