





#### **Inside Track**

# NRA Warns That Socialists Are Smearing Gun Rights Advocates

"Socialism is a movement that loves a smear," Wayne LaPierre, the CEO of the National Rifle Association (NRA), told the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) on February 22. "Racists, misogynists, sexists, xenophobe and more. These are the weapons and vitriol these character assassinations scream to permanently hang on their targets ... because socialism feeds off manipulated victims."

In his fiery speech, LaPierre argued that "European-style socialists" are taking over the Democratic Party. He stated that many leftist groups — including Occupy Wall Street, Black Lives Matter, and Antifa — want to eliminate the requirement for due process enshrined in the U.S. Constitution. "The elimination of due process is the very gold standard of the socialist state," he said. LaPierre told CPAC, "The whole idea from some of our opponents that armed security makes us less safe is completely ridiculous."

However, one of the proposals of LaPierre's own NRA bears careful scrutiny itself when it comes to the issue of due process. The NRA has argued that persons with severe mental illness should be precluded from purchasing or owning a firearm. While this seems, on the surface, to be a reasonable proposal, what are the criteria for determining who is too mentally ill to be allowed to possess a firearm? After all, Joy Behar of *The View* recently alleged Vice President Mike Pence was mentally ill due to his Christian views on prayer; some have even charged that President Donald Trump is suffering from mental problems. In the old Soviet Union, any person who opposed communism was considered to be suffering from mental illness.

If Americans do not want to lose their right to keep and bear arms, the Second Amendment notwithstanding, they had better begin to educate their friends and neighbors and their members of Congress on just why the Second Amendment is included in the Constitution. And do it quickly.

#### Massive Opposition Kills Hawaii Anti-homeschool Bill

A tsunami of opposition was able to derail an extreme bill in Hawaii, known as SB2323, that would have treated homeschool families as guilty until proven innocent. Citing several "high-profile abuse cases," the lawmaker behind the legislation, Democrat State Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, suggested parents were by nature suspicious — especially if they want to be in charge of their children's education. As such, under his bill, parents would have been subjected to intrusive state screening before being "allowed" to remove their children from government education. The senator described the public schools as a "layer of protection," while referring to home education as a "loophole" through which parents were being allowed to remove their children from the "protection" of government.

The scheme passed its first reading in the legislature before finally dying a well-deserved death when the sponsor pulled it on February 14 in the face of massive opposition. While he apologized for offending homeschool families, Senator Kahele promised to return next session with another bill on the issue.







One of the activists responsible for killing the bill was Hawaii Homeschool Network chief Nicole Ryan, a homeschool parent and a certified teacher employed by the Hawaii Department of Education who has seen the system up close. In a February 12 letter, Ryan outlined some of the myriad other problems with the bill: "Requiring criminal background checks of current homeschooling families who are law abiding is both costly and unnecessary.... Home visits are a clear invasion of privacy. Finally, approval of a local principal would be a burden on the school that takes away the valuable time and focus needed for all the [children] who are enrolled at their school."

Ryan also cited the waste of taxpayer dollars to investigate homeschooling families, who virtually always have the best interest of their children at heart. Making matters worse, lawmakers did not even consult the home-education community: "It is very concerning that the population who is directly affected by this potential law has been excluded from the development of this proposal. The lack of community input is quite alarming."

## Yale Offers Course to Counteract "Whiteness" in Society

Yale University is offering a course this semester designed to guide students through an examination of the "construction and counternarratives around whiteness."

As reported February 19 by TheCollegeFix.com, the goal of the new course is to "help students understand and counteract 'whiteness,' exploring such topics as 'white imagination,' 'white property' and 'white speech.'"

The course, entitled "Constructions of Whiteness," is being offered by Yale's English department, which describes the class as an "interdisciplinary approach to examining our understanding of whiteness." Taught by Professor Claudia Rankine, the course will deal with whiteness "as a culturally constructed and economically incorporated entity, which touches upon and assigns value to nearly every aspect of American life and culture."

According to the syllabus, the focus of the course is to "create a lab for the construction of counternarratives around whiteness in any creative form: play, poem, memoir, etc." The syllabus goes on to explain that the class is divided into eight topics: "Constructions of Whiteness, White Property, White Masculinity, White Femininity, White Speech, White Prosperity, White Spaces, and White Imagination."

Among the required reading for the course, TheCollegeFix.com reported, are Michael Kimmel's Angry White Men: American Masculinity at the End of an Era, Richard Dyer's White: Essays on Race and Culture, and Richard Delgado and Jean Stefanic's Critical White Studies: Looking Behind the Mirror. Students will also read *The White Card*, a play by Professor Rankine that uses a contrived plot to pose the question, "Can American society progress if whiteness stays invisible?"

Capitalizing on perceived racial inequality has apparently become a trend in higher education. At the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Professor Damon Sajnani teaches a course entitled "The Problem of Whiteness," which seeks to help students "understand how whiteness is socially constructed and experienced in order to help dismantle white supremacy," the course description reads. Similarly, California's Stanford University offers a course entitled "White Identity Politics," which has students ruminating over such issues as the "possibilities of abolishing whiteness."







## **Brutal MS-13 Gang Has Spread to 22 States**

A February 2018 report from the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) — a nonprofit research organization specializing in immigration-related matters — reveals that the MS-13 (Mara Salvatrucha) transnational criminal gang has spread to 22 U.S. states.

The report noted that 207 murders have been tied to MS-13 since 2012, and there are over 500 cases nationwide of MS-13 members being charged in major crimes. The states with the greatest number of such cases were California, with 92; Maryland, with 85; New York, with 80; and Virginia, with 63.

CIS researchers, after reviewing more than 500 cases of MS-13 gang members arrested nationwide since 2012, concluded that the growth of the gang's influence represents an extremely serious threat to public safety in communities where MS-13 has established itself. Furthermore, concluded CIS, this growth is directly connected to the illegal arrival and resettlement of more than 300,000 Central American youths and families that has continued unabated for six years. Another factor named by the immigration organization has been the de-prioritization of immigration enforcement in the interior of the country that occurred during the same time as the arrival of the young illegal aliens.

Jessica Vaughan, the director of policy studies at CIS, noted that the Trump administration has declared war on MS-13, reprising a similar initiative launched by the Bush administration in 2005 that stifled the gang's activity after several years. However, noted the report, the gang has been able to rebuild itself since 2012, which was the year that Barack Obama was reelected to the presidency.

The report said that the growing number of so-called sanctuary cities has hampered efforts to apprehend MS-13 members, stating, "The proliferation of sanctuary policies that interfere with cooperation between state and local law enforcement agencies threatens to hamper efforts to stifle MS-13 activity. The federal government must take steps to clarify how federal law permits such cooperation and also must set up consequences for those jurisdictions and officials who impose sanctuary policies."

#### World Government Summit Targets America, Freedom

Top globalists, communists, and Islamists from around the world gathered February 10-13 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, for the World Government Summit to push for what they called a "new world order." More than a few speakers made clear that liberty, self-government, and the "America First" agenda were in the cross hairs.

On the other hand, big government, trans-humanism, and globalism were presented as the solution to basically everything, from alleged man-made "global warming" and health problems to unemployment and even hate. Aside from global governance and statism, one of the key themes of the conference was the merger of man and machine to become "cyborgs." Artificial intelligence and "Happiness," directed by authorities, were also major topics.

In an official press release put out February 13 by the World Government Summit, the organizers said the event ended with "a plea for institutions to realign with the new world order." And the speakers made that clear, too. Among those quoted in the press release, one claimed that people's expectations "need governments to develop progressive policies that can accommodate the global transition."

World Government Summit Chairman Mohammed Abdullah Al Gergawi, who also serves as "Minister of





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the Future," boasted that the summit, now in its sixth year, was a "permanent knowledge platform" for governments. "Through the World Government Summit, we seek to create new models of international cooperation," he said, touting the agenda of "His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum," prime minister of the United Arab Emirates. The goal is to "prepare for the future within the framework of global efforts to achieve a common goal."

The anti-American tone of the latest confab was noticed by more than a few observers. "This is a very anti-American three-day globalist summit," reported WND February 18, pointing to various anti-America, anti-Trump rants by celebrities and globalist bigwigs at the summit that made America the "number 1 enemy." Among them was aging celebrity turned man-made-global-warming theorist Robert De Niro, who ridiculed his homeland, referring to it as a "backward country, a place where science once reigned and lately has been replaced by ignorance."

Some of the high-profile speakers at the summit and their comments were also a dead giveaway about the agenda. UN World Health Organization boss Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, an Ethiopian communist, for example, promoted government control of healthcare under the guise of providing "universal" health. In fact, he claimed that "pursuing" government healthcare "is the responsibility of every country and national government."

Beyond promoting the government takeover and destruction of healthcare, a number of speakers also promoted a radical restructuring of government education to help centrally plan the economy. For instance, Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed, the "Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation" for the United Arab Emirates, called for "identifying pupils talented in computing at an early age." New government "education" standards need to begin in "nurseries and preschools," he said.

The world government confab received almost no coverage in establishment media outlets in the United States, despite the attendance and support of multiple prominent journalists and media organs. But lest the summit be dismissed as a fringe gathering of irrelevant kooks, a brief look at the 130 speakers reveals strong establishment support for the world government agenda.

The list includes World Bank President Jim Yong Kim; World Economic Forum boss Klaus Schwab; International Monetary Fund boss Christine Lagarde; UNESCO Director General Audrey Azoulay, a well-known socialist; World Trade Organization boss Roberto Azevedo; former Obama regulatory czar and fringe totalitarian Cass Sunstein, who infamously called for a ban on conspiracy theories; far-left Huffington Post founder Arianna Huffington; executives from Google and Facebook; pseudo-journalists and globalist propagandists such as Kenneth Cukier of *The Economist* and Becky Anderson of CNN; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development boss Angel Gurria; a Chinese communist agent serving as UN under-secretary general; education ministers, bureaucrats, CEOs, and more.

With the globalist movement increasingly dropping the mask, and the Internet making it easy to spread information, Americans have an unprecedented opportunity to derail the global-government agenda on display at the summit. If the sleeping giant that is the American public wakes up, all the schemes for "world government" in the world could be easily crushed. But getting involved now in preserving and protecting liberty, self-government, and the U.S. Constitution is crucial.







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