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Biden's Priorities Questioned, As DHS Roots Out "Extremists" in Law Enforcement

The Biden administration continues to focus its attention on the January 6 protests at the U.S. Capitol instead of the crisis at the U.S. southern border and the violence of Black Lives Matter and Antifa increasingly jeopardizing the lives and livelihoods of Americans. Under the guise of rooting out "extremists," opportunistic Democrats have been exploiting the January 6 protests to achieve their tyrannical agenda of punishing and silencing critics, particularly those in law enforcement.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released a <u>Request for Proposals</u> earlier this year, offering \$500,000 to fund research projects to determine how allegedly violent extremists are infiltrating police, the *Western Journal* reported on Sunday. The deadline for proposal submissions is May 18.



Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco /AP Images

"The goal of this solicitation is to contribute to a comprehensive and extensive understanding of insider threats facing domestic law enforcement agencies," the <u>Request for Proposals</u> (RFP) reads.

The RFP states the intent is to learn more about threats posed by the police.

"Reviewing and analyzing research from fields such as criminology, mental health, psychology, and sociology will help determine gaps in current knowledge and counter the threats posed by violent extremists and violent ideologies to United States LEAs and the public," it said.

Moreover, DHS is seeking "recommendations for detecting, deterring, and mitigating the potential for insider threats facing domestic law enforcement agencies through infiltration by violent extremist organizations or lone actors."

While claiming DHS will be mindful of civil rights and civil liberties, the RFP said it will transfer the findings of the research to federal, state, local, and private organizations "to enable education and awareness to reinforce a whole-of-society prevention architecture."

"These prevention efforts will equip and empower local efforts — including peers, teachers, community leaders, and law enforcement — to minimize a threat as it evolves while enhancing emergency preparedness and response," the RFP reads.

The \$500,000 research project appears to be motivated by the largely peaceful protests that took place at the U.S. Capitol on January 6.

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violent extremism poses the most lethal and persistent terrorism-related threat to our country today," said Homeland Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas <u>in a memo</u> last month. "As we work to safeguard the Nation and our values, we must be vigilant in our efforts to identify and combat domestic violent extremism within both the broader community and our own organization. Violent extremism has no place at DHS and we will work with urgency and focus to address it."

But in reality, the project is the latest effort in a campaign by leftists to target law enforcement officers who fail to subscribe to leftist ideology.

In California, lawmakers have introduced a bill that proposed to remove police officers engaged in "hate speech" titled the "California Law Enforcement Accountability Reform Act (CLEAR Act)," which would "root out" police offers connected to "hate groups."

State Assembly Member Ash Kalra (D-San Jose, Calif.), the sponsor of the bill, said the goal is to stop "the infiltration of extremists in our law enforcement agencies," <u>according to The Federalist</u>.

Kalra claims the bill is necessary to prevent "the apparent cooperation, participation, and support of some law enforcement" in the January 6 protests at the Capitol, ignoring once more the role that leftist organizations played in <u>orchestrating those events</u>.

Predictably, the bill presents potential for discrimination and free-speech violations, as well as privacy and confidentiality issues.

In addition to the Department of Homeland Security's project, the Justice Department is reportedly conducting an internal review with the goal of weeding out "extremists" from federal law enforcement, NBC reported.

Attorney General Merrick Garland said Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco "has met with the heads of all our law enforcement agencies to determine how we can carefully vet our own employees."

As reported by U.S. News and World Report, the attorney general's disclosure came in response to a question from Illinois Senator and Democratic Deputy Whip Dick Durbin about the arrest of a retired New York Police Department officer who engaged in violent behavior on January 6. It was during that same hearing that Garland described the efforts into the Capitol protests, noting there have been more than 400 arrests and more coming as authorities continue to pour over videos and other evidence.

"This investigation is not over," he said. "We will pursue each lead until we're confident that we will have reached the end."

No such efforts have been made into the violent BLM and Antifa protests that pervaded most of 2020 and continued well into 2021.

Instead, Both Garland and Mayorkas astoundingly <u>claim</u> the greatest domestic threat facing the United States comes from "racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists...who advocate for the superiority of the white race." These assertions wholly ignore the years-long <u>anti-white</u>, <u>anti-American violence</u> driven by Black Lives Matter and Antifa groups.

Perhaps more importantly, this assertion ignores the crisis at the southern border and the unprecedented flow of illegal drugs as a result. In an interview with Fox & Friends last week, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott drew attention to the administration's <u>failure</u> to address the threat at the border.

"On the national level with regard to the Border Patrol, they apprehended this last month — in the month of April, more than 170,000 people. That is a tenfold increase over the prior April where they

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apprehended about 17,000 people," he said, citing <u>data released by Customs and Border Protection</u>. April was the second consecutive month in which border agents encountered more than 170,000 illegal immigrants, according to the data. This includes a growing number of <u>unaccompanied children</u>, many of which are victims of human trafficking, for which adequate homes are unavailable.

"We had almost [an] 800 percent increase April over April of the amount of fentanyl that has been apprehended by the Texas Department of Public Safety," he added.

Cochise County Sheriff Mark J. Dannels <u>told</u> Border Report border agents are so tied up at processing centers that many such groups are getting away, their drugs reaching the streets of America's heartland.

"We've had over 60,000 get-aways. These are people that are seen on Border Patrol cameras but have not been captured," says Dannels, whose Southeastern Arizona county borders Mexico. "I don't fault Border Patrol on that. I fault Congress and this administration because we must have a strong message when it comes to border security. But when you divert Border Patrol into immigration processing, childcare, administrative work, that opens up opportunity for the cartels."

But until the Biden administration completes its priority of rooting out "dissidents" in law enforcement, the border crisis and leftist violence will have to wait.



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