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Lincoln Project Founder Conway: Stop the Lying; Project Principals Knew About Weaver Almost a Year Ago.

Lincoln Project principals lied about not knowing that homosexual stalker John <u>Weaver pursued</u> young men and <u>offered jobs</u> at the hate-Trump outfit in exchange for sex.

And not just anyone says so.

That judgment comes from George Conway, a project founder. For the last four years, Conway, the husband of former Trump advisor Kellyanne Conway, has attacked everything President Trump said or did.

"The lying has to stop," Conway tweeted yesterday.

Conway leveled the charge after a website reported that project principals knew about Weaver's creepy boy-stalking almost a year ago. That was long before the revelations surfaced in January, and contradicts a founder's claim that project officials found out when everyone else did.



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Project Leaders Knew in March

The news was surely a bitter pill for Conway, who has spent every waking moment the last four years policing the words and actions of Trump. Now, he learns, his pals at the project covered up the activities of a creepy pervert.

"An investigation is necessary," the angry founder tweeted:

But it has to be thorough, and not a whitewash. And — THE LYING HAS TO STOP. It's clear now that, as early last *MARCH*, the people who were in operational control of the Lincoln Project ...

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- George Conway (@gtconway3d) February 16, 2021

Conway demanded the truth after <u>The 19th reported</u> that project officials knew about Weaver in March.

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"Multiple individuals began coming forward late Monday to discuss the allegations related to Weaver, and the timeline on which other senior management knew about them, after the group confirmed that a nondisclosure release applied to its current and former contractors, vendors and employees," the website reported.

That contradicts what Steve Schmidt, <u>who quit</u> the group in shame last week, has said:

Schmidt had previously said that he did not know about the allegations against Weaver until January. They also show that co-founders knew months earlier than June, as had been previously reported by The 19th and other media outlets.

Schmidt resigned from the Lincoln Project's board on Friday after taking responsibility for the publication on Twitter of private messages on the social media platform between cofounder Jennifer Horn, who had recently resigned over the Weaver revelations, and this reporter. As of Friday, he remained with the group in a management capacity.

Some of the individuals came forward with new details on Monday after they were released from their nondisclosure agreements. Several said Sarah Lenti, a managing partner with the group who was previously its executive director, knew about the allegations against Weaver as early as May 2020. Lenti confirmed that some of the group's co-founders knew about the allegations as early as March 2020. Schmidt and Galen were among those who knew, multiple sources said.

Ryan Girdusky, <u>who broke</u> the story in *The American Conservative*, <u>also reported</u> that Lenti, along with other principals, knew about Weaver.

One young man claimed he reached out to <u>@madrid_mike</u> and <u>@keithedwards</u> about Weaver and they never responded to his accusations. He said he also spoke to <u>@SarahMLenti</u> and admitted to knowing and brushed it off <u>pic.twitter.com/gEGjcBF63h</u>

– Ryan James Girdusky (@RyanGirdusky) January 31, 2021

In its story about interns whom Weaver harassed before and after the project hired them, *New York* magazine confirmed a <u>report from</u> The Associated Press.

"On June 17, a person working at the Lincoln Project sent an email to co-founder [Ron] Steslow that reported ten allegations of Weaver's harassing men, including at least one employee at the Lincoln Project," the magazine's <u>Intelligencer reported</u>:

Three people independently described the contents of the email to Intelligencer and said it warned Weaver could be using his position at the company to make promises of career advancement to prey on young men. The complaint called Weaver's predatory behavior an immediate threat to the company that, if it became public, could render a death blow to the Lincoln Project's reputation. As the complaint noted, the Lincoln Project itself was attacking Trump as a sexual predator.

Schmidt claimed that no one at the project knew about Weaver, <u>who solicited</u> at least two minors along with a <u>bevy of young men</u> with filthy messages.

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"There is no human being, no person involved with the Lincoln Project who made any type of allegation of any type of inappropriate communication that would have triggered an HR investigation or the hiring of an outside counsel to conduct such an investigation," he told the Intelligencer:

There were zero allegations, complaints, media interrogatories directed to the Lincoln Project with any specificity, at any time about, any misconduct, towards any person.

But Conway, again, says that's a lie.

In addition to retweeting The 19th's explosive claims, he retweeted Tara Setmayer, a top project official who bills herself as a "sane conservative."

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She touted the project's commitment to truth in hiring a law firm to investigate.

"When I voiced my discontent w/recent events, LP leadership was receptive, acknowledged mistakes & took action to right the ship," she wrote:

TLP movement that helped defeat Trump is vital to protect democracy.

Now, more than ever, the mission to defeat Trumpism MUST continue.

Count me in.

H/T: <u>Ace of Spades</u>



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