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## Report: Lincoln Project Founder Solicited Young Men on Twitter

It appears that one of the men running a blacklist to harm former Trump administration officials has snagged his panty hose.

In the last few days, young men have credibly accused [John Weaver](#), one of the hate-Trump [Lincoln Project's](#) founders, of stalking them online with the presumed object of a homosexual liaison. A Twitter user accused him of rape.

With multiple tweets and interviews with Weaver's targets, conservative writer Ryan Girdusky [laid out](#) the evidence in *The American Conservative* on Monday.



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Weaver has worked for the presidential campaigns of former Ohio Governor John Kasich, the late Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.), and George H.W. Bush. The rumors of his predatory behavior, Girdusky reported, go back decades to his days as a consultant in Texas.

### **Demanded Sex**

Girdusky's report describes a creepy weirdo who follows young men on Twitter, then grooms them with polite banter about career goals until he can segue into sex chat.

Girdusky discovered Weaver's not-so-secret Twitter patrolling by accident after Weaver followed him on the anti-Trump social media site.

One of Girdusky's Twitter contacts said Weaver "was in communication with several young men solicited by Weaver for a job, after which he propositioned them for sex as part of the offer."

As well, [Girdusky reported](#):

He shared direct messages with me of both young men, one of whom had been "strung along for days about a possible job," and when they met at his hotel, Weaver demanded they engage in sexual intercourse. They did, it was consensual, but Weaver never made good on the job offer....

Another other young man, who will remain anonymous, spoke to me and a journalist to whom I passed the story along. In his messages with Weaver, this young man said that Weaver reached out to him with the promise of a job opportunity. He told [me] Weaver would condescendingly call him "my boy."



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Weaver cajoled a college student into a phone conversation, the student told Girdusky, that ended in a revolting solicitation. Weaver called the student after midnight during finals week, “claiming he was away from his wife on a work trip.”

After they discussed school and career, Girdusky reported, “Weaver abruptly changed topics and asked if he played sports and was athletic.”

Then came the filthy come-on:

The Lincoln Project co-founder followed up by asking about his height and weight. At this point, the student became uncomfortable and said when asked about his build, he said he was “about average.” Weaver responded, “oh my boy, I’m sure certain parts of you are well above average.”



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A tweet unmentioned in Girdusky's story accused Weaver of rape. "John Weaver DM'ed and followed virtually every young gay on this site," @Pittsburgfella wrote:

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— Politics is a Harsh Mistress (@PittsburghFella) [January 10, 2021](#)



It was 2017 when I was a junior at [REDACTED] & he started DMing me on Twitter from the angle of a successful graduate of the same alma mater offering to hook me up with an internship in Austin or DC. He was pretty persistent with DMs and texts, which led to him asking to call me to talk more. He ended up calling after midnight during finals season, he said he was in Chicago for work while his wife was at home at Lake Travis outside Austin. He'd clearly been drinking.

He began the call by asking about my studies, my future career interests, etc., but then made a weird transition to asking if I played intramurals & if I was athletic. Then started asking me about my height & weight. At that point I was very uncomfortable, so I just said I was "around average." He responded, and I remember vividly, "oh my boy, I'm sure certain parts of you are well above average."

At that point I told him I needed to go study and ended the call as quickly as possible. He tried calling again later that night, and several times over the next couple weeks. I considered answering and recording the call, because I knew it was all very inappropriate, but I ended up blocking him on Twitter & blocking his number instead.

Looking for the screenshots of texts now.

## How the Story Developed

The explosive revelations surfaced on Saturday when another Lincoln Project bigwig, Stuart Stevens, warned that he and his blacklisting crew were tracking former Trump officials. They would, he threatened, be "held accountable."

At [@ProjectLincoln](#) we are constructing a database of Trump officials & staff that will detail their roles in the Trump administration & track where they are now. No personal info, only professional. But they will be held accountable & not allowed to pretend they were not involved <https://t.co/DkpxpaWaWB>

— stuart stevens (@stuartpstevens) [January 9, 2021](#)



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Girdusky didn't care much for the threat. "Maybe I should start talking about one of the founding members of the Lincoln Project offering jobs to young men in exchange for sex... his wife is probably interested," he replied.

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— Ryan James Girdusky (@RyanGirdusky) [January 9, 2021](#)

That's when another young man, Josh Price, fingered Weaver.



Reported Girdusky:

Price deleted his tweet and set his account to private quickly afterward. He was being attacked by several people who were calling him a liar for making his claims. Quickly afterward, another account tweeted, "Weaver used to follow me when I used my real name on here. Out of the blue, he DM'd being pushy with personal questions and trying to flirt with me. After I didn't go along with it, he unfollowed me and never DM'd me since."

Another witness to Weaver's predatory grooming is writer Scott Stedman, who explained what happened when he followed Weaver. They exchanged professional messages, Stedman wrote, and Weaver wrote a blurb for Stedman's book.

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### **Weaver Still at Lincoln Project**

Perhaps more shocking than Weaver’s behavior is that top Republicans were aware of it.

“Stories about Weaver along these lines aren’t new,” Girdusky wrote. “According to *The New Republic*, Karl Rove alleged that Weaver made passes at young men back in 2000. At the time, Rove and Weaver were competitors to be the dominant consultant in Texas. Their professional feud allowed any allegations to be dismissed as a smear campaign by Rove.”

That piece in *TNR*, published in 2009, confidently [called Rove](#) a “gay-baiter” who peddled a “nearly two-decades-old lie.” But if all those young men on Twitter are telling the truth, maybe Rove didn’t lie.

The Lincoln Project says it has “a singular mission: To defeat Donald Trump and Trumpism.”

Maybe so.

But at this writing and despite Girdusky’s report, [The Lincoln Project brags](#) that Weaver is part of “[our team](#).”

What the project will do about the reports of Weaver’s on-line stalking it does not say.

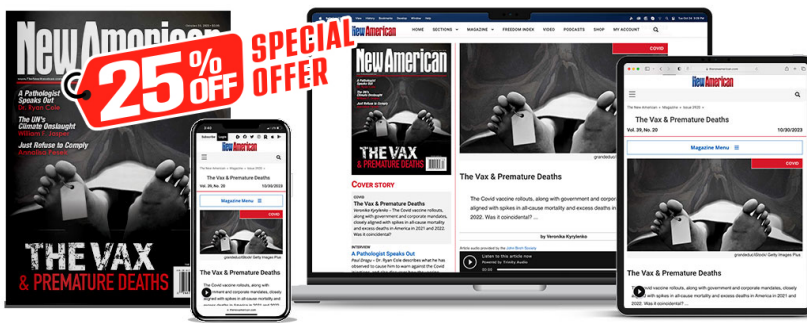


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