1. **DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER’S REMARKS.** Colonel (COL) Brian Reed, United States Military Academy (USMA) Chief of Staff, stated for the record that the USMA Board of Visitors (BoV or Board) operates under the authority of US Code Title 10, Section 7455. The Board is an Advisory Board subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Mrs. Deadra Ghostlaw is the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) and Mr. Jeffery Reynolds is the Alternate DFO. He further stated the meeting was open to the public, however members of the public attending the meeting may not present questions from the floor or speak to any issue under discussion. Members of the public can file a written statement with the BoV. The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:15 am, due to unforeseen circumstances. A quorum was achieved at approximately 10:30 am.

2. **CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS.** Congressman Steve Womack called the meeting to order and welcomed the members. He thanked them for taking the time out of their busy schedules to attend the meeting and reminded the members that the BoV has an advisory role and is not in USMA’s chain of command. Meetings are a way for members to gather information in an official capacity.

3. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REMARKS.** Lieutenant General (LTG) Darryl Williams thanked the Chair and Vice Chair, as well as other Board members for their attendance at the meeting, and their continued support to the United States Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets. He introduced the newest members of the USMA Leadership team: Brigadier General (BG) Mark Quander (78th Commandant of Cadets), BG Shane Reeves (15th Dean of the Academic Board), and COL Brian Reed (USMA Chief of Staff).

4. **SECRETARY OF THE ARMY REPRESENTATIVE’S REMARKS:** Ms. Yvette Bourcicott, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (ASA(M&RA)) thanked LTG Williams and the Academy for their leadership and work in developing Army leaders. She then highlighted the Secretary of the Army’s recently released six objectives to guide the Army through a complex and uncertain global environment, and how USMA supports these priorities:

   a. Lead the path to field cutting edge formations necessary to conduct multi-domain operations while facing fiscal pressures.

   b. Develop a more data-centric Army.

   c. Ensure the Army is resilient in the face of climate change.

   d. Build positive command climates to scale across all Army formations.

   e. Continue efforts to reduce harmful behaviors within the Army’s ranks.

   f. Strategically adapt how recruitment and retaining talent to sustain the all-volunteer force.
5. **ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS.** COL Reed noted the last meeting of the Board of Visitors was December 1, 2020, conducted virtually over MS Office 365 Teams. A quorum was present and the Board of Visitors meeting included Board Business, a review of events since the previous BoV meeting, and briefings on Honorable Living, Discipline and Standards, and Developing Leaders of Character. COL Reed stated the following documents were provided to each member:

a. Minutes from the December 1, 2020 BoV meeting

b. USMA Strategy

c. The Military Service Academy’s Annual Report on Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment

d. Statements from Members of the Public received by the Designated Federal Officer since the last Board meeting on 1 December 2020. Statements are at Appendix C.

6. **ROLL CALL.** For the record, a quorum of the Board was present. A list of attendees annotated to reflect members arriving late or departing early is appended to these minutes.

a. The following members were in attendance: Senator Richard Burr, Senator Jerry Moran, Congressman Steve Womack, and Congressman Warren Davidson.

b. The following members were not present but expected to join the meeting in progress: Senator Tammy Duckworth, Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy, and Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney.

c. The following members were absent: Senator Joe Manchin, Congressman Mark Green.

d. For the record, Acting ASA (MR&A) Bourcicot was noted as present, as the Secretary of the Army’s representative.

e. USMA command and staff members, and members of the public in attendance were reminded to sign in, and that the sign-in sheet would become a matter of record.

7. **BOARD BUSINESS:**

a. With a quorum present, Congressman Womack presented as the first order of business the election of the 2022 Chair and Vice Chair. Before opening the floor for nominations, the Board was reminded that any member was eligible to serve as Chair or Vice Chair.

(1) The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Board Chair. Congressman Davidson nominated Congressman Womack; Senator Burr seconded the nomination. With no other nominations heard, the nomination was presented for a voice vote. All present voted aye, and the motion was carried. For the record, Congressman Womack was elected as the 2022 BoV Chair.

(2) The floor was opened for the position of Board Vice Chair. Congressman Womack nominated Congressman Davidson; Senator Burr seconded the nomination. With no other nominations heard, the nomination was presented for a voice vote. Congressman Womack
noted that the ayes had it. For the record, Congressman Davidson was elected as 2022 BoV Vice Chair.

b. Congressman Womack presented as the next order of business the approval of the Rules of the Board of Visitors. He noted all members were sent a copy of the Rules. Senator Burr motioned that the Rule be approved, with Congresswoman Murphy seconding the motion. With there being no further discussion, the Rules were approved.

c. Congressman Womack presented as the third order of business the minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting and opened the floor for discussion.

   (1) Congressman Davidson noted as a point of discussion that the “substantial honor scandal” [from Spring 2020] was not included as a topic for discussion in the December meeting.

   (2) Senator Burr moved to approve the minutes of the December 2020 meeting; Congressman Davidson seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the minutes were approved.

d. Congressman Womack presented as an order of business setting a date for the Summer 2022 Board meeting. He recommended June 30-July 2, 2022 at West Point, to allow Board members the opportunity to observe Cadet Summer Training and the annual Independence Day Concert at Trophy Point. With no objections raised, the recommended dates were approved for consideration.

e. The final item of Board business was open discussion. Congressman Womack raised three topics of discussion and asked the Superintendent and his team to provide updates.

   (1) COVID: COL Jim Riely, the USMA G3, provided an update on USMA's COVID mitigation strategies and actions over the past two years. He noted that USMA's mitigation response was operationally driven throughout the pandemic. COL Riely highlighted some of the specific policies implemented and actions taken to continue Academy operations while protecting the Corps and the West Point community.

      (a) Congressman Davidson asked whether Keller Army Community Hospital (KACH) had collected COVID data related to infections and treatment. LTG Williams said USMA would provide that data.

      (b) Senator Burr suggested the Academy and the Board review the mitigation processes implemented to determine what did and did not work, to better prepare for any similar challenges in the future. He opined that nationally, opportunities to communicate effective practices were missed. Congressman Womack concurred with Senator Burr’s comments, adding that any review should include an honest assessment of USMA’s actions and policies. LTG Williams said he would share the Academy’s COVID response playbook and after-action report with the Board.

      (c) Congressman Womack asked the Cadets participating in the meeting their thoughts about how USMA’s process worked. First Captain Holland Pratt noted the hardest part for Cadets was the ambiguity of the environment. She added the pandemic created a stronger sense of cohesion throughout the Corps, but also noted the increased need for Cadets to hold
each other accountable. Cadet Alex Denha added that what he thought what the Corps did right was to not let the pandemic distract Cadets from their training.

(2) PROMOTING RESPECT AND INCLUSIVENESS IN THE CLASSROOM: BG Reeves explained that one of the aims of USMA’s academic program is to develop critical thinkers who can process information quickly and make objective decisions. That requires Cadets to be intellectually challenged in the classroom, where they engage in civil discourse on a variety of topics. BG Reeves emphasized that the United States Constitution underlies the entire program and discussion of the Constitution and how it frames the role of a military officer is woven throughout the academic curriculum.

(a) Congressman Davidson asked about the process for removing a faculty member if the need arose, Ms. Lori Doughty from the USMA Staff Judge Advocate’s office explained that civilian faculty are subject to Title 5 Labor Law that provides for a range of disciplinary actions ranging from reassignment of duties to outright removal from the faculty.

(3) SHARP: Mr. Russ Strand, USMA’s SHARP Program Manager provided an overview of USMA’s SHARP prevention efforts, highlighting some of the specific policies and actions USMA implemented, to include adding prevention specialists, developing a comprehensive prevention plan, educating, and training the Corps throughout their USMA experience, and standing up a SHARP Prevention Council. He noted that USMA’s new Return to Health policy was a Cadet-initiated policy and how that policy is encouraging Cadets to seek help if needed. Cadets Jacob Dluzak and Kennedy Warren discussed the Corps’ Trust Program and the importance of peer leadership and intervention in USMA’s SHARP efforts.

(a) Ms. Bourcicot stated how impressed she was with USMA’s efforts to combat sexual assault and harassment, and that she was particularly inspired with the passion and commitment of those running these programs, particularly the Cadet-run initiatives. Congressman Womack also expressed his appreciation for USMA’s SHARP efforts.

8. SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE: Slides from this meeting are at Appendix B.

After showing a highlight video and congratulating Congressmen Womack and Davidson on their election as Board Chair and Vice Chair, LTG Williams highlighted USMA’s significant events and achievements over the past 15 months across USMA’s academic, military and physical programs, emphasizing the common theme of continued excellence. In highlighting Cadet Summer Training, he emphasized that summer training and academic semesters are not mutually exclusive, but rather, linked together, each supporting the other. He concluded his comments by highlighting his five lines of effort.

Senator Burr, before departing the meeting, praised the Academy’s emphasis on developing the critical thinking skills he sees as important for future military leaders. He also praised the Academy’s partnership initiatives with international allies and partners, stating that he has seen first-hand in how those efforts have paid off overseas.

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Brian Novoselich, USMA’s Director for Strategic Plans and Assessment (G5) informed the Board that USMA was reaccredited for eight years by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in March 2021. He briefly highlighted the reaccreditation process and thanked the Board for its support and engagement with the reaccreditation team.
He then shared recent national college rankings, highlighting that USMA fared extremely well in those rankings, as the Academy continues to be recognized for academic excellence and staff and faculty accessibility.

BG Reeves discussed the Academic Program and its role in USMA’s leader development model, specifically, developing the critical and creative thinking skills required of Army officers. He noted one of the strengths of the Academic Program is the opportunity to modernize and optimize the curriculum to best prepare Cadets for modern, relevant challenges they’ll face as officers. He stated that the Academy’s ongoing physical infrastructure transformation is an opportunity to also analyze what, where and how the faculty teaches. He highlighted the Academic Program’s ability to serve as the Army’s intellectual center, noting that the breadth and depth of the program allows for interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches to solving complex problems within the Army. Additionally, he stated that the program’s true strength is the “blend of excellence” in its diverse faculty of civilian and military instructors and professors, who bring both breadth and depth in their respective fields, as well as relevant Army operational experience.

BG Reeves also highlighted the West Point Writing Program and the 27 research centers and institutes among the various support resources within the Academic Program.

Congressman Womack asked about the need for the West Point Writing Program. BG Reeves explained the program was established to address a recognized degradation in writing skills in today’s society.

COL John Hartke, Professor and Head of the Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering, expounded on the Academic Program’s resident intellectual capital, highlighting two specific interdisciplinary projects that address current issues and challenges:

a. The Cadet Hypersonic Rocket project and,

b. The High Energy Laser Weapons project.

He noted that both projects could have real-world applications in the current conflict in the Ukraine.

Congressman Davidson asked if post-doctoral faculty members are American citizens. COL Hartke responded that they are.

Dr. Diana Thomas, Professor in the Department of Mathematical Sciences, discussed a research initiative she and a team of USMA faculty are conducting, in conjunction with the City University of New York, to study the use of artificial intelligence in precision nutrition. She explained how this initiative addresses the nationwide problem of obesity in the military-eligible population.

BG Mark Quander, Commandant of Cadets, next presented a brief overview of the Academy’s Military Program, and then introduced Cadet First Captain Holland Pratt to discuss the leadership experiences component of the Military Program. Cadet Pratt shared some of her personal experiences during military training and how these experiences helped develop her as a leader. She noted that what makes West Point unique from other institutions is that leadership and character are not simply taught as abstract concepts, but rather, as things put into practice.
daily. She cited as specific lessons she learned throughout her West Point experience the difference between toxic and transformational leadership, how to lead through times of ambiguity and failure, and the importance of critical thinking and character.

After showing a Cadet Summer Training (CST) highlight video, BG Quander introduced Cadet Sage Peters to discuss Cadet Basic Training (CBT). Cadet Peters explained CBT’s purpose, in particular, its role as a pivotal leadership opportunity for senior Cadets. She explained how CBT provides Cadet leaders the opportunity to put into practice the leadership lessons and philosophy they’ve developed throughout their West Point experience. She also noted that CBT is the first shared hardship every class experiences, instrumental to shaping cohesive teams.

Cadet Alex Denha, Third Regiment Commander, discussed Cadet Field Training (CFT). He explained that, in addition to further developing Cadets’ Soldier skills and exposing Cadets to the various Army branches, CFT is also a significant character development experience. He also discussed CFT as another important opportunity for Cadet leaders to further develop their leadership skills.

Cadet Travis Afuso next discussed Cadet Leader Development Training (CLDT) as both the capstone to Cadet Summer Training and the crucible leadership experience for Cadets. He described CDLT as great preparation for Ranger School and the challenges Cadets will face as leaders in the operational Army, as well as exposure to the complexities of the modern battlefield. He further described CDLT as a significant character development experience to challenge Cadets, stating “at the end of the day, our future graduates are not going to be judged by their character in the classroom. They’re going to be judged by their character on the battlefield.”

Congressman Davidson asked the Cadets to highlight some specific aspects of CST that helped them, or their peers grow as leaders. Cadet Afuso stated that one of the unique aspects of CLDT is that the trainees themselves are assuming many of the leadership positions, vice having a Cadet leadership cadre found in other CST details. He also acknowledged that, while all Cadets do not branch Infantry, CLDT was a great opportunity to provide that field experience and help Cadets grow their confidence and abilities.

Cadet Peters noted that the significant developmental experiences didn’t come from a specific event, but rather through the normal daily interactions between Cadet leaders and trainees.

Cadet Denha added that CST provided Cadet leaders many “trial and error” opportunities, where they had the opportunity to fail, learn from the mistakes and receive mentorship along the way, and apply those lessons to future scenarios.

Cadet Pratt concluded with a story from CST, highlighting a particular Cadet trainee who had a transformative experience because of positive Cadet leadership.

Dr. Jeffrey Peterson, Senior Advisor to the Academy’s Character Integration Advisory Group (CIAG), briefed the Board on the Superintendent's line of effort to cultivate a culture of character growth. He explained that character is woven throughout all aspects of West Point’s programs, in order to develop Cadets into leaders who can build and lead cohesive teams. He stated the Academy’s approach to cultivating this culture is a model where character is caught, taught, and sought.
To highlight how Cadets take ownership of various aspects of this character culture, Dr. Peterson introduced a panel of Cadets who shared personal examples of their own character development.

Cadet Nick Isenhower shared his experiences as Cadet Commander of Air Assault Training during CST. He highlighted the aspect of “caught” character, through the numerous interactions between the Cadet cadre and the Task Force non-commissioned officers (from the 101st Airborne Division) running the training and the Cadet cadre and the trainees themselves.

Cadet Sage Peters highlighted the Cadet reflection opportunities and small-group discussions built into CST that focused on various aspects of character and leadership, such as the Cadet Honor Code and inclusive leadership. She noted how these opportunities were important as they created Cadet buy-in and ownership from Day One.

Cadet Jordan Jones, a Brigade Peer Support Program Captain, discussed the Peer Support Program and its importance in helping Cadets with mental health issues. She highlighted some initiatives implemented this past year that have helped Cadets have those difficult conversations with their peers about sensitive topics such as suicide or mental health, and how to recognize the various warning signs.

At the conclusion of the Cadet presentation, Congressman Davidson asked when the last suicide at West Point occurred. Dr. Peterson stated that it was in 2019. Congressman Davidson then commended Dr. Peterson and the CIAG for their work in addressing character and specifically, mental health within the Corps.

COL Greg Boylan, USMA’s Director of Strategic Resource Planning and Integration (G5-R) discussed the Academy’s “USMA 2035” infrastructure modernization efforts and their importance in posturing the Academy to better prepare graduates for modern-day and future challenges. He provided updates on the Cadet Barracks Upgrade Program, the Academic Building Upgrade Program, the Cyber and Engineering Academic Center construction, the West Point Military Complex project, and the various infrastructure upgrade projects. He noted the Academy is in a good position to execute these projects, thanks to the support from the Army and the BoV. He also emphasized that these initiatives are not just about upgrading facilities, but more importantly, capabilities, and that these efforts are holistic, comprehensive, and fully integrated to enable USMA’s mission.

LTG Williams concluded the Academy update by inviting Board members to West Point to observe Projects Day. He emphasized that the Corps is physically and mentally tough, with their character superordinate to that. He further stated that while there were issues and challenges in the past few years, he and the USMA Team are fully committed to addressing those challenges and ensuring USMA continues to develop the level of leader expected by the American people.

Congressman Womack thanked LTG Williams and the USMA leadership for the update and their insights.

Congressman Davidson echoed Congressman Womack’s comments, further praising LTG Williams for his leadership.

Congressman Womack noted for the record the presence of Senator Tammy Duckworth and Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney earlier in the meeting.
9. REMAINING BOARD BUSINESS. None

10. ADJOURNMENT. Congressman Womack asked for a motion to adjourn. Congressman Davidson moved to adjourn, with Congressman Womack seconding. With no objections, the Spring 2022 meeting of the USMA Board of Visitors was adjourned at 1:14pm.

Certified by:

STEVE WOMACK  
US Representative  
Chair, USMA Board of Visitors

DEADRA K. GHOSTLAW  
Designated Federal Officer,  
USMA Board of Visitors
Appendix A: Attendance

Congressional Members:
Senator Richard Burr       Departs 11:30am
Senator Tammy Duckworth   Arrived 10:32am Departs 10:50am
Senator Jerry Moran       Departs 10:45am
Congressman Steve Womack-Chair
Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy Returns 11:44am Departs 12:21pm
Congressman Warren Davidson Returns 11:48am
Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney Arrived 11:51am Departs 12:13pm

Presidential Appointees:
None – All Appointments Vacant

The following members were absent:
Senator Joe Manchin
Congressman Mark Green

Based on the BOV attendance, a quorum was present for Board Business, which concluded at 10:50am. As of this time, there was no quorum for the remainder of the meeting.

Other attendees:
Ms. Yvette Bourcicot – Acting ASA(M&RA)
COL Eugenia Guilmet, XO – ASA(M&RA)
LTC William Waggy, MLA – ASA(M&RA)
MAJ Katlyn Shagory, OCLL
MAJ Kimberly Mallard-Brown, OCLL
CPT Natalia Gruenbaum, OCLL

USMA Command and Staff Members in Attendance:
LTG Darryl A. Williams, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy
CSM Michael Coffey, USMA Command Sergeant Major
COL Brian J. Reed, USMA Chief of Staff
BG Shane Reeves, Dean of the Academic Board
BG Mark Quander, Commandant of Cadets (USCC)
COL James Howell, XO-Superintendent
MAJ Ian Kent, Aide de Camp, Superintendent
MAJ Terrence Shields, XO-Commandant of Cadets
Mr. Michael Buddie, Athletic Director
LTC Rance Lee, Acting Director of Admissions
COL Gregory Boylan, G5-R (Resources & Facilities)
LTC Brian Novoselich, G5, (Plans, Policy & Analysis)
Dr. Gerald Kobylski, Deputy G5 (Plans, Policy & Analysis)
Mr. Anthony Espinal, Deputy Chief, G5E/Strategic Effects
MSG Giovanni Cardoza, Superintendent Communication NCO
SSG Miguel Lopez, Alternate Superintendent Communication NCO
Dr. Jeffrey Peterson, Senior Advisor to the Character Integration Advisory Group (CIAG)
Mr. Russell Strand, SHARP Program Manager
Dr. Diana Thomas, Department of Math
COL James Riely, USMA G3 (Security/Operations)
COL Richard Gash, Dean, Associate Dean of Resources
COL John Hartke, Dept Head, Physics & Nuclear Engineering
Mr. Charles “Bo” Thompson (PAO/VI)
Mr. Thomas Timko (PAO/VI)
LTC Connie M. Lane, Secretary of the General Staff
Ms. Deadra Ghostlaw, Designated Federal Officer (DFO)/Ass’t SGS
Mr. Jeffrey Reynolds, Chief of Protocol/Alternate DFO
Ms. Lori Doughty, Staff Judge Advocate
Mr. Jesse De Gil, Senior Protocol Specialist
Mr. Salvatore Paolicelli, Protocol Specialist

Cadet Panelists:

CDT Travis Afuso, Brigade S-3
CDT Alexander Denha, 3rd Regiment Commander
CDT Jacob Dluzak, Trust S-3
CDT Nicholas Isenhower, 4th Regiment CSM
CDT Jordan Jones, Brigade Peer Support Program Captain
CDT Sage Peters, Company D-1 First Sergeant
CDT Holland Pratt, Cadet First Captain
CDT Kennedy Warren, 4th Regiment Commander

Legislative Assistants:
Mr. Bobby Brown (SEN Moran)
Mr. Stephen Siao (REP Green)
Mr. Beau Walker (REP Womack)
MAJ Jason Keller (REP Green)
Ms. Kelsey Byerley (SEN Burr)
Ms. Jenny Davis (SASC)
Mr. J. Loomis (REP Murphy)
Ms. Kathryn Sudhoff (SEN Duckworth)
Ms. Julianne Aldous (REP Maloney)
Mr. Sean Dzieranowski (SEN Manchin)

Members of the Public:
Mr. Andrew Beck (USMA 2011)
Mr. Mack Brooks (LEADS)
Ms. Priscilla “Pat” Locke (USMA 1982/LEADS)
You are my brother, my sister, my fellow Soldier. It is my duty to stand up for you, no matter the time or place. I will take ACTION. I will do what's right. I will prevent sexual harassment and sexual assault. I will not tolerate sexually offensive behavior. I will ACT.

We are American Soldiers, MOTIVATED to keep our fellow Soldiers safe. It is our mission to prevent sexual harassment and sexual assault. We will denounce sexual misconduct. As Soldiers, we are all MOTIVATED to take action. We are strongest...together.
Agenda

• Opening Remarks
• Board Business
• Superintendent’s Update
• Line of Effort (LOE) 1: Developing Leaders of Character
  o Academic Program Update
  o Intellectual Capital Examples
• Military Program Update
• Break/Distribute Lunch
• LOE 2: Culture of Character growth
  o Build and Lead Cohesive Teams
  o Cadet Ownership
• LOE 4: Modernize, Sustain and Secure
  o Facility Investment Plan Update
• Closing Remarks
Congressman Womack
Opening Remarks
1. 2022 Chair & Vice Chair
2. Approval of the Rules of the Board of Visitors
3. Minutes – DEC 2020 Meeting
4. Next Board Meeting
5. Board Topics
   • COVID 19 Mitigation
   • Educating Future Officers
   • SHARP Prevention Efforts
6. Open Discussion

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- Preserving & Building Readiness:
  - Operation Resilient Knight
  - Operation Vigilant Knight

- High Vaccination Rates
  - Corps > 99%, USMA Staff and Faculty >99%
  - Required Service Member Vaccination
  - West Point’s DoD CIVs: 94.21% vaccinated

- Vaccinations, testing, masking, and other mitigation measures
  - Enabled training, development, and readiness
  - Outdoor / Indoor sporting and outreach events
  - External visitors return with understanding and mitigation of risk
Cadets develop essential discernment skills by participating in challenging classroom discussions.

Familiarizing cadets with difficult topics helps them lead more effectively.

The U.S. Constitution is at the forefront of West Point’s curriculum.

West Point leadership emphasizes professionalism in teaching.
48-month SHARP Comprehensive Prevention & Assessment Plan – now widening aperture for other harmful behaviors

Prevention Actions – Policies, Programs, Practices

- Data/research informed prevention activities
- "Return to Health" and "Safe to Report" Policies
- SHARP Prevention Council
- Peer driven Trust program
- Relational Character Course
  - Healthy Relationships
  - Primary Prevention/Intervention
  - Facilitating Difficult Conversations
West Point is the world’s preeminent leader development institution.

Our mission is to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character, committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army.
• Develop Leaders of Character

• Cultivate a Culture of Character Growth

• Build Diverse and Effective Winning Teams

• Modernize, Sustain and Secure

• Strengthen Partnerships
USMA SELF-STUDY 2020
UPDATE REPORT
AUGUST 2020

PREPARED FOR THE
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UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT
US News
- Best overall rank (11th) in 12 years
- Best 1st yr retention rate in 10 years
- Consistently ranked in the top 10 in multiple engineering programs

Princeton Review
- USMA 1 of 7 schools recognized by over 10 “Great Lists”
  - Navy (5)
  - Air Force (4)

Niche
- #5 in “Top Public Universities”
- Highest rated professors among service academies
- Highest possible rating for safety

Forbes
- Highest ranked service academy
- Forbes ranking focuses on graduate financial performance
Line of Effort 1: Develop Leaders of Character
Educate and inspire leaders of character by:

• Establishing a culture of commitment to cadet development focused on standards, innovation, and collaboration
• Modernizing and optimizing for the 21st century
• Leveraging the Academy’s intellectual capital for the benefit of the Army and Nation

Program includes:

• 13 Departments, 36 Majors, 15 Minors
• 27 Centers and Institutes
• Faculty Blend of Excellence
• World Class Academic Support Resources
• Enrichment Experiences
• Scholarship
$10 Million   2 Universities   4 WP Departments   13 WP Professors
Our Graduates
Instills the **foundational military competencies necessary to win in a complex world** while inspiring Cadets to professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army.

**Program includes:**

- Military Science courses (100/200/300)
- MX 400 Officership
- Summer military training
- Military developmental opportunities (i.e. CTLT and military schools)
- Leadership experiences within the Corps of Cadets
- Branch education/mentorship
- Modern War Institute
- Defense & Strategic Studies major
Cadet Summer Training

First Year
Cadet Basic Training
The Long Gray Line Starts Here

Second Year
Cadet Field Training
Inspire Passion for the Profession

Third Year
West Point Leader Detail
Character, Confidence and Commitment

Fourth Year
Cadet Leader Development Training
Endure the Crucible of Leadership

Team Building Approach & Methodology

Leveraging Technology for Leader Development

Partnerships with Cadet Command & Forces Command
Line of Effort 2: 
Cultivate a Culture of Character Growth
Character Integration Advisory Group (CIAG)

Integrate, Assess, Research, Advise
Character Development
Caught, Taught, Sought

CHARACTER = COHESION = READINESS

UPSTREAM PREVENTION

LEARN, REFLECT, DISCUSS, LISTEN => CHARACTER GROWTH

DO WHAT’S RIGHT IN ALL SITUATIONS => TRUST
Character Integration and Assessment

- Character Focused Peer Review
- Holistic Health Pulse
- Holistic Health and Fitness Events
- Character Growth Seminar Pilot
- USMAPS Character Program
- Squad Leader Time and Journaling

Integration and Assessment
Line of Effort 4:
Modernize, Sustain, and Secure
USMA 2035:
Master Plan as of 02 March 2022

1. Cadet Barracks Upgrades
2. Cyber & Engineering Academic Center
3. Academic Building Upgrade Program
4. Trophy Point Enhancements
5. Physical Development Infrastructure Upgrades
6. Cemetery Expansion
7. Michie Preservation Project
8. West Point Military Complex (WPMC)
9. Critical Infrastructure Upgrades

Improvements to:
- Accessibility
- Pathways
- Viewing & visitation areas
- Amphitheater and stage
1) **The investment is necessary** – *USMA 2035 is about the USMA mission and Army READINESS*

2) **Our plan**…
   - Is comprehensive, holistic, and fully integrated/synchronized
   - Has evolved and adapted
   - Is fully aligned with Army priorities and objectives

3) **The return on the investment is HIGH**…
   - West Point postured for sustainable success
   - West Point positioned to anticipate and to respond to the Army’s needs

Thanks to broad Army/Congressional recognition of the criticality of the USMA mission and support for our modernization plans to enable it, the Academy is doing well.
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Dear Board of Visitors,

First and foremost, thank you for your service to our nation. I am grateful that you are safe and well after the horrific events of last week.

My name is Amanda G. Rivera (USMA 2002) and I am also a combat veteran of the war in Iraq. I am writing to request that Congressman Warren Davidson (OH) be removed from our Board of Visitors.

As you know, Congressman Davidson, a USMA graduate, objected to the counting of the electoral votes under the guise of making the voices of his constituents heard. He did this knowing full well that they had been duped by the lies and conspiracy theories spread by the President as a means to enrich and empower himself. His constituents deserve the truth from their elected representatives. It is clear that Mr. Davidson has forgotten the West Point Honor Code and has violated his Congressional Oath of Office, as well as our cherished norm of choosing the harder right over the easier wrong. To make matters worse from a public relations standpoint, Mr. Davidson did so while wearing a Beat Navy/USMA logo neck gaiter after the siege of the Capitol building. We do not need alumni such as Mr. Davidson representing the academy seeing as he has clearly failed to embody our values of Duty, Honor, Country.

Thank you for your time and continued service to our nation.

Best regards,
Amanda Rivera
Hopkinton, MA
I urge the board to remove Congressman Davidson.

He has brought great discredit on West Point by his actions on January 6 and 7 in Washington D.C. He failed to do his lawful DUTY, and failed to protect the COUNTRY and government from a violent revolution. He voted to overturn the State certified votes of the Electoral College in violation of the Constitution, even AFTER the sedition and attempted Coup d’etat in our capital building. I am further ashamed that Davidson wore the USMA bandana, (which is not an adequate face mask) while making his seditious comments to the House. His statement regarding the election count were clearly not HONORABLE.

I would like a reply to my request.

John C. Weekley
Class of 1972
To the USMA Board of Visitors,

US Congressman Warren Davidson (R, Ohio), USMA ’95, undermined our democracy, and threatened our values as embodied in the Constitution, when he joined other members of the House in their effort to negate the results of our November US General Election.

The fact that he persisted in this folly even after the Capitol had been ransacked makes his behavior all the more egregious. To add insult to injury he delivered a nationally-televised incoherent rant on the House floor after the insurrection. Perhaps he was sleep-deprived, but he had difficulty speaking in complete sentences and their was no logic to his arguments.

And finally, instead of wearing an appropriate protective face mask, he tied a USMA handkerchief around his face which was too porous to provide protection and, of course, would not stay in place when he spoke. It was difficult to watch.

I do not know Mr Davidson personally, and I’m sure he has positive qualities, but his behavior on this occasion was reprehensible. He displayed gross lack of judgement, and conduct completely unbecoming a USMA graduate. In my experience, such behavior is likely repeated in other settings.

If he is still a member, recommend Mr Davidson be immediately removed from the USMA Board of Visitors. If possible, maybe he could receive some constructive feedback.

Respectfully,

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January 25, 2021

Lieutenant General Darryl A. Williams
60th Superintendent
United States Military Academy
West Point, NY 10996

Dear General Williams,

We received your December 30, 2020 email which addressed the current “honor” problem with 73 cadets. We remain concerned that these cadets, who should have been trained on the Cadet Honor Code by the end of New Cadet Barracks, would have apparently cheated on an exam well into their first year, whether on- or off-campus. We also are concerned that you allowed several cadets on the football team to play after they were suspected of cheating.

We, 114 members of the USMA Class of 1966 (113 listed below, and I), request that you uphold our Honor Code by dismissing any cadet who, after a deliberate examination of his/her actions, is determined to have willfully cheated on an academic test or lied, or otherwise attempted to deceive. This includes tests administered in residence and those taken while not at West Point.

In a world with increasingly elastic moral baselines, uncompromised honor should be at the core of what it means to be a West Pointer. We seem to have developed “roads around” our bedrock Code which draws thousands of good men and women to our Academy. Those men and women, and their parents, are certainly aware of our famous Honor Code. They want to be a part of it. Unfortunately, despite the rigorous screening, some do not have the inherent moral fiber to abide by the Code when under pressure. This does not bode well for the soldiers they would eventually lead, oftentimes under pressure.

There is no question that character development has a rightful place in all facets of cadet life. But has the West Point character development strategy become part of the problem rather than the solution for which it was intended? As noble as this strategy appears, it seems to be unnecessarily complicated when dealing with the Honor Code. Additionally, a rehabilitation strategy places those classmates who have abided by the Code in the position of having to turn a blind eye to: “...nor tolerate those who do.”

We are deeply concerned about apparent dilution of USMA’s Cadet Honor Code and its associated honor system. We recognize that there are social, legal, and regulatory influences on
how the honor system is administered. That notwithstanding, we trust USMA leadership to neither apologize for, tolerate, nor excuse dishonorable conduct.

We are troubled that the few who lie, cheat, or steal tarnish the reputation of the Corps and the Academy. It is time to take a stand and return honor to the Honor Code. The "litmus test" would be to ensure understanding that the code is absolute, not 50 shades of gray, as would be the consequence of failure.

Cadets don't own the Honor system anymore. As such, it becomes cadets and the rules and the lawyers. The rules establish multiple levels of gray with multiple consequences. A "little lie" could get you 6-month mentoring etc. and that's okay according to this new program. The thing is it's not okay. A lie is still an honor violation with a loss of trust that cannot be re-established in the short time at West Point.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

113 USMA 1966 classmates who concur:

Robert Albright
Thomas Almojuela
Brian Ashbaugh
Reginald Audibert
James Backlin
William Barry
William Basham
William Bergman
David Berkman
Steven Brown
Charles Blumenfeld, Jr.
Steven Brown
Gilbert Brunnhoeffer, III
John Buczacki
John Carrow
Robert Catlin, Jr.
John Christie
Bryan Cole
George Crocker
James Dickens
Larry Delp
William Dock
Thomas Dusel
Jerome Edwards
Thomas Ewart
Paul Fantelli
Michael Fellenz
John A. Ford, Jr.
Ray B. Fordyce, Jr.
Kenneth Foret
Thomas Garrett
Joel Gartenberg
Emmitt Gibson
James Gibson
Paul Gillenwater
Allan Gimian
Arthur Grant, Jr.
George Groves
Willard Guerrero
James Hackett
Gordon Hall
John Hanaberry
William Haneke
Richard Harper
Shird Bradford Hartley
Michael C. Higgins
Charles (Pete) Hines
Kelso Horst
William Hughes
Edgar Johnson, Jr.
William Kakel
Chester Keith
Robert Kesmodel
William Kirtley, Jr.
Frank Kubes, 4th
James Lee
Peyton Ligon, III
Alfred Lindseth
Ted Lingle
Robert Lowry
Anthony Mazzarella
Franklin McGoogan
Michael McKay
Ronald Meier
Robert Mentell
Frederick Meurer
Michael Mewhinney
Herbert Miller
Charles Moore
Arthur Mulligan
Richard Murray, Jr.
Phillip Nelson
Likewise, a guest member of USMA 1962 concurs:
Eldon Spradling

cc:

General John C. McConville
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Rep Steve Womack, R-Arkansas (COL, ANG, Ret)
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Dear Sir or Madam:

As a former assistant professor [Social Sciences], I am very disappointed with the recent disclosures of cheating by 70 cadets on a calculus exam. Having represented, counseled and defended a number of cadets involved in the 1975 cheating scandal [I was an engineer officer with a law degree and recruited by JAG to assist], I found decent young men who deeply regretted their slip beneath the covenants of the honor code, and accepted the consequences.

That does not appear to be the current mens rea of those under investigation, as well as the Academy’s leadership. Most appalling are the following:

(i) a superintendent who subsumed the disclosures to the needs of the Army-Navy football game, itself a form of cheating;
(ii) cadets who appear to continue in leadership and other roles that bring public attention to the scandal;
(iii) the limited availability to the media and public, including parents, of information pertaining to the scandal;
(iv) the availability of a “second chance” that repugnantly dismisses the link between the meaning of the honor code and duties and expectations of Army officers in the field, and the lives of their subordinates;
(V) the inevitability of the current first class, upon graduation, to fully disclose names and other circumstances; adding to USMA’s humiliation.

I am suggesting you do what is right, what is honorable and what the public demands and expects of our nation’s Army leadership.

Sincerely,

Robert Lockwood (COL USA, Ret.)
Ideology as a Domestic Enemy

The Enemy
- Members of our armed forces swear an oath to “support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.”
  -- While foreign enemies tend to be more obvious, what constitutes a domestic enemy?
  -- A domestic enemy puts at risk our Constitution; a codification of our system of self-governance that protects inalienable and civil rights.

- Critical race theory* (CRT) is a spinoff of the Frankfurt School’s Marxist critical theory.
- CRT is contrary to the US Constitution and our “E Pluribus Unum” way of life by promoting class warfare and sending a much different message than our Constitution that begins “We the people…” and Declaration of Independence that begins “it becomes necessary for one people.”
  -- CRT threatens inalienable rights; it justifies policy and laws that are coercive in nature.
  -- Civil rights for all are violated because CRT advocates discrimination by socially constructing classes of people in terms of “the oppressed” and “the oppressors.”
  -- The effect is to divide Americans instead of uniting them. This is a major threat to the unity required in our armed forces to ensure warfighting success.

- Sun Tzu’s concept of the sheathed sword: “supreme excellence consists in breaking the enemy's resistance without fighting.”
- The best way to do this is through ideological warfare.

Ideological Incubators
- America’s institutions for preparing leaders of our armed forces are fertile grounds.
- Examples of successful infiltration so far:
  -- West Point graduates advanced a “woke culture” manifesto against racism; some reactions.
  -- Annapolis leaders are discharging a senior months before graduation for tweeting negative words against the Black Lives Matter movement and Antifa.
  -- The Air Force Academy football team conversely posted a video supporting Black Lives Matter; the USAF Inspector General says “no problem” despite many who see the video as racist, toxic, full of falsehoods and that guilts non blacks for sins of the past when they were not alive (i.e., racial profiling, mass incarcerations, Jim Crow Laws, etc.).

- Implications: America develops leaders through institutions that are designed to protect America against enemies, foreign and domestic.
  -- A domestic enemy in the form of anti-US ideology has infiltrated these same institutions.

Reality
- From their website: “#BlackLivesMatter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin’s murderer.”
  -- Trayvon Martin was not murdered; he was killed in self-defense.

*light blue underlined text is a link to additional documentation or information.
Contact: Colonel Ronald J. Scott, Jr., USAF, Retired, Ph.D./719-482-5997 (voice/text)
-- Yet, the myth justified resources: Tax-exempt donations through Act Blue, which advertises, “we’ve built a powerful online fundraising platform for Democratic candidates up and down the ballot, . . .” Emotion masked the ideological attack.

-- BLM “Saul Alinsky tactics” prey on the sympathies of Americans using a slogan they coined (with which no one can disagree) and uses money raised to fund discord, divide Americans.

- Perception shift: According to a survey published in the Wall Street Journal, “Optimism over race relations in the U.S. has slid since its historic high in January 2009 [the month President Obama was inaugurated for his first term], when 77% of Americans polled—79% of whites and 64% of blacks—described such [race] relations as good. In the new poll [July 2013], 52% of those polled felt that way, including 52% of whites and 38% of blacks.

Momentum builds

- The Ferguson, MO Michael Brown shooting in 2014 gave BLM significant traction, even though the police officer was not charged because the fatality stemmed from self-defense and Michael Brown’s criminal actions.

- In 2018, the Communist Party USA (in continuous existence since 1919) took credit for the outcome of 2018 midterm elections via their 50/3000 (states/counties) model: their guide.

- The 2020 George Floyd incident prompted former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force to publicly proclaim, “I am a Black man who happens to be the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force.” Contrary sentiment to MLK’s heroic campaign: a focus on character, not race.

National security impact

- From Department-level to lower-levels, CRT has become institutionalized. Divisiveness cuts into the heart of our war-fighting capability. Von Clausewitz argued: “War is a trial of moral and physical forces by means of the latter. . . In the last analysis it is at moral, not physical strength that all military action is directed…Moral factors, then, are the ultimate determinants.”

- The current National Defense Authorization Act FY 2021 further institutionalizes this divisive, dangerous ideology. See Title III, Subtitle E, Section 370; Title V, subtitle F, Sections 551-554; and Title V, Subtitle H, Section 571. See analysis here.

- The consequence of not addressing this ideology makes us vulnerable to a repeat of history as compellingly argued by F. A. Hayek in his seminal book, The Road to Serfdom:

   “Although the beliefs must be chosen for the people and imposed upon them, they must become their beliefs, a generally accepted creed which makes the individuals… act spontaneously in the way the planner wants” (“The End of Truth,” p. 171).

- Hannah Arendt in The Origins of Totalitarianism also explained the significant role ideology played in the drift towards totalitarianism. Diversity officers equal unit political officers.

A call to action

- The ideology is clear and has already infiltrated institutions designed to defeat it.

- Must be expunged from/prevented in our government, especially the Department of Defense.
Talking Paper on Weaponizing Ideology

**Issue:** The 7 July 2020 AFA Football Coach **Video:** Is it racist to disagree with the video’s message? The video may be racist because it weaponizes race—a Communist/Fascist tactic.

**Inferred Justification:** A claim of systemic racism and its implied injustice.

– Quotes from the 7 July 2020 video:
  – “Black lives have not been and are not treated as equal in our society.”
  – The coaches specifically listed: “racial profiling, Jim Crow laws, mass incarceration, redlining, and police brutality.”
  – Such an “untruthful” license during a time of 259 honor violations did not go unnoticed.

– **Racial profiling:** As beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so is the notion of profiling. Here are two excellent articles. The first provides a history. The second provides evidence to debunk profiling.
  – [The Myth of Racial Profiling | City Journal Unconscious Racism](https://city-journal.org)
  – [Jim Crow laws](https://americanbar.org) were stopped in the 60s. See [Jim Crow Laws: Definition, Facts & Timeline](https://www.history.com)

– **Mass incarceration.** This is complicated subject. The issue is not racism—it is about legislation and policy mostly related to The Great Society political movement. See, for example:
  – [Tough on Crime Policies Lead to Mass Incarceration | Faculty Forum](https://lewisu.edu)
  – [Update: Changes in State Imprisonment Rates](https://www.brennancenter.org) | Brennan Center for Justice: “The Brennan Center for Justice estimates that “there are 2.3 million people in the nation’s prisons and jails — a 500 percent increase over the last forty years.” This reflects Great Society initiatives that led to black inner-city families where 80% are fatherless. See for example [The Fury of the Fatherless](https://www.firstthings.com) by Mary Eberstadt | Articles | First Things
  – Excellent history on legislation that contributed to mass incarceration: [Roots Of Mass Incarceration: The Policies That Led To 2.2 Million People Behind Bars](https://wuwmm.org)

– **Redlining:** Another important, yet complicated issue. Redlining, which affected housing loans also affected education. Its effect lingers today.
  – See [What is redlining and is it still happening across the U.S. - CBS News](https://news.cbs.com)
  – Excellent analysis of the impact of redlining on schools: [Housing Redlining and Its Lingering Effects on Education Opportunity | The Heritage Foundation](https://heritage.org)
  – “There are no more politically powerful interest groups in education than the two national teachers’ unions. The National Education Association (NEA) boasts three million
members, and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) reports 1.7 million members. The NEA collected $375 million in dues revenues in 2019, and the AFT and its affiliates brought in an estimated $587 million in revenue in 2018. The two unions spend tens of millions annually on political campaigns and initiatives. . . . Support of policies that maintain the status quo—including opposition to school choice measures, increased spending on traditional district schools, increases in public school personnel, and support for arrangements such as residential assignment—have made policy changes difficult.”

– **Police brutality**: Another notion that is not supported by evidence. See [The Myth of Systemic Police Racism - WSJ](https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-myth-of-systemic-police-racism-11593635251) and [Are the Police Racist? | PragerU](https://www.prageru.com/video/are-the-police-racist/)

**Implications**

– The former Superintendent claimed systemic racism in an 8 July 2020 letter to the “Academy Family”:

“[s]ystemic racism exists in our society, and our USAFA community is not immune;”

“[i]dentify groups, whether based on race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or disability have experienced less-than-equal treatment in our nation;” and “there is no place . . . for discrimination or racial bias of any kind at USAFA . . . .”

– **FOIA Request 2020-03823-F**, filed on 4 August 2020, acknowledged on 17 August 2020, and answered on 8 January 2021, did not answer the questions: (1) Over the past 15 years, how many racial discrimination complaints were filed per year? (2) of the complaints filed, how many were validated as violating zero tolerance policies? (3) Of those validated what was the nature of discipline/accountability imposed?

  – The response provided aggregated data.

  – During the period between 10/1/2007-11/22/2020, 55 individuals filed complaints: on average, less than four per year.

  – The nature of complaints included more than racial. The category of complaints included racial, color, religion, reprisal, sex, pregnancy, national origin, equal pay, age, and disability. All of these were part of the 55 total complaints.

– **FOIA Request 2021-00100-F**, filed on 12 October 2020 and acknowledged on 30 October, is still pending. On 23 February 2021, advised the request had moved up to number 44 in the processing que. After four months? Why all the FOIA requests?

**Conclusion**: The proposition of systemic racism lacks evidence. “Propaganda must not investigate the truth objectively and, in so far as it is favorable to the other side, present it according to the theoretical rules of justice; yet it must present only that aspect of the truth which is favorable to its own side” (Adolph Hitler, *Mein Kampf*).
Generals Williams and Buzzard,

Good day, sirs. I write this letter regarding a recent sexual assault/sexual harassment case that was decided on Friday, 9-April-21. This case involved several individuals accusing Cadet Trevaun Turner of separate sexual assault and sexual harassment incidents. My daughter, Galina Gordon, was one of these cadets. I want to tell you a bit about my daughter because I feel she, as a person, who has the highest respect for the honor code, was dismissed outright when she stayed true to that very code.

Born an orphan and raised her first 2 years in a Russian orphanage, my husband and I heard the first cries of our new daughter in a much different environment than most people hear their child’s first cry. We adopted Galina and a year later, her now sister Anastasia, from the same Baby Home in St. Petersburg. Galina has always been a go getter, striving to excel, loves to compete, and shows her affinity for science and math. She was fortunate to have been present with us at a funeral held for my husband John’s friend, a West Pointer class of ’68, who died and his funeral was held at the Catholic chapel on post. John, a decorated Vietnam Veteran and captain in the 101st Airborne, gave the eulogy for the friend he met in the A Shau Valley in Vietnam and retained their friendship for life. Seeing the pageantry, watching the final salute to her dad’s friend at the burial and gun salute, Galina was mystified by the campus, the honor bestowed on her father’s friend at the end, and the celebration of his duty and his dedication to our country. It was that day that West Point was put on her college list. Through the years, we were fortunate to meet or become connected to four members of the class of ’67, who were instrumental in guiding her journey to West Point, two of which are distinguished graduates, one a retired four star general, and another who spearheaded the guidance provided to Galina in her pursuit for West Point. She was accepted into the class of 2023 and it was the start of something great.

Galina conveyed to us the importance of her first stand down day as a plebe, focusing on sexual assault and sexual harassment. She told me how powerful it was listening to the stories of those who have experienced it. Fast forward to spring break 2020, where she attended the West Point Climbing Team’s trip to Puerto Rico, to climb in areas that weren’t available at the Adirondacks’ “Gunks” or any area climbing venue. Upon her return home, she was different, distance, angrier towards us, which was a much different personality than before. We attributed it to having remote classes as she is a hands on person. Two weeks before her return in July 2020, she told me about the sexual assault and sexual harassment that occurred with Cadet Turner while in Puerto Rico. She also informed me that several plebe girls were being stalked and sexually harassed by him, with Cadet Turner telling these young ladies to erase his text messages, and the like. Being a 1985 graduate of the US Merchant Marine Academy, I cautioned her about reporting this case. My experience from my years at Kings Point, which were the early days of women at the Academy which included completely inappropriate responses by investigators to various behaviors by male cadets and holding the women cadets more accountable over the males. I told her cases like these don’t resolve well for women but agreed that perhaps, in 35 years since my days at USMMA that things
surely had to have changed. I expressed on the ride back to West Point in July that the repercussions experienced as a result of reporting this will go beyond an accusation and a hearing. His friends, your teammates, others will turn against you quickly and shockingly. Then Major Ferreira, the advisor for the climbing team, strongly encouraged her to report it, stating “it’s for all the future girls he will do this to.” So, against my advice because of what I predicted would occur and did last Friday, Galina filed a formal complaint.

During this time, I have followed the leadership of the Academy, yourselves included, and have repeatedly heard both of you say to a crowd of parents, to legislators in Washington DC, and to cadets that “in everything we do, we are teaching cadets to be leaders of character.” How is Cadet Turner going to exercise his responsibility to being a Leader of Character? By giving him a deferred graduation and some course to rehabilitate of 6 months? Who will measure that this person is fit to be an officer of the Army come December and that he won’t continue to prey on women? Who will ensure my daughter’s safety while he remains another six months on campus? This cadet is a predator and has violated the solemn oath that West Point strove to impart its importance to each and every cadet. Cadet Turner has multiple cadets stating his various degrees of molestation and harassment in multiple incidents and yet the panel ruled that the sexual assaults/harassment occurred behind closed doors with no evidence or witnesses so he receives no penalty. With the multiple individuals attesting that Cadet Turner violated the law and West Point’s code of conduct, and because they were following their sworn oath of honor to be truthful, this cannot be disregarded so quickly by West Point’s administration. With this ruling, at the next stand down day for sexual assault and sexual harassment, how does Galina tell her story? Does she stand up and say “if you don’t have a witness or evidence then you will NOT get a conviction on your sexual assailant?” Is this the accurate message West Point or the Army wants her to convey? This assault DID HAPPEN. This weekend’s Instagram post by General Buzzard spoke about trust in the Corps. Galina trusted Cadet Turner and he broke that trust. She trusted that her friends on the climbing team would remain friends in spite of her reporting this, and they did not. To quote one, “I don’t want to get involved.” She lost every friend on the climbing team and had to eventually leave the team. She trusted Major Ferreira, who strongly encouraged her to file a formal complaint, to be there for her since she was such an advocate on filing this complaint. She too abandoned Galina when she needed her most. While General Buzzard talks about trust, in this instance, trust was lost with this reporting of sexual assault/sexual harassment.

It is my understanding that the process for Cadet Turner’s case is for you both to eventually review and render a final decision. If we do not hold Cadet Turner accountable, then countless victims will not come forward. Galina is not the only one in this case. Several of them can tell a story about Cadet Turner. I ask you to reflect on whether you believe he is a Leader of Character. If you do, then do you agree that the young ladies that reported their sexual assaults violated the honor code? Allowing him to graduate and commission as a United States Army Officer, are you 100% confident that he will not continue to prey upon women junior to him and his assaults and harassments will stop?

As a former officer of the US Naval Reserve, active member of the USMMA’s alumni organization, active parent in the West Point Parents Club of NJ, donor to the West Point Association of Graduates fund, and countless cheering at football games in 2019, my once rah-rah for West Point and my
excitement to tell anyone and everyone that West Point is a tremendous place has faded to where I am likely to tell them to not send their daughters. What I want to tell parents is that being a Leader of Character is very real. But I don’t think I can at this juncture. Our motto at the US Merchant Marine Academy is Acta Non Verba. Deeds not Words. Trevaun Turner’s actions against my daughter was a sexual assault and sexual harassment. Will you demonstrate deeds to ensure your Leaders of Character program and the Army’s support of stopping sexual assault and sexual harassment are not just words?

I will end with a quote from General James McConville, who said “Sexual assault and sexual harassment violate everything we stand for as Soldiers. It is our responsibility as one Army to take care of another and not tolerate these violations.” I look forward to hearing from you in the coming days to better understand how my daughter will respond on future stand down days for sexual assault and sexual harassment conducted by the Army.

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"Commie cadet" Rapone and the need to re-evaluate social sciences textbooks and other course materials

USMA Board of Visitors, please consider this, objectively:

I'm sure you are all aware of the case of graduated (2016) "communism will win" cadet and later mustered-out Army officer Spenser Rapone. Although Spenser was reportedly shaken by his experiences as an enlisted man in Afghanistan, he was politically radicalized "academically" at West Point. A civilian Muslim Department of History professor was blamed, but Muslims are anti-communist. (Please note my question about former Col. and DoH faculty member Gregory Daddis - USMA 1989 - in attachment section 8. Viet Nam.) Spenser Rapone may well be the canary in the coal mine.

Fair, truthful, accurate history is the most important memorial for passed Americans - especially our war dead - and for future Americans who need to learn (in The School for Soldiers) from its hard-earned lessons to avoid repeating past mistakes and suffering. And on a battlefield, objective/unbiased and accurate thinking can be the difference between life and death.

Note this quote: "In textbooks, being "factual" does not necessarily mean being unbiased or value-free. As any good lawyer knows, it is possible to present extremely biased arguments that can be alleged to be "factual," because they are compatible with a given set of facts. By the careful choice of what [which] facts to include or exclude, it is possible to construct arguments that can be wholly one-sided, yet can be asserted to "fit the facts." Textbooks are influenced by the political, ideological, or moral beliefs of their authors (or by the beliefs that authors presume to be held by the "typical" teacher for whom they write). ....." http://www.socialstudies.org/sites/default/files/publications/se/6003/600310.html

This last spring, I was startled to learn that the plebe American History textbook is by leftist if not Marxist Eric Foner. Thanks to new History Department head Col. Gail Yoshitani - who has my gratitude - I finally learned what edition of Foner's text is being used and was then finally able to obtain a copy via eBay. (I got no response from the previous DoH head, and my request for a copy of the textbook was rejected by West Point's Freedom of Information Act office.)

(When was Foner's textbook first used in the Academy? Who were the textbook selection committee members?)

In this recording, Foner (who is a Columbia University professor) talks about his role - he claims only to be "a foot soldier, definitely" - when he was a graduate student in the anti-racism/anti-Vietnam student rebellion at and occupation of Columbia in 1968. Although he is ducking and weaving throughout the interview, it emerges that he was involved with the Students for Democratic Society (SDS). Note also his radical antics in/*with* the academic system then and his talk about the power of the critique of and control over conventional history textbooks. https://richardhofstadter100.omeka.net/items/show/144

And his textbook - which is acclaimed in American academia - has *become* the "conventional history" itself.

Please consider the 9 examples of Foner's bias/distortions I have attached to verify why this textbook is actually destructive of Cadets' and graduates' balanced, objective, and accurate understanding of these key moments in American history. Following them is what little I've learned about the other textbooks available. Following that is the basic issue of what and how much Cadets should learn and whether and/or at what point that can undermine their service as Cadets and then as officers if it isn't truthful
and balanced. And following that is my thoroughly researched 13Jul97 article in my hometown newspaper titled "Vietnam Wasn't A Class War." [1]

It should be noted here that American academia has been populated and then groomed by many leftist-if-not-Marxist ideologues like Foner - many of whom got their start as student radicals during Vietnam like Foner - who have gotten and kept themselves in power with selective publication, hiring, firing/tenure, (crucially) history departments' academic accreditation, etc. American history textbooks seem similarly biased, so finding an unbiased and balanced, factual (rather than indoctrinating) textbook may be difficult if not impossible.

Most active duty Army officer historians and history instructors try to be objective and seem rather naive about agendas some colleagues may have. Allowing politicized and politicizing civilians (or politically radical military officers) into service academy social science faculties serves to create politicized/radicalized Cadets - disastrously so in Spenser's case. When most all West Point's faculty were military and the sole (B.Science) degree was Mechanical Science, this wasn't a problem. However, of all schools West Point certainly should have History as an accredited major (since so many of its graduates have indeed made it). But it must not allow truthful history to be betrayed to appease a leftist-if-not-Marxist academic social sciences establishment.

I myself indirectly tangled with Foner about the dishonestly omissive, originally intended Smithsonian Enola Gay exhibit. Written testimonies from both of us are in the May 1995 Senate Hearing 104-40 about the exhibit, very vigorously chaired by Alaska's Senator Ted Stevens, a USAAF officer in China-Burma-India during the war. The academic community's support for the original - in effect Hiroshima revisionist/distortionist - Smithsonian exhibit confirmed American academia's chronic leftist bias. Its case was presented by renowned Nazi Holocaust scholar Dr. Ed Linenthal from Minnesota who did not after all - as the revisionists apparently hoped - attempt to equate the war-ending atom bombings with the Nazi Holocaust. (I myself had briefly said something to Ed in a stairwell at AHA 95, and I later alerted Ted to the possible threat of this appearing at the May95 hearing.)

https://archive.org/stream/smithsonianinsti00unit/smithsonianinsti00unit_djvu.txt

Ed then wrote his book History Wars about such historiographical battles, and history at West Point seems to have suffered a coup de main fait accompli. Joe McCarthy and friends must be clawing their coffins. Judging by Spenser Rapone, the Army has indeed been infiltrated to its core: the Corps.

And with the Academy making Foner an "authority" in Cadets' minds, what is their reaction to this 16Aug17 Nation article "Eric Foner: White Nationalists, Neo-Confederates, and Donald Trump. The historian and author explains how racism is part of the Trump family DNA."? As Foner should well know, the Nazis genocidally claimed "Jewish Bolshevism" - in Foner's similar terminology/mentality that would be "Communist DNA" - in their runup to the Holocaust.

And so I ask the Board of Visitors to consider and pass a resolution asking (or requiring, if you have that power) the Academy to do the following:

I. Scrutinize more closely current and prospective (military or civilian) social sciences faculty members' political, religious, and/or ethnic - including all races and religions - advocacy involvements and public views.

II. Review of all social sciences textbooks and other course materials to expose and remove bias, beginning with those for the younger (and most impressionable) classes. If none of what is available are satisfactory, Department of History write its own basic, undergraduate level American History survey textbook. (West Point has its own leadership textbook, and our history has in many cases itself been the product of West Pointers.)
III. Choose social sciences textbook and course materials selection/purchase committee members for their political objectivity as much as other criteria.

IV. Reject outside political, religious, and/or ethnic interest/education/advocacy groups' offers of free curriculum materials and seminars, unless they are instead objective and directly needed.

V. Request graduated and current USMA classes' Historian officers to help examine historical content, especially for their respective eras.

VI a. Provide to Cadets and faculty (for them to consider) department-approved corrections and alternative viewpoints on specific issues, which may be necessary to balance social sciences textbooks and course materials which have been used.

And do this as soon as possible - maybe using some of the examples I've given below - while the Foner textbook is still in use.

VI b. And undo educational/indoctrination damage which may have already been done by advising serving and retired graduates of the availability of the re-balancing information and views.

Thank you, Board of Visitors, for considering my concerns, if you do.

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Who I am: I grew up Presbyterian and - my father a small businessman - Republican. In Juneau Alaska Sep73-Jan89, I strongly defended national defense and nuclear deterrence in the Juneau Empire newspaper and in public forums, and I supported President Reagan's 2-track foreign policy toward the Soviets. The 1940 Soviet Katyn Massacre of Polish officers, cadets, and intelligentsia generally - 4,000 at Katyn and 21,000 at other killing sites - was my glasnost issue, and I believe I was the one who convinced key State Dept. kremlinologist Martha Mautner it could be the Silver Bullet glasnost issue to bring down the Soviet regime. (Stalin never allowed mere economics to stand in his way.)

On the other hand, I see the environment and our (children's and grandchildren's) survival as our No. 1 issue for which we have run out of time. I fully support national health care - Norway's has saved my life twice for no charge, while I would be homeless on the streets and/or dead back in the States - and I support much strengthened gun control. I strongly believe in public - which is inherently institutionally socialist - education. Being a librarian trained/educated for public library service, I am professionally a "communist." (A community uses tax money to buy materials to which everyone then shares equal access, according to need.)

Attachments:

1. I'll start with the factual military history errors of this exaggerating statement by Foner on p. 491: "The most famous Indian victory took place in June 1876 at The Battle of Little Bighorn, when General George A. Custer and his entire command of 250 men perished."

Custer was commanding the battle as a lieutenant - junior - colonel, not as a general (of volunteers) as he had been in the Civil War. And his entire command was the 7th Cavalry Regiment which included Reno's and Benteen's detachments which were not with him up on the ridge and which did survive.

Now, military history mistakes this obvious in the book's first edition would have been immediately seen
and reported, but leftist "social issues" historians like Foner typically regard military history and its historians with contempt (as I saw at AHA Chicago 1995 - see 6. below), so it is possible such reports were just ignored.

As well, Foner does not note as he should have how Custer's Last Stand occurred right before American's Centennial, which might have made Americans at that moment consider deeply our relations with and treatment of our first Americans.

2. American Indians and wars/relations generally:

On p. 49 regarding the Jamestown Massacre, Foner acclaimingly writes "In 1622 ... led a brilliantly planned surprise attack that that in a single day wiped out one-quarter [347] of Virginia's settler population of 1,200." He then refers to it as the "Uprising of 1622."

Some background: The English Jamestown colony had tried to maintain good relations with the Powhatan Indians and assimilate - integrate - them into an English way of life (which was more agriculturally/economically and militarily efficient. By contrast, many Indians were made forced/slave laborers in Spanish colonies.) I have read that 20 English soldiers even joined the Powhatans for an expedition/war against a distant tribe ... but never returned.

The "brilliance" of the Powhatans' attack was obscene treachery. They came (even bearing gifts, the previous day) as unarmed friends, entered the English families' homes as guests at breakfast time, and then used the families' own weapons and tools to murder them: men, women - fathers and mothers - and then children (who would have watched their parents murdered before them) which (and whom) Foner leaves unmentioned. The massacre is the subject of the 16Feb17 Journal of the History of International Law article by J. Bennet, "The Forgotten Genocide in Colonial America: Reexamining the 1622 Jamestown Massacre within the Framework of the UN Genocide Convention." Wiki also notes the tragedy is popularly referred to as the Jamestown Massacre, not the "uprising" euphemism. https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/1995/06/14/revisit-the-fatal-clash-of-english-and-powhatan-societies-in-1622/51df01a5-2f42-496c-afa0-d5180afa7df6/

So does Foner think the Nazis' monstrous, even more obscenely efficient Holocaust extermination of men, women, and children was "brilliant" too? ... or the Soviets' megacides like the Holodomor in Ukraine?

By contrast, on p. 137, Foner correctly described the murder of "a half dozen men, women, and children" of the Indian village of Conestoga, who similarly thought they were at peace under the protection of previously/historically Indian-friendly Pennsylvania. And on p. 423, Foner rightly describes/specifies the "more than 150 men, women, and children" Indian victims - who thought they were at peace like the Jamestown victims did - of the Sand Creek Massacre by Chivington and his militia in 1864. (And intentional and/or wanton killing of innocents should be described as massacre, for accuracy.)

What is the reason for Foner's discriminatory word choice?

Regarding the American Revolution on p. 181, Foner correctly describes our Gen. Sullivan's 1779 campaign destroying the pro-British Iroquois' food stores, leaving them to starve or flee to Canada, but he discreetly omits the Cherry Valley (New York, 1778) Massacre (which included the murder of the most beautiful girl in Mohawk River Valley, the minister's daughter Jane Wells) which triggered it.

Nor is there any mention of the needless, vicious massacres of Forts Dearborn (the wind-swept later
site of Chicago) and Mims (in the South) during the War of 1812, which further hardened whites' anger and distrust toward Indians. (During the August 1812 Dearborn evacuation massacre, a warrior jumped into the children's wagon and brained/murdered most of them with his war club. In fact, the very first West Point graduate Killed In Action - George Ronan USMA 1811 - died along with his militia men and the fort physician, trying to defend the wagons.)

In the South, Andrew Jackson had gone through or seen things like this firsthand himself during the Revolution and that war, and it was his administration - he was also under secessionist political pressure from Southerners - which pushed through the 1830 Indian Removal Act which ultimately climaxed in the Trail of Tears death march - 4,000 dead - of, as Foner (rightly) specifies, "18,000 Cherokee men, women, and children."

3. Slavery and the Civil War:

Slavery and other "social issues" seems to consume a disproportionate amount of space in this "brief" edition of Foner's book. (There should have been much more coverage of the War of 1812's nearly fatal military and naval campaigns.) He has a very good knowledge of the social and political runup to the Civil War - his academic forte - and his emphasis on slavery as being the fundamental issue which brought about our most grievous war - not competing sectional economics or states rights, for example - I fully agree with.

Although the military history of the Civil War seems accurate generally, there should have been much more, as central as it is to American history and American military history.

I liked the book's (too-brief) coverage of U.S. Grant as commander and am very happy to see that he now has a long overdue statue at West Point.

There is a fascinating quote of his old friend Confederate general Simon Bolivar Buckner - especially the last paragraph - at https://www.granthomepage.com/intbuckner.htm and there is this:

""There is one West Pointer, I think in Missouri, little known, and whom I hope the northern people will not find out. I mean Sam Grant. I knew him well at the Academy and in Mexico. I should fear him more than any of their officers I have yet heard of. He is not a man of genius, but he is clear-headed, quick and daring."
" So said Confederate General Ewell in a conversation with other Confederate generals, former West Pointers themselves." https://libguides.css.edu/usgrant/home/quotes (Actually, many geniuses are self-effacing like Grant was, to conceal themselves, and his uncanny grasp and control of situations and people around him betray him as such.)

I am not finding anywhere - yet, anyway - in the book about the total number of our Civil War dead, which was upgraded/worsened to 750,000 (Gugliotta 2Apr12 NY Times) - 215,000 being deaths in combat - which may still be more than all our other wars combined. (Coatneys were from northwest Indiana then, and my gg grandfather died in 1862, and his eldest son died on 24Nov63 - the day Lookout Mountain was stormed/taken - but we were hardly literate enough to inscribe the family Bible then, so I don't know how or where they died ... although I doubt GG Grandma Eliza could have raised the other 6 children as she did without veterans'/survivors' pensions.)

4. World War 2 in the Pacific:

Foner notes the Imperial Japanese 1931 invasion of Manchuria and correctly describes 300,000
Chinese prisoners of war and civilians being "massacred" at Nanjing in 1937 - Japanese newspapers ran gleeful articles about their soldiers' (more aptly, warriors') beheading competitions - but he does not use the contemporary and historical Rape of Nanking name for this, which he should, to reflect its reality and world opinion at the time. (Even the Nazi German consul on the scene gave sanctuary to Chinese women and girls trying to escape.) Neither is there the essential Sep37 "Bloody Saturday" photo - posed or not is irrelevant, considering its galvanizing effect on world and especially American public opinion - of the crying and hurt-appearing Chinese baby sitting in the bombed-out Shanghai railway yard.

Foner does not mention the intentional sinking of USS Panay on 12Dec37 - the day before the Rape of Nanking, where it was anchored - by Imperial Japanese pilots which enraged Congress and the American people and personally connected us to the Nanking victims. (The Panay was as clearly marked/identified as a U.S. ship from all angles as USS Liberty was on 8Jun67.)

But infinitely worse - a flat, vicious, leftist-if-not-Marxist lie - are these statements by Foner on p. 698 "Both sides saw the Pacific war as a race war." and "Government propaganda and war films portrayed the Japanese foe as rats, dogs, gorillas, and snakes - bestial and subhuman." and again on p. 707 about using the atom bombs, "Four years of war propaganda had dehumanized the Japanese in American eyes, ...."

Actually, the policies and behavior of the Imperial Japanese military-political leaders and soldiers and sailors fully qualifies them as bestial and subhuman - everywhere they attacked and/or occupied - Nanking was not exceptional. I find nothing in the book about Koreans being used as slave workers or about the Imperial Japanese using Korean and captured European girls as "comfort women" - continually raped sex slaves.

The graphic example of racism Foner gives is a poster from some U.S. Army source, and it might be remembered that after having seen what happened in Nanking, many in our Army were distraught about the thousands of Army prisoners (and their families) in Japanese captivity in the Philippines and elsewhere, and when the truth came out about the prison camps and hell ships, their anguish was proven justified.

In the shock, fear/hysteria, and hatred unleashed by the treacherous Imperial attack on Pearl Harbor - without a declaration of war and in the midst of negotiations - this was certainly true in many public entertainment and media sectors. And we can see this still going on in the portrayal of Persians/Iranians being bestial/subhuman in the calculated 2006 Battle of Thermopylae film "300."

However, it was the absolute policy of the Roosevelt government - its Office of War Information information and propaganda unit - that the Pacific war NOT be allowed to become the racial war which Imperial Japanese propaganda was promoting ... which Foner is parroting! In OWI's 1942 handbook for American media, Government Information Manual for the Motion Picture Industry (GIMMPI) , at https://libraries.indiana.edu/collection-digital-archive-gimmpi, there is this America-defining entry in section II. The Enemy. Whom We Fight. The Nature of our Adversary.

"B. The power, cruelty, and complete cynicism of the enemy should be pictured, but it is dangerous to portray all Germans, all Italians, and all Japanese as bestial barbarians. The American people know that this is not true. They will resent efforts to mislead them."

[Bestial. Had Foner seen this and gone ahead and made his viciously wrongful accusation anyway?]

"It is the policy of this government to distinguish between tyrannical systems which have attacked the peace of the world and the people whom those tyrannies have massed against us. That policy is
binding upon this agency (OFF) as upon all agencies of government. I hate Nazism and Fascism and all their works. But the campaigns of personal hatreds, of hatred for whole nations of human beings, are disgusting to me. There is a clear difference between the hatred of persons and the hatred of evil.

- Archibald MacLeish, Director, Office of Facts and Figures. (New York Times, June 7, 1942)" ... and the Assistant Director of OWI.

With the confirmations of the Imperial Japanese atrocities coming out of the newly liberated Philippines, there was some public anger that the newly released film Thirty Seconds over Tokyo wasn't more vindictive - that it seemed like opinion-softening U.S. government propaganda! https://lists.h-net.org/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=h-film&month=9508&week=a&msg=0ZRwVFM1/JnpEecd%2BRlkDw&user=..&pw=

And - bottomline - if we were indeed waging a race war against the Japanese people as Foner is accusing, why did we immediately treat them so kindly after the surrender and during our occupation? Did we set up concentration and extermination camps to imprison, starve, and then exterminate millions of Japanese men, women, and children? No, it is the opposite that is true.

5. The internment/imprisonment of Japanese-Americans:

On the Japanese-American Densho online encyclopedia, Takeya Mizuno of Toyo University in Tokyo writes: "In October 1942, the OWI Director Elmer Davis recommended to President Roosevelt that Nisei be allowed to voluntarily enlist in the military. Davis wrote that how the federal government would treat Japanese Americans "is of great interest to OWI" in order to combat "Japanese propaganda [which] insists that this is a racial war."[7]"

Foner's description of this (with hindsight, certainly racist act) in the book is fair, overall, but ... as with Hiroshima ... omits the context - in this case of shock and fear after Pearl Harbor - which precipitated it, dismissing it (with arrogant, insensitive hindsight) as "exaggerated fears." As well, Japanese-Americans tend to be more reserved than most Americans, and in extreme circumstances this can arouse suspicion.

However, in podcast 114 supporting the book, Foner goes so extreme as to describe our wartime internment/prison camps for Japanese-Americans to be "concentration camps," a now loaded term emotively and wrongfully bringing to a young viewer's mind "Holocaust education" images of starving, beaten, and often murdered innocent people. (Auschwitz was a concentration camp where thousands died. Birkenau nearby was for final extermination.)
http://media.wwnorton.com/college/history/foner3/question114.m4v

This "concentration camp" question of terminology has been brought to the fore by new Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) who attempted to use the term describing the internment/prison camps for illegal immigrants along our border and has received strong and credible criticism for it: https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2019/06/20/concentration-camps-alexandria-ocasio-cortez-japanese-americans/

6. Hiroshima:

On pp. 705-6, Foner - who, as I said, was among the revisionist historians for "open debate" of this issue who tried to defend the omission, revisionist depiction of the atom bombings in the originally
intended 1995 Smithsonian Institution Enola Gay exhibit - writes "Because of the enormous cost in civilian lives - more than twice America's military fatalities in the entire Pacific war - the use of the bomb remains controversial."

This is completely wrong. Except for a very few scientists and others who may have thought they would be used with hesitation or shouldn't have been used, there was no "controversy" at the time at all. The bombs were correctly seen by everyone - including Emperor Hirohito himself who best knew and was the only person able to end the war - to have ended the Pacific war and to have been necessary to do so.

In his first-ever radio address to his people, the only "specific" factor Hirohito cited to justify ending the war was our "new and most cruel bomb, the power of which to do damage is, indeed, incalculable, ...."

He also referred to the general course of the war - Okinawa being taken and the Russians overrunning the Japanese army in Manchuria and China, presumably - but what the atom bombs distinctly and uniquely seemed to show was that we could (and as importantly would) stand off and with few or no more casualties obliterate the Japanese population/people one city after another.

That is, what the bombs did was seem to uniquely and completely invalidate and defeat the Imperial militarists' attrition strategy of fighting a war of attrition so costly - regardless of the death ratio and innocent lives - that we would be forced into a conditional peace treaty so that the Emperor would remain supreme, they could stay in power, ... and they could someday have the bomb themselves. The controversy Foner cites has been very postwar, by aptly described "Hiroshima revisionists" like himself.

And the Japanese had been fighting fanatically - the last holdout finally surrendered in the Philippines in 1974!

Foner reports there were estimates that 250,000 American lives would be lost invading Japan, but simple extrapolation from Okinawa and Iwo Jima shows 1 million United Nations dead. (Over half the 12,000 American dead at Okinawa had been Navy from kamikazes, and even the British built Royal Norwegian destroyer Stord was being fitted out for the Pacific.)

Nor does Foner give any figure for what Japanese civilian casualties from an invasion would have been. The Okinawa Prefecture now estimates 100,000 Okinawans - one-third the civilian population - died in that "typhoon of steel" as accidental deaths or (propagandized against Americans) actively fighting our troops or committing suicide. Half of the Japanese military families on Saipan had died, the vast majority from Suicide Cliff or suicide by other means. Going by Okinawa, one-third of Japan's population would have been 24 million men, women, and children; and even children were to be used as little antitank kamikaze bombs.

Foner claims Hiroshima was chosen as a target because it had been virtually untouched, so (ghoulishly) we could see what an atom bomb would do to such a city. Actually, it was very much a military target, being the headquarters of 2nd Army which would be commanding the defense against a UN landing on Kyushu Island.

We had only one more atomic bomb ready to drop, and with the Japanese tunneling into the Iwo-Jima-like volcanic rock, they had very little military combat value - in truth, they were little more than a colossal shock bluff - and we later found out how radioactively toxic they would have been to our servicepeople as well as to Japanese people.

As to the wishful idea of using (up) a bomb for a "demonstration," that would have instead given the militarists time to think and realize the above and would have completely lost the bombs' greatest -
shock - value. It could not wait. Even then, the militarists tried a last minute coup - killing General Mori, the Emperor's palace guard commander, and his executive officer brother in law (whom Mori thought he had gotten into a safe position to survive the war) - which only barely failed.

At the 1995 American Historical Association conference in Chicago, the Hiroshima revisionists' panel was given center stage on-site, while the World War II Studies Association's gatherings were scheduled elsewhere in that Allied Victory 50th anniversary year. I also attended the revisionists' panel and then during Qs&As/feedback stood up to condemn it - to the applause of some of the historians there - as being "one-sided, hind-sighted, and all too academic," trying to substantiate its claim that there should have been a sooner, conditional peace.

For more debunking of Foner and the other revisionists, see my 30Oct96 comment on academic H-Asia at https://lists.h-net.org/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=h-asia&month=9610&week=e&msg=25bmuRT0snSXAYDhdNMfJw&user=&pw= as well as Senate Hearing 104-40 where the academics and veteran general officers went head to head against each other - the veterans made the winning case - and where, again, Foner and I both have written, opposing testimony at https://archive.org/stream/smithsonianinsti00unit/smithsonianinsti00unit_djvu.txt

7. World War 2 in Europe:

In describing the runup to World War 2, Foner mentions on p. 605 "fears generated by the Russian revolution" and he had mentioned the "Soviet regime," but even a brief mention of the atrocities by both sides during the revolution and the mass deaths/murders - like the Ukraine Famine/Holodomor (7-10 million men, women, and children) and Great Terror elsewhere generally - by the Soviet regimes would have explained why Europeans and Westerners feared the communists much more than the Nazis, before World War 2 started.

The communist "liquidation" of the forward-, mobile-warfare-thinking (Tukhachevsky school) half of the Red Army officer corps also gave the Nazis a tremendous command & control advantage when they blitzkrieged Russia on 22Jun41.

Foner's coverage of the start of World War 2 in Europe looks, by omission, pro-Soviet. While he correctly describes Stalin's offer of a defensive alliance against the Nazis being rebuffed by the West and then necessarily signing the Nonaggression Pact with Hitler (for time, to try to rebuild and rearm the Red Army), he completely omits mentioning the secret protocol in that pact dividing up Poland and then the "Soviet" invasion of Poland (which had a few hard-fought battles) from the east.

Foner similarly omits any specific mention of the Soviet Spring 1940 exterminations of 25,000 Polish officers, cadets, and intelligentsia - the most famous being The Katyn Massacre - which imperiled Allied relations during the war and would then become the "remaining" issue of the start and end of the Cold War, with the Soviets trying for 50 years to blame the Germans - even at Nuremberg back in 1946, only to then have to withdraw the charge since the Germans were so obviously not guilty. (Despite the disappointment and rage of his loyal Polish-American constituents, to his grave President Roosevelt simply refused to believe the truth about Katyn.)

Although Foner mentions the United States becoming closer with countries fighting the Axis, he does not mention the very fundamental (to American history) August 1941 Atlantic Charter and Roosevelt's and Churchill's extraordinary shipboard meeting which produced that pledge to ally against aggression and create a postwar world of international law and freedom (especially from fear) which would ultimately culminate in the United Nations - a term which was documented with the 1Jan42 Declaration
by United Nations. Even in 1999, Russian Nobel prize winner Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn was citing the Atlantic Charter's assurances of sovereignty, protesting our/NATO's Kosovo bombing war and our Appendix B of the Rambouillet Treaty intent to take all Yugoslavia including Serbia.

As a student of the Russian Front - Great Patriotic/Fatherland War to Russians - I am very glad to see his description of the Russian and other Eastern peoples' central contribution to Allied Victory and how much they suffered - he gives a figure 20 million, but it may be higher. (p. 686) However, there should have been mention of the turn of the tide in the West at Alamein and on the beaches of North Africa Nov42, and the importance of the Western Allies' day and night bombing campaign in disrupting German war production and wearing down the Luftwaffe which directly helped all fronts. Also, when he comes to the [Nazi] Holocaust, the only figure he gives is for 6 million Jewish victims, when the total for all victims is 11 million.

Overlooking the importance of our Mediterranean, bombing, and Battle of the Atlantic campaigns, Foner says the "major involvement" of American forces didn't happen until we landed in northern Europe on D-Day/6Jun44, seeming to agree with critics (like Stalin) that we could and should have landed in northern Europe sooner - which could instead have been as disastrous as the Canadians' Dieppe landing was in 1942, but on a strategic scale of catastrophe.

Foner's criticism that we didn't - should have - targeted the Nazi extermination camps may have merit: the RAF's 31Oct44 Mosquito (light bomber) attack on the Gestapo's Aarhus headquarters in Denmark had precision perfect accuracy resulting in the killing of dozens of SS/Gestapo and freeing of the key resistance members. But with new 30mm-cannon-armed jet fighters and other new German weapons beginning to inflict still heavy losses, German war production and ending the war and all its grief remained the primary and most urgent target.

8. Viet Nam:

Foner's claim that South Vietnamese would have voted for unification with the communist North is dubious, since so many in SVN were refugees from the communists in the North. Regarding the North's support for the insurgency via the Ho Chi Minh trail, on p. 816 Foner only incidentally mentions our incursion into "neutral Cambodia" to cut "North Vietnamese supply lines."

In this podcast to accompany the book, Foner falsely claims that the NVNse's 1968 Tet Offensive "destroyed" our "rationale" for the war.
http://media.wworton.com/college/history/foner3/foner_liberty15.mp4

Actually, the Viet Cong and NVA took nearly fatal losses in what objectively was their military defeat. It only became their victory thanks to our leftist media, politicians, and academics - and student radicals like Foner - back home. As to our "rationale," it was to defend a pro-Western Asian country - Saigon was The Paris of the Orient. President Kennedy clearly gave the rationale/justification for the war in his 1961 inaugural address, and that was never "destroyed."
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hF6CPwOeS38

Foner writes authoritatively and at some little length about the student protests of the 60s and the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), because he was part of them, while other young Americans of our generation were off serving dutifully in a war to protect the freedoms of others, keeping faith with our martyred president - the only true heroes of our generation.

Strangely, he talks about "chemicals that destroyed forests" without naming Agent Orange or
mentioning its lasting contamination and toxicity which has so hurt Indochinese and our own veterans. (Neither is there any mention of the Thalidomide scandal, which had previously aroused public suspicion of chemical and pharmaceutical corporations generally. Nor, for that matter, is there any mention of the current concern about Depleted Uranium (DU) munitions.)

And most falsely, on p. 796 Foner writes "With college students exempted from the draft, the burden of fighting fell on the working class and the poor." No, college deferments were delays not exemptions, although in some cases (like Foner's?) continued academic enrollment and a weak draft board could continue the deferment too far. And research has confirmed Vietnam was not a class war, as I found in writing an article about this for my hometown newspaper.[1]

Foner claims our incursion into Cambodia and bombing of it was to interdict the NVs supply line to the south. This is true, but it is also true that Prince Sihanouk was collaborating with the NVs in that and even allowing their supply ships to unload in Cambodian ports. As well, the Khmer Rouge started its war against the Prince's regime before our involvement, which was eventually ended under - again - political pressure at home, and the result was a megacide of 1-2 million Cambodian men, women, and children - 1/4 the entire population - which Foner describes only as "widespread massacres."

Although he rightly covers the My Lai Massacre, Foner says nothing about South Vietnamese who died in "re-education" camps after our withdrawal - international "democide" expert Univ./Hawaii's R.J. Rummel's estimate is as high as 232,000.

As well, in June 2015 there is/was (since resigned) DoH's Col. Daddis's "staff ride" with Cadets and other faculty to Vietnam, where on DoH's Facebook page he seemed to be very appeasingly taking a North Vietnamese/communist line about the reason for the war:

"This first reflection led quickly to the second. We should be wary when strict ideologies drive foreign policy. For two weeks I have wondered how this country, how these people, could have posed such a threat to the United States in the mid-1950s and into the 1960s. Of course, the Vietnamese weren't a threat but Cold War fears, generated by virulent anti-communism as a matter of blind faith, made them appear threatening. As a historian, I am wary of counterfactuals. But what would have happened if we approached Vietnam with more introspection as we debated escalation here? Was a communist Vietnam truly a menace to the United States? Would our credibility really have been damaged by avoiding a war in which even senior US officials doubted the outcome?"

The first paragraph of my response there:

"Understanding the North Vietnamese point of view is one thing - conceding it ... even if just for better relations as both our countries confront powerful and aggressive (Red) China ... is entirely another, Col. Daddis. The Viet Nam War was our defense of pro-Western South Viet Nam, which included many refugees from Communism in the North, and it *was* justified. If nothing else, it critically delayed the spread of very aggressive Communism into the rest of Southeast Asia. Granted, its strategic planning and political leadership was bungled by our World War 2 generation ... and then there is our crime and shame of Agent Orange."

Was Spenser Rapone on this trip to Vietnam, and/or was Daddis one of his DoH "mentors?" (Daddis is the subject of a DoH Facebook post just this year, on Sep. 26.)

We should have instead taken the war to its source - NVN - from the beginning, as we had done against the Axis in World War 2. And when casualties started becoming serious in 1966, our WW2 leadership generation should have mobilized the Country for the war instead of trying to maintain a hedonistic "guns and butter" lifestyle and wasting so many of its children's lives.
(My film review of We Were Soldiers is in the Mar03 American Historical Review. Over the telephone, I interviewed General Moore and Joe Galloway for it.)

9. The Cold War:

Regarding Foner’s omission of any mention of the 1940 Katyn Massacre contributing to distrust and fear of the Soviets and the Cold War’s beginning: https://lists.h-net.org/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=h-diplo&month=9601&week=a&msg=ynkJHtcJcCxZIM0Zdcq7lQ&user=&pw=

Foner describes Americans being in fear of a postwar communist takeover of the United States. This seems exaggerated. Veterans like my dad were were much more consumed by trying to make a living and home for their new families.

However, one of the justified fears was the atomic spy ring, which has been verified in its breadth in the 1994 book Special Tasks by Stalin&Beria’s spymaster Pavel Sudoplatov and by the declassification of the Venona decoded 1940s Soviet embassy communications. Sudoplatov’s book caused an explosion of controversy, because it verified head atomic scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer was indeed a Soviet spy with the codename Star. And the 2011 discussion about this at the Wilson Center seems to confirm Oppenheimer indeed was: https://www.wilsoncenter.org/publication/was-oppenheimer-soviet-spy-roundtable-discussion

Moreover, the veracity of Sudoplatov’s book was emphatically confirmed to me in person in May 1999 (at a Western Ill. Univ. reception) by Zoya Zarubina, the daughter of NKVD General Zarubin who supervised the atomic spy ring from back in the Soviet DC Embassy and his literally femme fatale NKVD wife Elisabeth (Zarubina) who was a conduit to Oppenheimer out in California. And it was daddy who in early 1940 had decided which 200 of the 4,000 Poles in the Kozielsk internment camp would not be exterminated then at Katyn - and ergo who then would be.
Something else in Sudoplatov's book which has gone unnoticed is on p. 111, where he describes NKVD officers in Kiev - who had earlier presided over the Holodomor - having "synagogue gatherings," and it was the conspicuousness of ethnic Jewish in the NKVD that helped the Nazis' "Jewish Bolshevism" propaganda pave the way with fear to the Holocaust itself. For balance, this should be included in any coverage of the Nazi Holocaust.

Regarding the fall of the Soviet and other communist regimes, Foner gives no reason for the pro-democracy revolution. (The reason was simple: Russians and other Eastern peoples wanted to join the West and become part of our freedom and prosperity in peace and security, and then ....)

On p. 827, Foner describes "neoconservatives" as former liberals who want cutbacks on government involvement in domestic affairs. (Questionable.) He says they want a return to Cold War foreign policy, but that was defensive, not aggressive/militarist like the necons are. They have pushed America into starting coups, revolutions, and wars ... particularly in the Mideast ... with utopian visions like "Arab Spring," quite like some of their older members who were once openly Trotskyists. https://www.foreignaffairs.com/reviews/review-essay/1995-07-01/trotskyism-anachronism-neoconservative-revolution (The "neoconservative" label does serve to dupe gullible Republicans.)

Among the neoconservatives are Fred and Robert Kagan and their wives Kim Kagan and Victoria Nuland. Fred was a Department of History civilian faculty member for 10 years (1995-2005), and the charming Kim gave lectures at the Academy. They are thanked as his good friends for their key assistance by Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster in the Acknowledgments of his 1997 book Dereliction of Duty which places primary blame for our defeat in Vietnam on the Secretary of Defense - the academic, Robert McNamara - and Joint Chiefs of Staff rather than on the political leadership which appointed
them and which wouldn't mobilize the Country.

And in 2001, while a West Point faculty member, portly Fred (who has no more military service/experience than his wife) demanded on false grounds in the 19Nov01 Weekly Standard, "Replace Saddam Hussein's criminal regime before he finds a way to use the chemical and biological weapons we know he is developing for a devastating attack on the United States." https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2008/04/the-kagans-we-need/44229/

Fred was also involved, along with Robert and their father Donald, in authoring the Project for the New American Century's September 2000 Rebuilding America's Defenses, which on p. 51 cites how another Pearl Harbor might mobilize America for the wars they wanted.

It might be remembered that over half the Red Army's best professional officers were "liquidated" when they were thought to be no longer needed, which then greatly helped the 22Jun41 Nazi "Barbarossa" invasion.

On p. 853 regarding our Kosovo bombing war on Serbia Foner omits mention of the guerrilla war the Albanians had been waging against the Serbs, with al Qaeda terrorists' assistance. (WSJ, M.C. Kurop, Al Qaeda's Balkan Links, 1Nov01, https://www.wsj.com/articles/SB1004563569751363760) Nor does he mention our unnecessary - the Serbs apparently wanted a partition - war being forced on the Serbs with Rambouillet Appendix B which I myself first whistleblew in American academia on H-Diplo on 14May99 and SUNY's Tom Grunfeld then confirmed on 8Jun99. https://lists.h-net.org/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=h-diplo&month=9905&week=b&msg=kpjsP0lkA283E2WIFYyvA&user=&pw=&fbclid=IwAR0adqiOCSjOFDFfAZe7QrbAd53kpd4B7XL2XLiRrmCybe-2ez0e8oop6aQ https://lists.h-net.org/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=h-diplo&month=9906&week=b&msg=ShHDRiIEBOlQ%2BZqxpGh/fw&user=&pw=https://www.irishtimes.com/news/push-into-kosovo-could-be-aimed-at-creating-partition-1.165826 (Henry Kissinger then did so in his 31May99 Newsweek New World Disorder article. Senator Don Nickles had already cited App. B in the Senate floor debate about a war/authoritarian powers resolution promoted by arch-neocon Senators Lieberman and McCain, using the Kosovo "war" as a pretext.)

And, despite being positioned close to the heart of our government to know this, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (Committee on Conscience) on 31Mar99 issued a statement in moral support of NATO - military action - in Kosovo ... making itself complicit in our unnecessary (and by Nuremberg therefore illegal) bombing war which had begun on 24Mar99. Statement originally at https://www.ushmm.org/museum/press/archives/detail.php?category=03-coc&content=1999-03-31, but now buried at the bottom of https://www.ushmm.org/confront-genocide/speakers-and-events/all-speakers-and-events/kosovo-options-and-obstacles/kosovo-questions-and-answers

As to 9/11, Foner uncritically follows the official narrative, saying that al Qaeda became in opposition to us after the first Gulf war ... but why was it allied with us in the Balkans then? And although he falsely described the atom bombings' controversy as being "remaining" - when that was started years after the fact - he says nothing about the lingering if not growing skepticism regarding 9/11.

I have no disagreement at all with Foner about the falsehoods predicating our 2003 invasion of Iraq and the following human, economic, and strategic disaster it has been for the Iraqi people as well as for us and our military community.

However, he uncritically presents the Arab Spring - listed on the chapter index but not defined in the text - uprisings in Libya and Syria as merely spontaneous desires for freedom and liberty, when in fact they were engineered/attempted coups.
Similarly, he says nothing about what the origins and who the supporters of ISIS have been or - in this 5th, 2017 edition - the far more dangerous Kiev 2014 overthrow of the legal Ukraine government by our "neoconservatives" like Bernard-Henri Levy - also acclaimed to be the "architect" of the Libyan tragedy - and Victoria Nuland which has returned us into the even more dangerous game of nuclear Russian Roulette ... with Russians. https://www.kyivpost.com/article/opinion/op-ed/bernard-henri-levy-remembering-the-maidan-385357.html

Indeed, the neocon-backed overthrow may have been intended to drive the Russian people - in fear of another attack by the West and now with the possibility of an interventionist NATO's bases all the way up to Kharkov at their throats - to turn back to authoritarianism and (remembering Stalin to be a "great war leader") to turn back to Bolshevism.

And while Foner mentions "American exceptionalism," he does so regarding our assumption of economic superiority, saying nothing about our assumption of international moral superiority which has helped lead us into (in turn) leading/enabling the Mideast holocausts (remembering, for example, ISIS's genocide of the Yazidi people and horrors like even putting unsubmitting Yazidi girls into cages to be burned alive with flame throwers).

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Other textbooks:

Zinn - also Columbia - is considered to be even farther left, in his The People's History of the United States.

Tindall and Shi's America: A Narrative History seemed promising from its title, but (after I got the tenth/2016 edition from a Norwegian library) is extremist as well. It overlooks the Jamestown Massacre entirely. Its narrative does seem more objective, and it spends time on Hiroshima defending that decision with (as well) American servicemen's happiness and relief that the bombs ended the war. However, Tindall died in 2006, and Shi's "narrative" thereafter seems quite neocon, if from the other end of the political spectrum.

For just one key example, on p. 1504 he claims Assad responsible for the 21Aug13 sarin gas massacre of 1,400 (pro-Assad Alawite) men, women, and children (who had been captured by the anti-Assad groups) in Ghouta Syria, and accuses President Obama of "cold feet" for not bombing Syria after Obama had said Assad staging a chemical attack was a red line which would trigger our bombing. However, it appears it was our al Nusrah/Quaeda terrorist co-belligerents/allies who perpetrated the massacre, not Assad. British Parliament - which knew what was going on and was already guilt-stricken about what we had done to the Libyans - voted down Prime Minister Cameron's motion to bomb Syria. And pre-eminent American investigative journalist Seymour Hersh wrote an article which he had to have published over in the London Review of Books, exposing the fraud. https://www.lrb.co.uk/v36/n08/seymour-m-hersh/the-red-line-and-the-rat-line

Moreover, there have been allegations that the sarin gas used at Ghouta was, after the killing of Gaddafi, flown from Libya and then moved into Syria from Turkey.

There is a relatively short American history textbook by Robert Remini, albeit with the long title A Short History of the United States: From the Arrival of Native American Tribes to the Obama Presidency. I
haven't seen it. Even if it is more objective, it hasn't been updated since 2009, so DoH faculty would have to write a supplementary history for the following years, which might be a very good thing to do.

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Basic Issue:

At what point does questioning our Country and its actions undermine an officer's loyalty and discipline - obedience to orders and fulfillment of assigned missions - and what is an officer's Duty to indeed question our Country and its actions and his/her orders? ... even in the field?

We are not "Befehl ist Befehl" - orders are orders - Nazi Germans, and being educated with a sense of moral as well as administrative responsibility, we Americans do have a Duty to question.

However, how much can Cadets and (especially young) officers cope with? How can historical and current questions be fairly and dutifully raised without going to a faith- and Duty-destroying extent?

A LOT has gone on *within* America, beginning at least with President Kennedy's assassination, for which official explanations are questionable.

I myself have lists of objective, factual, independent-minded reasons for doubting the official versions - and I have no use for Alex Jones - of matters like President Kennedy's assassination, Israel's 1967 attack on the USS Liberty, Kosovo, 9/11, our justification for the 2003 Iraq war, the July 2003 "suicide" in Oxfordshire of pre-eminent international WMD expert and Iraq war fraud whistleblower Dr. David Kelly, the 2013 sarin gas Ghouta Massacre in Syria (as I've mentioned), the origins of ISIS, the Salisbury "Russian" novichok episode, ....

If the Country is operating on lies (which only begets more lies ... and tragedies), we will continue on to its and our and our loved ones' self-destruction.

Russia's "glasnost" - historical truth-telling - cleansed Russians (who suffered from them most) of all the Soviets'/Bolsheviks' crimes and mistakes. Some years ago now, Senator Leahy urged we create a truth commission like South Africa did, to expose high crimes without punishment, so they may be learned from and not happen again ... and then quickly dropped his proposal.

In any case, how Cadets are mentally and academically - truthfully - prepared to grapple with vital issues while trying to obey their orders and fulfill their missions for the Country has become a major mission and Duty for the U.S. Military Academy to accomplish. And without sufficient guidance or with misguidance, vulnerable Cadets like Spenser Rapone are at grave risk.

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[1] This article of mine was the subject of bitter debate among my hometown newspaper staff - one of them a friend and fellow veteran. It got so bad that the publisher intervened to edit it himself ... and the publisher was a Vietnam veteran. :-) Rock Island Argus/Moline Dispatch, "Vietnam wasn't a class war." Jul 13, 1997

My observation about the WW2 generation's responsibility for the foulup hit my parents and WW2 generation friends hard ... but it had to be finally said.

I later learned that 1 of the 3 high school classmates I was referring to actually died in a car accident while back home. On the other hand, another had been deeply affected by his RVN service and committed suicide after coming home. The article:
On May 5, Congressman Lane Evans gave a speech about the Vietnam War to Western Illinois University history and political science students and faculty here in Macomb. Student journalist Lisa Lipscomb reported in the May 7 "Western Courier" that Evans described Vietnam as "a war between the classes in America, and it was fought mostly by poor blacks, Hispanics, and working class whites."

The specific description of Vietnam as a class war is rankly Marxist jargon, which I hadn't expected of Lane and which isn't validated by those I knew who served and died over there. I also remember pro-Vietnam "hard hat" construction workers in the streets, confronting anti-Vietnam demonstrators, on the TV. So, to be fair to Lane, I took the time to investigate before reacting.

This is one of the most vicious lies about Vietnam being taught to our young by the intellectual left, in its continuing effort to discredit our attempt to defend the Indochinese -- and to escape its own primary guilt for the holocaust which occurred after our abandonment of them. It also fans the kind of race and class anger and strife from which the Marxist Left politically profits.

Objective findings

For the past five years, objective evidence has been out that although there was some inverse relation between family income and Vietnam combat deaths -- and the dead "fought" most of all -- it was not large enough to justify characterizing the Vietnam War as one social class or race victimizing another. Operations Research, Sept.-Oct. 92

Although the MIT research team found "economic class" easier said than defined, it discovered that the black death percentage was actually lower than the percentage of those of military age at the time who were black. The team observed, "If untrue, the belief that affluent citizens were conspicuously missing from the Vietnam war dead is harmful to all Americans. It demeans the sacrifices of the wealthy by implying that such sacrifices were nonexistent. It demeans the sacrifices of the nonwealthy by suggesting that, manipulated and misled, they shed their blood in a conflict which the privileged and influential were unwilling to shed theirs." They concluded, "As of now ... the available information supports the proposition that, in terms of the bereavement it brought to America, Vietnam was not a class war."

The report was attacked by James Fallows, an "Atlantic Monthly" editor, in April 1933. As a student, Fallows gained fame for his article about tricks he and Ivy League friends used to dodge the draft. He was at Oxford soon after Clinton, then became a Carter speechwriter, and has now taken editorial control of "U.S. News & World Report," purging its staff. The researchers defended their work in the August issue, wherein Fallows naturally took the last word, endorsing a book by Christian Addy promoting the class-war charge.

However, in Spring 1995, two "Armed Forces & Society" journal reports affirmed that race or class bias had not been significant enough factors to term Vietnam a class war. Using occupation and level of education data for veteran's fathers, Thomas Wilson found some decreasing likelihood veterans' of service the higher the father's education and the more "professional" his occupation, but that military service was distributed, overall. However, he did find that the very highest but numerically minute strata -- the intellectual/professional elite -- fell sharply in fair service.

Allan Mazur randomly sampled race and educational attainment data from the Center for Disease Control's 1985-86 Agent Orange survey of Army Vietnam veterans, who included most of the draftees over there. Mazur found that Vietnam service was evenly distributed, generally, except again in the very highest educational strata, and he found no race bias at all. However, the CDC survey didn't include officers, who would have raised the education average significantly.

In other words, members of the intellectual elite spearheading anti-Vietnam agitation -- as eventually occurred at Augustana College and Western Illinois University -- are now turning around and using themselves to claim the service was class- and race-biased! This is classic guilt projection, and Fallows
now publicly supports the draft as being democratizing. However, why should anyone who came into their draft boards chanting "Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh/NLF is gonna win!" be allowed in uniform? Enough of our young officers were shot in the back -- "fragged" -- as it was.

Early in the war black casualties were 20 percent until the Rev. Martin Luther King protested and racial restrictions on combat service were imposed. So willful race discrimination did occur, but to blacks' favor. Should race, rather than objectively tested potential or unit choice, have decided who was sent into combat -- even considering a few states' substandard education?

Personal remembrances

In any case, articles this year in "Vietnam" magazine have also rejected the charge of serious race/class bias in the Vietnam War, investigating individual backgrounds of names on the Wall. This validates my own remembrance: all three kids from my Rock Island Senior High School Class of 1964 who were killed in Vietnam were white middle-class. Their families all worked, to be sure, but they weren't poor.

One had an eager sense of humor and a ready laugh. Another was a shy, good-natured kid all of us held in affection. The third was a determined competitor and achiever and he was fiercely proud of his dad who was a Rock Island councilman and small business owner and of his grandfather who had been a Rock Island mayor. If he had survived Vietnam, he'd very likely be in the Congressional seat Lane Evans occupies instead. And their families were shattered by their deaths, utterly.

I was told that at least one of the three confided to someone, while home on emergency leave, how wrong he felt the Vietnam War was. Nonetheless, he went back ... dutifully ... and died.

[Tim Bauer came home on emergency leave for his grandfather's funeral and then returned to Vietnam and died, so his father lost both his father and his son within months of each other, and he himself died not long afterwards.]

After official over-optimism and civil strife, his disillusionment was shared by almost everyone. In fact, if the World War I generation had bungled World War II as badly as that war's generation mismanaged the political and military planning and leadership of Vietnam, there would be no V-E or V-J Day.

However, the mass communist exterminations of Indochinese which had been predicted and which America was trying to prevent did indeed occur after we abandoned them. And the cruelest irony of all about Vietnam is that the war there -- and the cause so many died for -- was apparently won, only to be then politically betrayed over here. See "Lost Victory," by the mysteriously deceased former CIA director William Colby.

Lane has attained much for our district, thanks partly to his loyalty to Bill Clinton. However, Clinton and his supporters are desperate to downplay or vindicate the President's anti-Vietnam agitation as a student -- we still don't know what he was doing behind the Iron Curtain, back then -- and his avoidance of military service, and they are prepared to go to any extreme to discredit the war's ethical motives and conduct. Smearing Vietnam as an American class and race war is a fast, easy, headline-grabbing way of doing this, but it is factually wrong and cruelly unjust.

Lane Evans has always strongly cared about and supported veterans' fair compensation and needs, and he speaks up for those he feels have been mistreated -- Agent Orange and Persian Gulf Syndrome victims, for example. However, truthful history and a fair, faithful remembrance are no less important. Indeed, the truth is the war memorial that counts most ... for the future.

Maybe Lane Evans just didn't know the findings on this issue, but he should have investigated such a hurtful and angering charge, himself, before he unleashed it. I would think, to try to undo the harm of his own spreading of this lie, he at least owes a public retraction in the "Courier" and wherever else to the truth ... as well as to those we all owe so much ... and those who cared about them.
Lou Coatney, now of Macomb, volunteered for the draft in early December 1966, serving in Texas and Germany. His written testimony about the Smithsonian's Enola Gay exhibit was included in U.S. Senate Hearing 104-40.
April 22, 2021

Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams  
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Dear LTG Williams:

I recently wrote to my West Point Major Giving Officer and informed him that I will not be attending the Donor Tribute day scheduled for later this month. This was a difficult decision for me. I say this with tremendous sadness. My two brothers-in-law, my wife’s dad and her grandfather were all graduates of West Point. Our family is West Point. My wife’s grandfather not only served in WW1 on the Western Front in late 1917, but he also went on to join LTG Patton’s 3rd Army at the Sarre River commanding the 65TH Infantry Division in WW2.

The direction that the Academy is now taking regarding offering courses in “Critical Race Theory” and “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion” is not enlightening cadets nor providing them with the tools to think critically, it is doing just the opposite. It’s teaching them to buy into a narrative that simply isn’t true. Our country is not systemically racist. Slavery existed. But it was the graduates of our Academy who served and gave their lives to purge this nation of slavery. Our country continues to make progress in its quest to become a more perfect union. I can attest that our nation remains the envy of the world through my travels abroad. America is the greatest nation in the world founded on the principles of liberty and equality for all. I don’t believe that when I attended West Point or served as an infantry officer, I attended an Academy that was systemically racist or served in a racist Army. When I played hockey, we had a black player, Dave Yancey, who was a great teammate, great hockey player (tough as nails) and great friend. He was my teammate; he wasn’t my black teammate.

I remain hopeful that serious minds and serious conversations can get our Academy back on track and rid us of this corrupting narrative that is invading our society today.
I would encourage you to answer all of Congressman Walz’s requests for information so that I too can review these materials to understand what is being taught to our cadets.

West Point is the premier leadership academy in the world. As such it should lead the way in promoting the goodness of America and the example that is West Point.

Sincerely,

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Dear Lieutenant General Williams,

I write to you today as a retired Army officer and the proud father of a son who graduated from West Point. I, like so many parents of these graduates, recognize that West Point is like no other institution. Since the first graduating class of 1802, the Academy has provided our nation with professionals, engineers, builders, pioneers, scholars, and most importantly with leaders of character. You, personally, know this so well. As a graduate of the class of ’83 and later serving as a tactical officer at West Point you know, first hand, that U.S.M.A., is the premier institution for producing leaders who live their lives based upon “Duty, Honor, Country.” Thank you for your service to our country.

I, like so many others am deeply concerned about current events at the Academy. I read the letter, dated April 8, 2021 from congressman Michael Waltz in which he describes the indoctrination of West Point cadets into Critical Race Theory, Understanding Systemic Racism, White Power at West Point, and White Rage. Like congressman Waltz, I too find it incredulous that you, as the Superintendent, and a military man who has served our country for almost 35 years have stood by and allowed our cadets to be subjected to this ideology.

Critical Race Theory is a false theory that started as part of an academic movement that claimed systemic racism. It is nothing more than a derivative of Marxism. Instead of inciting a rebellion of workers against their employers, C.R.T. attempts to incite a rebellion using race. Proponents of C.R.T. state that our country is systemically racist. These so-called academics are either fools or frauds. When you ask these radicals to define systemic racism or provide proof that it exists in our country, they cannot. Instead, they try to silence the debate through threats and intimidation. I will not be threatened or intimidated nor will I stand by quietly and witness the demise of this great institution.
No culture is perfect, but over 620,000 young men died during the Civil War over the abolishment of slavery. Terms like “white supremacy” or “white privilege” are currently and repeatedly being used. We are being asked to acknowledge and apologize for the color of our skin. If that isn’t racist than what is? Yes, I am white and I do not apologize. I was raised in a lower middle class family. My father was a mechanic, my mother was a secretary. Throughout their married life they had trouble paying bills and making ends meet. However, I had the advantage of being born into a nuclear family. I knew early on that they couldn’t afford to send me to college. So, I earned a scholarship that paid for my tuition and books. The other expenses were paid from the odd jobs I took while studying. My so-called “white privilege” came from having both a father and mother who instilled in me the importance of education, hard work, integrity, and compassion for others. That’s my white privilege and I’m not apologizing for it.

Blacks have been used and betrayed by liberals since slavery and they are still being used by the radicals in order to fundamentally change this country. The root causes for the plight of many African Americans have been well documented. First, it starts with the family. What percentage of incarcerated Black men have no father in their lives? It is disproportionately high. Yet BLM as a proclaimed Marxist movement proposes the abolition of the nuclear family thereby allowing the Government to indoctrinate the children. I have not seen any effort by the Liberals to educate young Black women about the dangers of having children out of wedlock. It is one of the surest ways to guarantee poverty. Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson, the opportunists that they are, have never tried to educate the Blacks on the real causes of their plight. They use and betray their own people for their own personal game. It’s disgusting.

Second is education. What is the future like for an African American who attends inferior public schools? The data is clear that all children who receive a quality education, are motivated to learn, and are held accountable for their work are more successful. Charter schools have proven to be superior to most public schools. Yet democrats constantly fight school choice. Does that show they care about the Blacks or is it that they are in the pocket of teachers’ unions? Or maybe the liberals realize that uneducated people, who lack the ability to think critically, are easier to lie to and control?

The media is constantly covering riots and protests that claim police are killing Black men. Every death is a tragedy. But the truth, as the data shows, is that very few unarmed Black men have been killed by the police. Most Black deaths (91%) are caused by Blacks killing Blacks in cities that have been controlled by democrats for decades. Where is that being reported? If BLM is so concerned about Black deaths, what have they done about it? They have collected hundreds of millions of dollars in donations. One of the three founders of BLM has spent over four million dollars on personal real estate. A recent conference sponsored by BLM cost $26,000. How much has been spent on helping the Blacks?

When democrats realized they couldn’t keep Blacks on the plantation after the Civil War they devise a new type of plantation called welfare, and food stamps. Keep the Blacks down, take away the incentive
to work, encourage having children out of wedlock, discourage the nuclear family and provide them with inferior education. Why don’t you teach that at the Academy!!

None of the events of the past year are unrelated. They have been carefully orchestrated to destroy our democracy. Those familiar with the strategy proposed by Communists know that in order to overthrow a country you must:

• **Rewrite history.** No country is perfect so make no mention of the overwhelming positive things the country has done, destroy statutes and monuments erase the good memories and instead introduce into our schools “1619.”

• **Destroy institutions.** Religion has to be abolished. Isn’t it interesting that during the pandemic churches were closed but bars remained open. Children have to be indoctrinated and you do that by throwing money at the schools and controlling what is to be taught. Of course you have to defund the police. You can’t have police accountable to the local governments. There must be federal police that are controlled by Washington D.C.

• **Destroy the middle class.** Use the pandemic as the excuse to put out of business thousands of small businesses.

• **Destroy the nuclear family.** Under communism the State becomes the parent

• **Condition citizens to obey.** You must wear a mask, even if you have been vaccinated. You cannot eat indoors, you cannot do this or that. Really?

• **Make citizens dependent on the government.** Close their businesses and then give them stimulus checks. Pay people more than their occupation pays and encourage them not to work. This is yet another way to destroy small businesses.

• **And most important divide the country.** Lie to the people that our country is systemically racist. Encourage riots, looting, and violence. Let the underprivileged know that it’s okay to steal, burn, loot, and commit acts of violence. And if they do, there will be no penalty, no required bail, no nothing. In this way, the hope from the Left is to create systemic racism.

I, and most of my fellow citizens, white or otherwise, do not believe in racism, we believe in characterism. We judge a person by his/her character, not by the color of his/her skin. We work, raise families, and pray to God. Critical Race Theory, Wokeism, and Cancel Culture all have one purpose: POWER! The Swamp and their allies want to destroy our democracy, the tenants of the Declaration of Independence, and our Constitution. What has been happening in our country, especially within the last year is straight out of Marx and Engels’ *Communist Manifesto* and Alinsky’s *Rules for Radicals*. As I mentioned, in order to meet the Radical’s agenda, the country has to be divided, The Radicals have weaponized the pandemic to shut down institutions like churches and synagogues, are trying to destroy the middle class through shutting down businesses and accusing us of White Supremacy, burning and toppling our statues and rewriting history through “1619”. Racism is the means to divide. Tragically, if not ironically, the liberals are the real racists, not the farmer in Iowa, the hairdresser in Minneapolis or the shopkeeper in Portland. All of these teachings run contrary to the history of our country.
The objective of this movement is obvious to any informed, clear thinker. It is to fundamentally change our democracy into Socialism/Communism by amending the Declaration of Independence and destroying our Constitution. Did you not, when becoming a soldier say “I, Darryl Williams, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States”? What happened to that oath?

Now, under your watch, the cadets at West Point are being subjected to these lies, racist theories and treasonous rhetoric by requiring mandatory workshops. This will lead to a collapse in unit cohesion, destroy morale, and demolish the very fabric that has made West Point what it is.

Politics are unfortunately involved in every aspect of life. There is no way to avoid it. There is no doubt in my mind that tremendous political pressure was placed on you to subject your cadets to this ideological cancer. Today, more than ever in the history of our country we need leaders of character. The threat to our country is the greatest it has been since its founding. Only leaders of character can save us from the collapse of what has been the greatest country in the history of the world. Will you remember your roots? Will you have the courage to stand up to the Swamp? Are you willing to put your career at risk and protect the United States Academy at West Point? Duty, Honor, Country!

Yours truly,

Gregory Flynn
Douglas MacGregor is a racist fascist traitorous piece of shit and he is on your board. Anyone who remains on the board with him is complicit in his behavior. If he is not removed by the other members or he does not resign, all other members must themselves resign in opposition and protest. Shame on him and anyone who remains silent in his face. Silent tolerance because of his rank and past service is not an acceptable course of action given the seditious nature of his behavior. He must be thrown off your board, stripped of his rank and dishonorably discharged as far as I am concerned. Usually I never request a response when I voice my opinion, but in this case I would like an official response from your board. Four years of traitor trump has taught far too many people to tolerate traitors and the sedition they foment.

Mark Schwartz
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Beaverton Oregon 97005
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They are harmful to the military, the mind, the country, and civilization.

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Yes, the east coast elite prep schools and colleges.....all that racist, sexist, anti semitic crap I experienced there.

Why would any sane person engage the lunatic Tucker Carlson?

At least I learned about your ilk by going to college in the northeast.

Lord of the flies. Very eye opening.

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Can someone ask Doug MacGregor if he was one of the morons that signed the Flag Officers for America letter?

Thanks,

RAdm Jack Meehoff USN (ret)
Good evening:
Please be advised that Mr. Douglas McGregor is a dangerous fool. I understand he may have performed admirably in certain situations in his military career, but West Point should be embarrassed that he has any association with your admirable institution.
Please eliminate this vermin from your Board of Visitors.
Timothy P. Brown
248-470-4690
My name is Christina Nida. I reside in New Jersey and I am an American citizen. I can be reached by return email.

I respectfully request/demand the resignation of Douglas Macgregor.

The USA is a democracy. Individuals, regardless of color, race or ancestry should be given positions based on their qualifications and loyalty to our country.

Men like Macgregor will destroy our country’s democratic experiment with his bigotry and hatred. Being of European descent alone does not make you a superior human.

Again, I demand his resignation.

Christina Nida

Sent from my iPhone
You should remove yourself from any affiliation with WestPoint. You and people like you who share those paranoid ideas about immigrants and others who don’t have blond hair and blue eyes are the real danger to this country. What racial groups were expelled from England and other European countries for being criminals and worst many hundreds of years ago and banished to The United States. You guessed it folks with names like Macgregor, Ryan, and others. They certainly didn’t have Brown skin.

Sent from my iPad
Dear Sirs/Madams:

Anyone who spreads White supremacist “replacement theory” garbage and verbally attacks women who are serving their country, should not be allowed to serve on this board. Macgregor should resign or be removed. His vile and shameful statements are the antithesis of what West Point and the US military stand for.

Robert Sims
FYI, the following was developed and sent to all members of the class of '68, based on information I gathered since Jan 2021.

I offer the following, which is a compilation of the investigations/evaluations I have completed (thru June 15, 2021) concerning the effectiveness of the Academy's Honor Program and Leadership. My efforts were prompted by the May 2020 cheating scandal and Supe Williams' Dec, 2020 and April, 2021 press releases. Particular attention has been paid to the Honor Process, Honor Program and its reported metrics, although the scope naturally expanded and I proceeded to include the state of the Academy's ethical and character development programs as well.

I have made every effort to confirm these results/assessments with the CIAG and the Simon Center, in particular, since they are charged with the managing the process for the Comm, Dean and Supe. A copy of this note has been provided, on a personal basis, to the Chairman, Character Integration and Advisory Group, (CIAG), who reports directly to the Superintendent.

As you read these notes, it is critical that you are aware of the following excerpts from USCC Pam 15-1: The Cadet Honor Code, System and Committee Procedures, dtd 1 Oct 2018. This is the controlling document for the Honor Process.

**Chapter 11 -9 ACTIONS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

"The superintendent may meet with the FOUND cadet prior to final adjudication. ... The Superintendent may request additional personnel, .. if applicable team/coach/officer representative. . .The Superintendent will come to his/her own conclusions, and then take action on the matter.

"The Superintendent is not bound by the HIH (Honor Investigative Hearing) finding of a violation or by the HIH, CAB (Cadet Advisory Board) or WAP (Willfull Admissions Process) recommendations". ... the (superintendent) may "set aside" the findings and may then close the case..

"The Superintendent ... may take any action he/she has the authority to administer...

" Only the Superintendent can reinstate a cadet's participation in public relations activities"

**Chapter 11-10 POLICY REGARDING RELEASE OF HONOR CASE DETAILS.**

"There is no release of detailed Honor statistics without the approval of the Commandant or Superintendent to agencies outside West Point."

**SOURCES**

Sourcing factual information and data has been/is difficult. The Academy is very closed mouthed about the Honor Code; statistical information concerning the code is not available from the Academy. Specific curriculum information regarding honor, character development, and ethics education is available only
through FOIA requests. However, the blog/internet site, usmaDATA, (whose veracity and information sourcing is ongoing), does offer a wealth of data and statistical analysis of the Academy's academic standards, enrollment profiles, entrance scores, separation %, etc categorized generally among the quota groups being used by the Academy in its recruiting efforts: Women, Blacks, Asians, Native American, Athlete, Hispanics, Scholar, Soldier.

The Simon center has been resistant to my requests for background information; The CIAG Chair (civilian), and Special Advisor Honor (officer) have provided limited feedback, but little beyond direction to specific West Point web sites. The SAH did provide the latest copy of the USCC Pam 51-1, revised October 2018, which not apparently not publicly available.

The Board of Visitors and the Federal Designated Officer to the BOV, Dede Ghostlaw (Supe's special staff) have been some what responsive. Rep S Womack, Chairman of the Board has, through his Chief of Staff, deferred all of my requests for information to Dede.

The BOV, although clearly a politically sensitive and oriented entity, is the only official, non Academy, open information source which I have identified and accessed. In mid February, Sec Def Austin canceled all Board meetings until further notice. Ghostlaw and Womack's chief of staff told me that the Annual reports for '18, '19 and '20, (which should be published each January, for the preceding year) are being held up by the Academy/Williams FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS! So, even it's information must be considered circumspect.

USCC PAM 15-1 is the only factually open document pertaining to the Honor Code/Process, which I have been able to locate. It was last updated, in 2018; it will need further major revision, now that the Willful Admissions program has been canceled. Those of you interested in honestly evaluating anything which is reported on the honor program, - specifically the Williams press releases (more below) -- MUST READ AND DIGEST IT. You'll see that it is a legal product, staffed and published by the SJA, IAW Federal Statues. It is replete with process details.

The AOG is disinterested in anything that does not support and/or fund Academy programs and its policies; it defers to the class committee on everything having to do with class mate contacts or information not provided on the AGO site.

The West Point web site (as of June, 10, 2020) is a good marketing piece directed primarily at recruitment; it is generally informative on Official Academy policies. It has recently been updated to include the MA 104 cheating scandal. However, WestPoint.edu/honor information is not consistent with Williams’ April, 2021 release, which reports as below:

Pertinent facts: 73 cadets implicated
2 dropped for lack of evidence
6 resigned
4 acquitted
8 separated
53 of 59 entered into willful program and enrolled in SPLD-H (Special Leadership Development Program- Honor ) Dec 2020
0 reported cases of tolerance

Since 1996, the Superintendent has used "discretion" (ie non separation) on over 50% of the cases.

The honor process is targeted at 60 days, 90 days for separation decisions through Sec Army. However, this timing standard, published in earlier versions of the document, was apparently excluded from the 2018 edition, without comment.

ASSESSMENT

The following is my attempt to put the Honor System Problems into perspective, based on
a chronology of its failures and modifications.

'51 honor scandal involving at least 173 cadets, many football players. The McWilliams' Book "A Return to Glory", expands on the failings of the system vis a vis tolerance, lack of educational rigor on Honor, corruption of the process by both cadets and staff and the code's use as a regulatory tool.

'65 little was reported on this one - 25 (est) involved - in fact a number of '68ers were not even aware of it. I did get anecdotal reports from several class mates that they were told not to discuss the situation while on leave or away from WP. I am not sure why this did not receive more interest, except possibly for the lower number of cadets involved.

'76 the EE debacle, in which virtually every problem identified in '51 reappears. Sec Army Hoffman commissioned the Boreman report (9 Sept to 15 Dec '76), somewhat what late in the process, effectively to justify his earlier decision to allow a number of non separation (now called discretionary) turn backs. Boreman reported as of 6 December 1976 the number of cheaters separated is at least 134; wide spread legal wrangling ensued both before, during and after the report was issued. A large number of toleraters became embroiled in the episode, which lead to additional legal problems. The tolerater number was never quantified, but it was inferred to be much larger than the original cheating group. The report has since become the primary authority for the non-separation/accommodation process which evolved into USCC 15-1. Again, since 1996, Superintendents have used their discretion authority (non separation) in over 50% of honor cases.

1980s to 2009

Numerous changes were made to the academic curriculum; enrollment quotas were established; the strength and rigor of the Academic program were reduced. I have not spent much time, in detailing the when, why and factual extent of these changes, but they are easily and accurately inferred from the course curricula, majors, graduation options and BOV meeting notes/reports. An unfortunate current example is the formal addition of Critical Race Theory credited courses, guest speakers programs on racial injustice/white supremacy and in 2020, the addition of a minor in Diversity and Inclusion by the Department of Behavioral Science and Leadership.

Although difficult to evaluate by specific research and measurement, the cadet culture also appears to have shifted away from a "class/corps" centric orientation, to one in which athletic, department, and academic course groupings have become dominant. Every available BOV annual report laments negative changes in national, normative social behaviors and their impact on the Academy's recruiting and retention performance; interestingly, it's impact on honor performance is never discussed nor quantified. The level and content of these discussions leave no doubt that the Academy recognizes the challenges and risks which are associated with these changes, particularly with the recent focus, euphemistically described, as "under represented communities", to achieve enrollment quotas. It has yet to come up with effective solutions to the problems these kids represent.

There was an extensive expansion of civilian faculty during this period, which has lead to higher competencies in many area but also clearly introduced attitudes and biases, antithetical to the core mission of a premier Military education. The Counter Terrorism Center (CTC) activities which Dave Clemm challenged and which prompted the '13 effort is a prime example.

2009 - 2020

The current USCC Pam15 -1, reissued 1 October 2018, delineates the willful admissions program introduced in the Spring of 2016. The willful program excludes separation as a penalty for honor violations. A cadet, in exchange for admitting to violating the code, within 24 hours of approach, can generally not be separated; however, as seen above, the Superintendent has the sole authority to wave this limitation. 6 or 12 month turn backs are proscribed penalties. It describes the Special Leadership Development Programs - HONOR process in which all WAPs are enrolled. The "admiters" category and full Honor Boards are still
available; CABs are based on admission of an honor violation (beyond the WAP 24 hours), but with separation a retrained decision. Williams concluded that the WAP was ineffective and canceled it in April, 2020.

Honor case adjudication occurs after SJA legal review and the superintendent's final decision is produced. This entire process is designed in excruciating detail and is scheduled to be completed between 60 and 90 days - the latter for Sec Army separation concurrence. Strangely, this timeline was excluded from the 2018 revision.

The Superintendent is under no obligation or legal requirement (see introductory excerpts) to accept any honor recommendation; in fact, he has complete latitude to impose any sanction he deems appropriate, regardless of and beyond the variety of outcomes specified in 15-1. This includes cadet representation of the Academy, in external events - eg football games etc.

Chapter 11-10 specifically states that no information from the Honor process may be released, except by the Superintendent or the Commandant, THIS, IN EFFECT SHIELDS THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DECISION SCORE CARD FROM EXTERNAL REVIEW. There is no accountability as to the number of cases initiated, the source, types/numbers of violations dismissed, sent to HIH, CAB or WAP programs, nor the acceptance rate of Cadet recommendations by the Supe.

Superintendent Huntoon is relieved/retired, 2 years prior to the end of his tour, because of misbehavior detailed in an Army IG report. The report is suppressed for 3 months by DOA to enable Huntoon to retire rather than be formally relieved.

Army loses 14 straight to Navy, '02 -'15. Army wins in '16, '17, '18.

Caslen (2013-2018), in particular, spends lots of time and energy (BOV meeting data) on quotas for recruitment among; very specific discussions on improving the retention rates among cadets from "under served communities" are also enumerated. The results of these actions are analyzed and statistically review at usmaDATA.

Character is appropriately added to the original foundational "pillars": Military, Academic and Physical. There are, unfortunately, no metrics defined to the measure either applicant suitability, or track the educational effectiveness of the Character Pillar program, unlike the other three. An obvious metric would be all honor code actions/results, categorized by the same quota groups used to for recruiting, enrollment, separation or retention.

Caslen allows an avowed communist, Spenser Repone to graduate (2016), despite repeated warnings from staff and faculty as to his lack of fitness for retention as a Cadet and his eventual commissioning. LTC (ret) Bob Heffington submits a sworn statement to Caslen and the Academy regarding Repone's misbehavior. Repone is determined to be an official organizer for the Democratic Socialists of America.

In 2017, BOB Huffington, (LTC ret, USMA History Dept Professor 06 -09, '13 -'17), publishes an open letter detailing the serious deterioration of academic, military and ethical standards, pervasive at the Academy, based on his 6 years as an instructor in the History Department.

Caslen over sees the introduction of a 501-c3 tax designation for the Athletic department.

A myriad of programs were developed during this period that focused on reducing the problems of sexual misbehavior, rape, racism and racial discrimination; a number were aimed at improving cadet character development, ethical behavior and honorable living. Most of them are well described and are well intentioned; however, in no case are there actual metrics established and tracked to measure outcomes of each effort. Most were done on ad hoc basis or under special settings/days/circumstances but with no linkage to the graded curriculum. There can be no escaping their collective failure, based on the honor scandal and the data reported to the BOV though its last available annual report in 2017.
Caslen, reports for the first time in public, in response to Heffington, that 10 honor cases separations occurred in 2017. This obviously small rate - less than 0.2%, clearly misses the main problem Bob reports -- the number of honor cases initiated and processed as HIH, CAB WAP cases, the Superintendent's rate of recommendation acceptance and his discretionary rate and there overall deterioration in cultural norms among the Corps. Again, despite his continued discussion of tolerance and introduction of WAP, he provides neither data nor defense in the face of Heffington's charges.

Caslen, (and particularly the Social Science Department to which the CTC is attached), accepts (eg. quietly endorses) the anti-American paper published through it's Center for Counter terrorism by Professor Arie Perliger entitled: Challenges from the Sidelines: Understanding America's Far-Right. The paper is analytically and critically debunked by Dave Clemm's analysis and research; Clemm challenges Caslen at the '68 45th reunion but is angrily rebuffed. These circumstances result in the Clemm/Hostler class letter/attachment, (provided in note 1 of this series); it raises specific concern in the following 6 area:

- Core Values Deterioration
- Implications of Diversity Goals
- Impact of CTC Publication
- Respect Organization and the Rugby Club
- Role of the AOG
- Advice and Opinions from Grads

Caslen admits to perjury as President of University of South Carolina and resigns.

Williams introduces a "new" Character Integration Advisory Group (CIAG) in Jan 2020, along with Tiger teams and several other initiatives to handle racial discrimination, sexual misbehavior, ethical education and character improvement. CIAG reports directly to the Supe, but has no full time chairman in 2020.

The first CIAG chairman, with 7 years of work experience at the Simon Center, is appointed in Jan 2021. The 3/21 press report by Eric Bartelt, quotes him extensively and he opines at length on the serious problems facing the Academy's character development pillar and the ineffectiveness of the Academy's previous ad hoc programs. The appointee was the acting head of CIAG in 2020, while simultaneously co-chairing Character Integration Tiger Team (CITT), and Chairing the Study of Officership at the Simon Center. These multiple responsibilities must surely have diluted his efforts, especially in light of the seriousness of the issues he was charged with resolving.

Several credited courses in Critical race theory are added to the curriculum, along with invitation to guest speakers known for their vitriolic writing and lecturing on racial intolerance, white supremacy and white privilege and systemic racism.

The Department of Behavior Science and Leadership grants it's first cadet minor in Diversity and Inclusion.

In June 2020, in the middle of a racially charged Presidential election, nine '18, '19 graduates produce a public polemic charging racism, racial bias and systemic racism at West Point. Their examples are anecdotal and factually unsupported. There no accounts of any individual or collective actions they personally took, as cadet leaders during their 1st class years, to address any of their concerns. 8 of the nine held "Cadet" responsible positions First class year - eg, 1st Captain, Brigade Respect Captain, valedictorian, class president etc. One was the first black female first captain. Each also was awarded a post graduate scholarship. Accepting that the reports are factual, these kids were selected by the Academy process to be "the cream of the Crop"; their actions, however, demonstrate more directly that the character and moral developmental process at the Academy is failing. I made numerous attempts to engage these Lieutenants to better understand and acquire the factual support for their claims, but each was rebuffed. I am not sure what is more troubling in this episode: their actual claim of systemic racism, or the that the Academy identified them as the type of responsible, ethically equipped leaders produced by the developmental model.
The contemporaneous charges of racism and honor misconduct lodged against the Williams administration could not display more starkly, the picture of Academy and Army wide priorities.

1. Williams denies both.

2. The racism charge is made by 9 inexperienced officers, years after the fact and based solely only anecdotal non factual based information.

3. The Honor charge is made by experienced educators, factually supported, at the time of the incident.

4. The first results in an Army IG investigation into Williams stewardship; the other is suppressed for 6 months, results in no external investigation and is an administratively papered over by DOA.

2020 SCANDAL

The Superintendent has the sole responsibility, authority and capability to control and expedite all aspects of the adjudication process. (see initial excerpts)

The 73 Honor violations are reported by the Department of Mathematics in May 2020, and are therefore highly credible.

At least 59 and probably as many as 65 of the cheaters admitted to their actions by graduation week, based on the 24 hour Willful criteria, eg between 80% and 90% of the cadets were effectively "found" by June of 2020.

The actual stats as of 15 June, 2021 are shown in the introduction, based on the April press release; again, be aware that these data are consistent with the westpoint.edu/honor web site.

Under normal circumstances, honor education for the new 1st class occurs during "reorgy" week. Any rationale on timing, resource availability, or cadet education used to rationalize the 10 month extension of the process beyond the expected 60 days is a "legal construct", designed to control the overall process and its public disclosure. Even factoring in the number of cases involved, a full year is unreasonable.

The Academy's explanations in toto have all the hall marks of "using the legalities of the honor process" to deliver the Superintendent's preferred out come and appear to be more damage control than honest communication. The most glaring omission is the subject of tolerance. It is frankly inconceivable to me that there is no discussion of that problem, (especially considering the stated WAP, CITT and CIAG efforts, among other initiatives). ZERO reports of tolerance honor violations; these kids are light years ahead of our cadet experiences with electronic comms and were apparently in touch with each other using these devices. 15-1 specifically directs access to all cadet electronic devices as part of the investigation process. '51, '65 or '76 were not anomalous.

The willful program didn't suddenly become a problem after Williams allowed it to be used to exonerate the bulk of the cheaters -- and then cancel it in a throw away line, in his April release. It had to have been front and center to everyone involved in the Honor System and process. WAP was specifically targeted at the tolerance problem. True leadership and fealty to honor code, should have demanded that Williams "not use discretion" in this serious and extensive Academic cheating - even at the expense of this small minority of FOUND Cadets - and separated each from the Corps.

It is also not at all clear that the proscribed 50 hours of SLDH - even if delayed from each cadet's admission of cheating in May to initiation in Dec - will actually preclude these kids from representing the Academy by the spring of '21 - eg a red shirt by other means. This is, I admit a supposition, but since the facts are obfuscated by the system, it is a reasonable observation.

I wont bother parsing the Williams press releases, since they amount to an embarrassingly pious and
reverential homage to the Honor Code and his embracing of it, without genuine intent.

I will, however, add a couple of final relevant comments, regarding them:

The press was aware of the problem in May 2020, as it occurred. Apparently the Academy reached an accommodation with reporters, to hold off publication; their reports on 27/28 Dec and Williams produced the Pubic Affairs Press Release..

His declaration of ownership of the Code as a moral imperative and persuasion, is an insidious attempt at misdirection. I don't imagine even 5% of us who read his release, recognized his inherent failure to meet adjudication timing, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY THAT HIS OWNERSHIP WENT WELL BEYOND MORALITY TO LEGAL, COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY.

It was disingenuous (at best) to obfuscate the actual case status as of Dec - virtually all cases needed only his final adjudication at that time, even if all the process formalities were still in proceeding..

Since every case had, or should have been, adjudicated by Dec 30, his failure to explain the circumstances which created the process timing delay and its further extension to April 2020 seems pure obfuscation.

The discussion about an October 20 elevation of cadet representation is questionable. His explanation was: because of concerns that punishment was being implemented without consideration of chain of command input or matters of mitigation and extenuation. Every case, following the Pam 15-1 guidelines, has nothing but input on matters of mitigation and extenuation, from the individual cadet, thru the cadet chain of command, to Cadet Honor Members, to the Comm. MOST CRITICALLY THERE IS NEVER NEED FOR ELEVATION - ITS HIS COMMAND PREROGATIVE. An honest representation would be that he was simply exercising his authority under 51-1.

There is absolutely no excuse for Williams not to have provided at least a minimum of factual data about the offenders: eg violation numbers by gender and sport - the two obvious elephants in his "story room".

CONCLUSION/RECOMENDATIONS

" If not now, when - if not you - who". Col (ret)

Jacobs’ (a former WP instructor)

Although Cadets are integral to the honor process, it is a fiction, continually perpetrated for the benefit of the Academy, that they are in any way responsible for, or in charge, of it.

The Superintendent alone manages and determines all outcomes, for both FOUND and dismissed cases, either through direct action, intervention or the "honor board guidance" which is provided by every office/department that is identified in 15-1. He is also solely responsible for allowing or denying each Cadet from participating in any Academy sanctioned sporting, education or publicity activity, regardless of his honor status.

Williams's continued assertion that the honor system is working is disingenuous and dishonest. The system is the educational process and environment which exists and is maintained at West Point. It is successful only if the violations rarely occur or if they do, "honorable" cadets self report.

Williams thesis of success is simply that the rule book could be implemented after the fact. His lack of transparency makes even that assertion questionable

The addition of Character to the other pillars of Academics, Athletic, and Physical Education is an
excellent idea. Three essential missing components however are: the establishment of metrics to gauge performance, a screening criteria for each cadet before appointment and a serious, an academically graded course work requirement for each year group, ala pillars 1, 2 and 3. It can no longer be left to such things as Commandant hours or informal Cadet Honor Committee member discussions.

The single most important required change is to paragraph 11-10 - honor reporting restrictions; it should be replaced with an enumerated list of reporting parameters on all aspects of the honor system process. In particular, data on the specific decisions taken by the superintendent in each case. The documentation concerning actions of the honor board, cadet chain of command personnel, tactical officers reports, fellow cadets, honor cadet members recommendations etc is well developed in Pam 51-1 and should be made available on an annual basis; of course specific personal information must be expunged.

All final disposition decisions of honor code violations must be stripped from the Supe's sole purview; all final decisions should be the responsibility of by a 3 to 5 rotating membership honor board; it would be composed of Military officers from the Deans, Coms and Supe's permanent and assigned staff members; this would not only provide an institutional memory to the Code’s enforcement history and its ethos, but act as a buffer from changes in Command bias. The vagaries in approach of any individual Superintendent is not working. TOLERANCE AND HONR BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS NEEDS TO BE SOLVED BY THE CULTURE OF THE COMMUNITY.

Recruitment quotas in each of the current areas quantified: blacks, women, athletes, Asians, Hispanics, scholars and soldiers must be abolished. This may be the most critical current limitation to producing the most capable Academy graduates possible, regardless of leadership, honor and ethical training each cadet receives while enrolled. Although I have not been able to verify the sourcing for the usmaDATA web site, those elements which can be independently verified by a second source are correct. Their analyses demonstrate that the moral, academic and physical characteristics of new cadets is deteriorating.

Re-branding WP as Army-West Point is a good for recruitment, but of far greater importance is re-establishing of the Academy as a Military Institution, not a liberal arts college that teaches marching as an added skill. There's an interesting side bar discussion at a BOV meeting, between Caslen and the then Joint Chief, about Caslen's revised WP mission statement not asserting that WP is the best Military Institution in the world, not just the United States. One wonders??

My limited review of the credentials and experience of personnel, past and present, assigned to the Simon Center, is that they are very strong and capable educators. To develop the necessary pillar 4 (character development) models and programs and successfully implement them, future Supe's needs to provide them the political cover they need to allow them to do their jobs.

Jerry
The most visible socio-political movement of our time is identity-based politics. In its broadest sense, it includes a range of gender and racial causes. Agendas such as critical race theory, diversity and inclusion, the MeToo movement, the 1619 Project, Black Lives Matter, and equity are all part of this larger counter-culture war. Most claim the existence of an American form of systemic and institutional racism and discrimination and call for some sort of social justice. Today identity politics permeates governmental, military, and educational institutions at all levels. And it divides us.

Emerging as a manifestation of this movement is the recent work, Robert E. Lee and Me, (St. Martin’s Press, 2020) by Ty Seidule. The author, a former head of the West Point Department of History, claims to have discovered that all we have been taught about the Civil War and the South are myth. While in his position, Colonel, now Brigadier General Retired, Seidule presided over a fundamental shift in the teaching of military history at West Point until his retirement in 2020. Announcing that “it is important that we get our gender and racial agenda right,” large portions of the military history curriculum were eliminated, specifically the Civil War. As an example, the study of Lee’s brilliant campaigns was scrapped in favor of things like a Civil Rights staff ride throughout the South. Military history is the data base of the military profession. When it is diminished, as has been the case at the West Point, the result is professional catastrophe. Current faculty have told prominent sources, “Sir, it’s so bad I don’t think we are going to be able to fix the department.” Another more optimistic senior professor said, “Give us some time.”

Unfortunately, when one sets out to write history for political purpose, it usually turns out to be bad history. And Robert E. Lee and Me is just that. The author’s purpose is to indict Robert E. Lee and other Confederate leaders and purge them from the Army and West Point. In a fit of self-righteous virtue signaling, Seidule declares that “Lee was a traitor and does not represent my values.” So Seidule proudly committed to “change our history to reflect our values.” Some have argued that it is disingenuous to judge one’s views on an issue from another era by the circumstances and ideologies of today. Or judging historical figures based upon current mores and understanding does not lead to an accurate interpretation of the figure in question. Rather, they must be placed in historical perspective. If so, this book is the poster case of historical malfeasance.

Seidule’s method is to indict all white, Southern culture, and in doing so, take down its most revered symbols. How Seidule goes about this takes a classic page out of the Marxist handbook. It starts with what is called “The Big Lie,” in this instance, that the South seceded from the Union and fought the Civil War for the exclusive purpose of perpetuating white supremacy and expanding slavery. Few, if any, of the hundreds of books tracing the coming civil war arrive at such a simplistic conclusion. Of course, slavery was the dominant issue of the time, but the cause of the war was far more
complicated than that. One must go back at least to James Madison, the Constitution, and the rights of states in the new nation. But Seidule hammers his Big Lie over and over, four or five times in the Introduction alone. Once he gets the gullible to nod, the rest is easy. If the protection and expansion of slavery was the singular Confederate purpose, then they all must have been bad, and their version of events must be myth. And the actions of succeeding generations of Southerners must be evil and their historical interpretations, myth. In history this is called a single factor theory. This is not to ignore decades of slavery and segregation and their evils, but just to acknowledge that single factor theories are always simplistic and most often wrong.

The author’s misuse of historical events and documents has gone unnoticed, as the book’s reception has been mostly unfettered acceptance. He is loose with both facts and interpretations. His assertion that the Ordinances of Secession of the seceding states confirm that the issue was slavery is not true. Some of the deep South ordinances stress the subject of slavery, but Virginia and others emphasize threats to their sovereignty. Seidule’s mean attempt to bring down a great man consciously omits facts such as two thirds of Virginia born officers in the Army went with the Confederacy and that in 1882, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Arlington House and the surrounding grounds, now Arlington National Cemetery, were taken illegally by the Lincoln Administration without due process. The court returned the property to the Lee family. An attempt to advance “social justice” should not dispense with a respect for factual interpretation.

Seidule’s intent to smear Lee as a cruel racist is a most egregious historical assassination. Lee was at least ambivalent, at most opposed, to slavery. However, his foe, U.S. Grant, only freed his personal slave in 1859, but his wife kept hers. There is some discussion whether the slaves were legally hers or her father’s, but they were in the Grant family. Years later she claimed the four were freed by the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. We know this is not true since the proclamation freed no slaves in Missouri where Julia Grant resided.

These are only a few examples of the author’s selective use of facts. What we get throughout the book are disconcerting nomenclature changes, he refuses to use the term “Union Army,” using instead “U.S. Army,” and ideological interpretations rather than statements of moral and political clarity. The book is also bogged down by an overdone account of the author’s personal life and his purported epiphany.

Seidule, did, and continues to do much damage to the Army and West Point. Calling racism a “national institution,” he has played a key role in the cultural purge of Lee and Confederates at the military academy. It is all but certain that Lee Gate, Lee Barracks, Lee Hall, Lee Road, and Lee Housing Area will be erased from history by the cultural commissars. Heeding Seidule’s proposition that all use of the name “Lee” at West Point is “a protest against integration and equal rights,” the Military Academy leadership is all in on the purge.
The Robert E. Lee Award for mathematics was eliminated and the West Point superintendent removed the Lee portrait from his quarters. Perhaps the Class of 1961 Reconciliation Plaza that recognizes post-civil war healing will survive. But that is not assured, as the current scorched earth movement shows no signs of abating.

Riding the wave of uber wokeism sweeping the nation, Seidule received an appointment to another commission charged with renaming the ten Army posts in the South carrying Confederate names. Installation names such as Fort Gordon, Georgia will disappear from history. And the name of John Brown Gordon, civil war hero, once Governor, three times elected to the U.S. Senate, and idol of the state of Georgia for 40 years, will be purged from memory.

It is no coincidence that Brig. Gen. Seidule is lauded in the 40-page June 2020 policy proposal authored by nine disgruntled West Point graduates. They allege that the Academy is racist to the core, that white privilege reigns, and that the institution does not accomplish its mission.

While political correctness, wokeness, and critical race theory thrive at West Point, expect no help from the very highest levels of our military establishment. The Secretary of Defense recently told Congress that the military does not teach critical race theory. He was wrong. The West Point superintendent confirmed the use of the book, Critical Race Theory: An Introduction. And Congressman Michael Waltz, R-Fla., provided slides from a West Point workshop entitled “White Power at West Point” and “Racist Dog Whistles at West Point.” At the same hearing, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff testified that he saw nothing untoward about teaching critical race theory to West Point cadets under the title “Understanding Whiteness and White Rage,” what some cadets have called a “woke effort to inspire race-based guilt among students.” The Chairman huffed that he found it personally offensive that the U.S. military was accused of being woke. He went on to say that he had personally read Mao, Marx, and Lenin and adamantly denied that political correctness and wokeism are rampant in the military. The facts do not seem to confirm his view.

The Navy’s highest-ranking officer also wandered into the ideological stew by including several politically charged books on his officially endorsed reading list for all naval personnel. His refusal to address sailors’ complaints about Ibram X. Kendi, How To Be An Antiracist and what they called woke diversity training has drawn congressional attention. Two veterans, Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., and Rep. Dan Crenshaw, R-Tex., viewed it necessary to establish a whistleblower hotline to report official military woke ideology training. The line has been flooded.

So, how does this end? Some are pessimistic and see a current more sweeping attempt to rewrite all our nation’s history. Prompted by attacks on the nation’s founders, in the waning days of the last Administration, the President signed an executive order establishing the President’s Advisory 1776 Commission. Calling America an exceptional nation dedicated to the ideas and ideals of its founding, the order noted a
recent series of polemics grounded in poor scholarship that vilify our country. “This radicalized view of American history lacks perspective, obscures virtues, twists motives, ignores or distorts facts, and magnifies flaws, resulting in the truth being concealed and history disfigured.”

The order called upon all of us not to abandon faith in the common story that binds us to one another across our differences. Those symbols that bind are, of course, the American flag, the National Anthem, the U.S. military, and places like West Point. Disrespect of those only deepens the division. It is identity politics that divides, rather than unites. At the most fundamental level, the order concluded that an informed and honest patriotism taught in our schools should be the goal. In closing it is only fair to note that early on the Biden Administration eliminated the Advisory Commission.

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Congressman Steve Womack  
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Subject: Anti-Racism West Point Policy Proposal

Dear Congressman Womack,

I am writing to you in your capacity as the Chair of the USMA Board of Visitors. As a graduate of the West Point Class of 1971, I was, and remain today, troubled by the subject document.

Since its public release and initial response by West Point, I have found it impossible to find any further official response or status update. I have written to the AOG who simply referred me to the West Point Public Affairs Office / Public Affairs Officer. Despite numerous emails (to previous and current Public Affairs Officers) and several phone calls to the current Public Affairs Officer on my part, I am unable to be directed to a status update, nor have my suggestions that the Academy is derelict in not providing a status update resulted in anything but stonewalling. I have previously asked that my communications be provided to the Superintendent directly by the PAO, but sincerely doubt that that has been done. It is clear to me that the PAO cannot, nor will not, take any further action on my requests. Similarly, I have written emails (6/22/21 and 7/21/21) to BoV@westpoint.edu requesting its involvement in securing transparency and a status update on this topic – without reply or even acknowledgement.

Further, I note that this topic was addressed in the July 2020 BoV meeting, and that the Command Inspector General’s Office (IG) was to have completed an investigation by October 2020, now some 10 months ago. To my knowledge, and based on the lack of any definitive response from the PAO, nothing has been finalized or made public. I also note that the BOV has not held a meeting since July 2020.

The stonewalling that I have encountered that should be visible in my 6/22/21 email to the BoV that included my email string with the PAO (but I would be happy to augment that). Therefore, I request the BoV reengage in investigating the Academy’s response to this matter and seek the publication of a complete and transparent report. While I speak for myself, I am aware that I am not alone among Graduates in feeling that the Academy is derelict in providing updates. I know of many fellow graduates who are disgusted by this “Policy Proposal”, its accusations and implications, and the lack of any response by the Academy administration.
I thank you in advance for re-addressing this matter.

Sincerely,

Walter Heinz
USMA 1971
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As a graduate of the academy I am shocked and appalled by the required resignations of several members of the Board of Visitors by our current President. I would like to understand the Board's position on this unprecedented politicization of this oversight group. There is no question about the qualifications and the dedication to USMA of the members required to resign. How low can we go?

Bob Rohlfing
USMA '83
All of you hold your ground. You have done nothing wrong. DO NOT ALLOW THE U.S. ARMY TO BECOME A POLITICAL VIPER PIT.

We all know this present Administration is inept, vindictive, and petty, in spades. This country needs one institution that isn't infected with political obsessions.

It's not mutinous, derelict, or insubordinate to resist obvious incompetence. If anyone needs to be relieved for cause, it's the current White House occupant.

RESIST THIS BS! DEFEND MY ARMY!

SFC Kelly J. Smith (ret)
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General

The longer you keep the Trump appointments around the more you support racism, nepotism, and the destruction of our Nation.

Maybe you might want to run for office and you’re hedging your bets.

Please don’t email me about policies, and what you can or cannot do. You’re the goddam HMFIC. Fucking fix it. I’ll follow up with certified mail.

- Casey
The “white nasty”
#61

Get it done - you have the mantle, rod, and power - use it for good.

Sent from my iPhone
General Williams, staff, faculty, significant others:

I have just watched a program in which three young, intelligent, articulate women quit the Westpoint Military Academy over the radical woke policies, agenda, and indoctrination being carried out by the Academy. Also at issue was the illegal and unconstitutional Covid-19 vaccination policy put in place by the political mandates. In their words, the Academy no longer is aligned with the values, honor, and traditions of our Founding Fathers in the Constitution. They opined that the harassing, toxic, academic atmosphere is not what they signed up for, nor was the institution that they understood it to be.

I have served in the U.S. Army ‘70-’74 in Vietnam and was placed in a teaching position for Air Traffic Controllers. I was shocked at these young, bright women (one of color) who felt called to serve their country and were willing to give their lives for it.

This is not the military that I nor my family (grandfather WWI, father Army-Air Corps WWII, brother Air Force, SAC, cousin, U.S. Navy Atomic Submariner) proudly served in. It is time to take the politics out of the military, especially the anti-American wokism that divides rather than unites, promotes racism, and weakens the military role, purpose, and objectives.

Dr. Neil  
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November 9, 2021

Dear Honorable Senator and Dedicated Staff:

There is a dangerous CIA-Harvard cult (created by the Checchi family based in Los Angeles and run by David Kanuth, Kathy Checchi, and Oprah Winfrey) that is extremely criminally active throughout the entire country. (If you’ve heard the news that both Oprah and Donald Trump have been taken off the Forbes billionaire list this year, it’s because they have both lost hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars because of financial penalties imposed for being part of the prolific crimes which is the CIA Checchi family initiated.) The leaders of this cult have killed thousands of innocent Americans to bully political leaders. They have been illegally manipulating and interfering in elections in many states to tilt legislative power and political power in their favor. Furthermore, they have been killing judges, politicians, and attorneys nationally to protest federal courts that have been ruling against them - attacking those who uphold the rule of law in America.

For over twenty years, the CIA Checchi cult leaders have been working hard to destabilize the United States government at every level by funding and organizing riots & mass shootings. They have created and promoted Bitcoin (and other cryptocurrencies) in order to undermine and compete with the U.S. dollar. They have also created a massive illegal drug cartel that has made billions of dollars internationally. They use illegal drugs (ecstasy, cocaine, heroin) as a reward to give to their followers. It turns out people who are high on drugs become easier to manipulate for the evil operations of this death cult. They simultaneously have been using illegal drugs (like fentanyl) to kill people and ruin the lives of their enemy’s loved ones in America.

They are highly focused on destroying any family that has been supportive of or connected to their enemies. For example, among their biggest political enemies are the Bush family, the family of LBJ, and the Clintons. Anyone who even SPEAKS positively about these families will be attacked and maybe even killed. Because Texas is home to many supporters of the Bush family and the family of LBJ, citizens in Texas have been under attack. For example, the CIA-Harvard Checchi family orchestrated the “sudden surge” of chaos that ended up killing eight people in Texas at the Travis Scott Astroworld Concert on November 6, 2021.

Furthermore, they have been behind the scenes making sure that the state of Texas has had more deaths from Covid19 than any other state in America (Texas has half of the number of people that South Korea has - yet it has had twenty-five times more deaths. This is not a coincidence - it is a CIA Checchi family manipulation.). Their ultimate goal is to destroy the family unit and destroy families that are not part of their cult. They want to be your ONLY family. They intend to destroy all tribes & families except their tribe & family. “Join us or die” is their motto - and they mean it. They are a thoroughly un-American organization and a severe threat to national security, public safety, and world peace.

They have gotten away with this prolific criminal activity because their CIA badge has protected them for many decades. For example, throughout the U.S., they have organized their activities around controlling police and gangs. They provide both drugs and guns to gangs nationally. In turn, these gangs distribute their drugs throughout the United States and also carry out prolific,
violent murders of innocent citizens. While all this nonsense goes on, the leaders of this CIA cult manipulate the police and other law enforcement agencies to stand down and let this stupidity go on. Then, when it is all done, they laugh all the way to the bank - making billions of dollars. This goes on in dozens and dozens and dozens of cities in America and throughout the world. There is one rational conclusion to such darkness: this evil, un-American group must be permanently stopped. For decades politicians have been negligent and irresponsible in refusing to stop this dangerous CIA cult (politicians fear them because they are prolific serial killers and they have such a large group of followers they can often vote people out of their political office quickly. They are known for attacking politicians who don’t “turn a blind eye” to their criminal empire.).

After reading this entire email, please take time to read my most recent letter to President Biden regarding this violent group. I have uploaded this letter to my Google Drive at this link: drive.google.com/file/d/1G7JAN9fSKbpeINSF32ec9pajvi0VuRoR

There is a NEW DEVELOPMENT in the CIA Checchi family's attempt at obstruction of justice in my case against them. I am exposing serious CIA corruption and abuse of power - that even, allegedly, involves Oprah Winfrey who is now protecting the CIA Checchi family with her CIA badge. If this is true, it would be classified information and they should not be telling me classified information. I am just an ordinary citizen journalist. But they do tell me classified information all the time without getting in trouble for it! They feel they are above the law and can do whatever they want - including killing mass numbers of men, women, and children. The Harvard Checchi family recently lost their CIA badge due to extreme corruption and murders of innocent Americans (even killing many children) but now they continue to abuse power under Oprah's badge!!! Who gets fired from a job and then gets immediately rehired under a different department?! That is insanity!!! Oprah has become a massive disappointment. Something is wrong with her. For example, apparently, they were recently behind orchestrating the school shooting in Texas on October 6, 2021, where four were injured. This time the knuckleheads were protesting the fact that President Biden was going to give me the money I have coming to me as a reward for being a whistleblower. This money will allow me to stop being homeless and I will be able to pull my life together on a path of healing. For eighteen years the Checchi’s have forced me into homelessness and tremendous stress that has created many health problems of mind and body. It's been scientifically proven that stress kills. The Checchi family has deliberately sought to constantly stress me out in an attempt to shorten my life.

Whenever I am about to get this money (which apparently is enough money to buy a house), it is announced by the authorities, and the Checchi family creates a mass shooting or other deadly drama that kills innocent Americans. President Biden and authorities should stop announcing that they are going to give me money and just give me the money. By making these prolonged announcements they are inciting murders of innocent citizens through terrorist events created by the Checchi family. These terrorist events are done as threats to officials like President Biden not to give me the money. The Checchi's want to keep me in poverty but at the same time, they offer me bribe money so that I will drop my lawsuit against them. If I have my own money, they can't bribe me to drop the lawsuit. The Secret Service should be all over these threats to President Biden, but they are silent for some reason. EVERY TIME the Checchi family creates these terrorist events the officials (like President Biden) give in to these Checchi terrorists and do not give me the money that is legally mine. Obviously, President Biden feels threatened by these Checchi-created terrorist events where innocent Americans are killed. That's what terrorists do:
instill terror and fear. That's the whole point of terrorist events and it's working - yet the Secret Service lets this nonsense go on as the Checchi’s threaten a sitting President.

Literally, **dozens and dozens of people (over one hundred people) have been killed in an effort to stop me from getting this money.** I’ve been told that now Oprah Winfrey is the person stopping me from getting this money. I want to buy land and a house with the money. I am still homeless and have been this way for over 15 years. But now, apparently, I must deal with Oprah attacking me – since the Checchi family now operates under her CIA badge. No “public servant” (especially unelected Oprah Winfrey!!!) has the legal standing to take away my right of owning property. The Constitution of the State of Vermont (where I was born and raised) says that I have a natural, inherent, and inalienable right to possess and protect my own property.

“That all persons are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and unalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety;” - Vermont State Constitution

I'm not a legal scholar but it seems to me that whoever is keeping me from having this money that is legally mine - is keeping me from owning my own property. Therefore, they are breaking the law.

Furthermore, I just found out this past summer that the Checchi’s paid for a court order that gave them a legal “conservatorship” over me (just like Britney Spears had). But in my case, the reasons for this conservatorship were fraudulent and illegal. They had illegally and secretly taken total control over my life, and I didn't even know it. That's what kind of people they are - creepy scammers. When I found this out, I sued them and won my release from their illegally acquired power over me. The conservatorship was rescinded by the court, and I am no longer to be kept as a slave to them or their CIA cult. Knowing Al & Kathy Checchi (and their kids) has been a total nightmare for decades. They even killed my parents (which I didn't know at the time that it was them who killed my mom and dad). When they died, Al and Kathy told me they felt sorry for me because I was an orphan and asked me to join their family! What a family of psychopaths!!! They are completely obsessed with me.

The Checchi’s are now refusing to accept the court order that the conservatorship has ended. The Checchi’s are forcing President Biden and other authorities to keep me, illegally, a slave to the whims of the terrorist Oprah-Checchi network. Government officials must protect the rule of law and follow the order of the court that has canceled the conservatorship. The Checchi’s are to have no say about anything regarding my life.

By giving in to the tantrums of the terrorist Oprah-Checchi cult leaders, officials are literally killing innocent Americans and making this nonsense drag on. Over one hundred Americans would still be alive if the money had been given to me years ago when it first came time to give me the money. But these psychopaths (enabled by politicians) keep killing innocent Americans!!!
Keeping me enslaved to poverty is not only an experience of torture both physically and psychologically, but it is keeping me locked into a state of life that is unhealthy, unsafe, and un-American. They are trying to kill me with stress. Literally, this constant stress is a form of attempted murder. In June 2021 a jury in a court where evidence was presented found the Checchi’s guilty of THREE COUNTS of attempted murder against me. They actually have tried to kill me at least seventeen times (all were very traumatic experiences) but there was documented proof for only three of these attempts.

In December 2021 they have the final phase of these court proceedings in which the court will tell them what their punishment is for these crimes. That's why they are trying to bribe me so that they can get out of this punishment in December. At the same time, the military has hauled them into court to face charges of "crimes against humanity." As you will see from my writing below, what they have done is manipulate government leaders like Mitch McConnell and Nancy Pelosi into making the debt ceiling and funding the government happen in December so that they can use this as leverage to cancel the court proceedings against them - as they threaten to ruin the United States economically if their demands are not met. They obviously control enough politicians to make this happen and destroy the United States economically.

I swear this story just gets weirder and weirder as time goes on. Oprah being an evil supporter of child abusers/child murderers was not on my BINGO card for 2021. Please read my letter to Secretary Austin below. If this topic has interest to you, I am including links to all my writing about this situation below. Secretary Austin somehow has responsibility for the CIA and has some sort of jurisdiction in this matter. So, I wrote him asking for his help. But I think I really need the help of an attorney qualified to work on federal cases. If you can, please forward this email to an attorney you know who might be able to work on this case. The more people who know what is going on, the more likely I will find the legal help I need. They continue to try to force me as a slave to serve their evil CIA cult.

This new development involving the debt ceiling and funding the government is clear obstruction of justice in a very, very sophisticated maneuver by the Checchi family. They are as evil and as creepy as humans can be. But no one will ever accuse them of being dumb in political matters. This was a very slick move but clearly, it is obstruction of justice.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Dillon Woods

October 7, 2021
Dear Secretary Austin,
I just learned that the Democrats have "made a deal" with the Republicans to delay things with the Debt Ceiling until this coming December. This is not good. This is a trap. This is the same time that they will have to re-do the funding of the government - which they just did last week to be revisited on Dec 3. And December is the same month that is the conclusion of my trial with the CIA Checchi family, where they will be told their punishment for being found guilty (in June) of three attempts to murder me. These three things all happen in December, and there is a 100% chance that they will vow to ruin the United States economically if they are not let off the hook of any punishment, in my case against them. They are horrified at being held accountable for these crimes. This will be a permanent record to stain their reputation.

My court case against them must be moved up a month to November, or all hell will break loose in December, and they will evade justice again. They can't be allowed to hold my case against them hostage, or they will sink America's economy. They control Mitch McConnell and enough Republicans to destroy America economically. They must be cut off before they can do this damage. So many people (judges, attorneys, me, my family, and many others) have sacrificed so much and risked our lives to hold these Checchi's accountable for their crimes. I am the first person to ever bring them to court after all the thousands of crimes they have committed over the last fifty years. It would be another crime to let them get away with no severe punishment.

I know you are not in charge of the courts. But, maybe there is something you can do to lobby "the powers that be," to move this final court date to November instead of December. This has become a matter of national security - now that the Checchi's will use the Debt Ceiling and the Funding of the Government as hostage over justice in this case. So many people have sacrificed so much. Something must be done to stop this nonsense, or they will get off scot-free again. Someone must hold this family accountable. No one in America should be above the law. But if this continues on course, they will get away without any meaningful punishment.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Dillon Woods

P.S. Below is a letter I sent to some leaders. This letter contains information you should know:

Dear Governor and Attorney General:

(THIS EMAIL HAS BEEN REVISED FROM THE LAST ONE I SENT YOU.)

As Nobel Prize-winning journalist Maria Ressa has recently said: “You cannot have integrity of elections if you do not have integrity of facts.” The full truth of what is going on in American
politics is being hidden from the American people because it involves a family (or cult) of CIA people. The only reason the courts have allowed me to explain details of what is going on is because I have had a long, drawn-out battle with this CIA family in court over the last 18 months. The situation has become very serious for the American people. I receive daily death threats and harassment from this CIA family for exposing the truth. Please take the time to read this entire email.

The CIA Checchi cult has gotten away with a lot of crime - including killing many citizens and interfering in elections. You (and all fifty states in America) will need to come up with new state laws to stop them from their criminal activity in your jurisdiction. The leaders of this CIA cult are famous for tricking people into committing crimes and then enslaving them into their cult based on the 13th Amendment where slavery is illegal EXCEPT as a punishment for crime. In Vermont, for example, they have recently made all slavery illegal in an attempt to stop the CIA Checchi cult from enslaving people in Vermont (especially students and young people under twenty-one years of age). The Checchi family has gotten away with a lot of crime throughout our country, and throughout the entire world. Recently they have been on a killing spree of judges, attorneys, politicians, police, and their loved ones nationwide. Just recently it was announced that the wife of Florida Governor DeSantis has contracted cancer. There is no doubt that this was a CIA Checchi hit job. I know for a fact that Governor DeSantis and his Attorney General have been standing up to the CIA Checchi cult leaders in Florida (which includes standing up to former President Trump who lives in Florida). Governor DeSantis has been standing up to CIA Checchi corruption in his state of Florida (which includes abolishing their massive child pornography business in Florida and massive cocaine & heroin business in Florida). They are punishing Governor DeSantis for doing the right thing by attacking his wife with cancer. This corrupt CIA family cult must be stopped from destroying our democracy, killing innocent people, and attacking those who uphold the rule of law.

Dozens and dozens of judicial killings throughout the country are being done in retaliation because federal judges have been ruling against the CIA Checchi family and this is their attempt at intimidating those who are committed to the rule of law (more about this in my writings at the links below). This CIA family is a danger to national security and a threat to public safety because many citizens, law enforcement personnel, business leaders, and politicians have joined this dangerous CIA death cult - without knowing how corrupt they are. My writings seek to expose the ugly truth of what is going on. Please read this email and the documents at the links below. Leaders like you should know the truth. Governor: To confirm what I am telling you is the truth, I encourage you to contact my governor in Vermont, Phil Scott (R). He has been dealing with a lot of nonsense and abuse from this CIA family for the last several years and he can confirm this is a very dangerous and very serious situation confronting our democracy.

One of the serious crimes the CIA Checchi cult “got away with” in Afghanistan was in 2011 when they killed a man named Burhānuddīn Rabbānī. Mr. Rabbānī was President of Afghanistan from 1992 to 2001 (he was forced into exile by the Taliban from 1996 to 2001). When they killed him, he was showing good progress in negotiating peace with the Taliban, and many were hopeful the Afghan war would end soon. But that progress came to a screeching halt on his
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The CIA Checchi cult needed the Afghan war to continue so they could make more money. They planned to make at least one trillion dollars over twenty years. The CIA Checchi cult sent the suicide bomber to stop the peace process because they wanted more money for their own personal gain. They didn’t want peace in Afghanistan. They wanted money. They had set up a money-making machine in Afghanistan, and it needed to run for another ten years to reach their trillion-dollar financial goal. This money would be used to fund their terrorist operations around the world. Their goal: total world domination and control. They were successful because they had their CIA badge to protect them. No one could stop them. But, President Rabbānī was getting in the way of their plans to become trillionaires (which was, in actuality, money stolen from American taxpayers). Financial greed is a basic, fundamental motive at the foundation of the CIA Checchi cult. They made ungodly sums of money in two ways: 1) with their various “contractor companies” that were working in Afghanistan for the Department of Defense and 2) the heroin business they had hijacked in Afghanistan (which made four billion dollars per year internationally).

The other important point regarding the assassination of President Rabbānī is the most criminal aspect of this murder. In Islam, many believe that if the Islamic scholars decide together and agree on something that is not written in the holy writings, it is like being the Word of God or as if it were written in the Koran (or Hadith). Ironically, in the weeks before he died, Mr. Rabbānī was conducting a successful campaign asking the leading Islamic scholars to issue a religious decree (or edict/law) that would ban suicide bombings. If he had been allowed to finish this task, he would have permanently rid the world of Islamic suicide bombers – a task so noble and vital for world peace. Maybe even worthy of a Noble peace prize.

As punishment, the CIA Checchi cult should be forced to pay for damages that have occurred at every suicide bombing done by a Muslim since President Rabbānī’s death because the Checchi cult leaders are the ones who stopped this peace from becoming a reality on Earth. If you have not read this yet, please take time to read this letter I recently sent to Governor Scott and the FBI regarding the CIA Checchi cult & Afghanistan. I uploaded the letter to my Google Drive at this link:

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politicians and military leaders. This is also the same CIA family that orchestrated the suicide bombing in Kabul on August 26, 2021, killing 13 soldiers and over 100 civilians. This bombing was done as retaliation to American military leaders who, that week, announced they were hauling the leaders of the CIA Checchi cult (Kathy, Al, and Adam Checchi) into a secret military court on charges of crimes against humanity. Finally, military leaders in America are waking up to the prolific crimes this CIA family has been committing - including the constant murders of military professionals. This is the same CIA Checchi cult that has also been behind the scenes orchestrating school shootings and mass shootings throughout America for the last 20 years. They need to be stopped, and it won’t happen unless American leaders know the truth and demand something is done to stop this CIA Checchi family cult. My job has been to expose the truth that I know. Please join me in exposing this CIA abuse of power so that Americans and leaders worldwide know the truth about what is going on in our country and our world. Together we can stop this CIA terrorist network from killing more innocent people.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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P.S. The latest CIA Checchi family trick: they used the “debt ceiling” to make federal authorities bend to their will and threatened to ruin the country economically if they did not get their way. In September 2021, Washington politicians had two issues to deal with: They had to fund the federal government (which includes funding the military) through December 3, 2021, and they had to increase the debt ceiling. Not doing this would force the government to shut down. They had to pass a budget by the end of September 2021. Through blackmail, bribery, and bullying, the Checchi family controls 70% of Republican politicians and a smaller percentage of Democrats in Washington, DC. They control politicians on both sides of the aisle. But they’ve specialized in tricking a lot of Republicans into being their slaves. These politicians must do whatever they are told to do by the CIA Checchi family because they are being blackmailed, bullied, or bribed. This CIA family threatened the Biden Administration with severe problems by giving no cooperation on the debt ceiling issue. This CIA family does not act in the betterment of the country but in pure self-interest. They were not elected to this position of power but seized this power through financial bribes, blackmail, or death threats to politicians' family members. This CIA family has certain things they want (for example, they'd like the military to stop holding them accountable in court). If they don't get what they want, they threatened to force their politicians to ruin the country by not raising the debt ceiling. For selfish gain, they are willing to ruin the country and destroy it economically. And the Biden administration would get the blame for this debacle. [The Checchi family has experience at doing this sort of thing because they were also behind orchestrating the high stakes drama of the 2008 financial crisis – what Warren Buffet called “an economic pearl harbor.” The basis of this mess was the manipulation of certain people working at the prompting of the CIA Checchi family that made bad investments over a period of years. This was all preplanned to attack the Presidency of George W. Bush – which gave his presidency a massive embarrassment, tanking his public image on his way out of office. Even at that time, the Checchi family was able to get certain Republican politicians in Washington -like Senator Mike Pence- to
support their attack of President Bush. Once again, the Checchi family got what they wanted, and politicians passed the bill on September 30, 2021. Still, there is no doubt the Checchi family will play this game again when politicians are forced to revisit this issue on December 3, 2021. Playing games like this is how the Checchi family has survived in power for so long. In a September 8 letter written by Maryland Representative Steny Hoyer, he wrote: "It would be a disaster for our economy and for tens of millions of American families if Republicans refuse to join Democrats in responsibly addressing the debt limit, I urge Senator McConnell to stop playing dangerous games with our economy and the well-being of so many Americans."

What would you do if you were President Biden? He is faced with this terrorist CIA family threat of destroying the American economy and constant threats of mass murders as they orchestrate deadly mass shootings throughout America and explode fatal bombs worldwide. President Biden knows what this CIA family is doing but he can't come out and tell Americans what they are doing because he has taken an oath of secrecy. But I have not taken an oath of secrecy, and I happen to know what is going on because I am locked in a lawsuit with this CIA family - so I get to see what is going on behind the scenes in American politics as they lash out at various court rulings in my situation with them. Many times, the leaders of the CIA Checchi cult even brag to me about what they have “gotten away with” in some weird attempt to impress me or intimidate me into cooperation. I must be honest with you and say - I’m shocked at how bad things in America are. I’m shocked that no one can contain this evil, murderous CIA family of domestic and international terrorists. This is the truth: our leaders in America are dealing with (and are trying to contain) a brutal, ruthless CIA domestic terrorist family that controls the entire secret society world and an army of five hundred million spies worldwide. They have even created new terrorist groups (like the Proud Boys, Antifa, and ISIS-K) to carry out their terrorist plans. The CIA Checchi family has so much power they have been able to get away with horrendous crimes against the American people and crimes against humanity for many decades (more details are available in my writing at the links below). Tens of millions of people have suffered tremendously because of the sins the Checchi family has committed for decades. Some people feel there is some “Old Testament justice” that the Checchi’s deserve. I think most Americans would tell President Biden to finish them all off. Be done with this family and move on. But we'll see what happens. It isn't a situation with an easy solution - when you know the details. For more information on the issue of the debt ceiling, this is a well-written article from CNBC:

I started writing things about this CIA cult in 2017. If you have not read all my writings about this CIA-Checchi-cult there is more information here in documents uploaded to my Google Drive:

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Good morning, Ms. Ghostlaw. I think it is in the better interests of our country that all Americans should know the truth that I am exposing about this corrupt CIA family. The damage they have caused to our democracy and our world is very real. YES - Please do share my statement with members of the USMA board of visitors. Furthermore, if it’s not asking too much I am attaching my latest writing on this subject written to political leaders. It contains more important information that I hope you will share with the members of the USMA board of visitors. If you could share this attached letter with them at the same time, that would also be in the better interests of the United States.

Thank you for your kind service and efficiency,

Dillon Woods
Independent Journalist

On Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 09:00:44 AM EST, Board of Visitors <bov@westpoint.edu> wrote:

Mr. Woods,

Good morning. Please let me know if you would like your statement to be provided to members of the USMA Board of Visitors.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

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Assistant Secretary of the General Staff
Designated Federal Officer to the USMA Board of Visitors
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Dear Lt. Gen. Williams, CSMaj Coffey, Faculty, Staff, and Other Leaders at West Point:

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2. “Reporting Child Abuse and CIA Abuse of Power”
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3. “Dear Commander and Other Military Leaders”
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6. "Eight Months in LA County Jail." – A book I was forced to call “fiction” but it’s all true.
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November 9, 2021

Dear Honorable Senator and Dedicated Staff:

There is a dangerous CIA-Harvard cult (created by the Checchi family based in Los Angeles and run by David Kanuth, Kathy Checchi, and Oprah Winfrey) that is extremely criminally active throughout the entire country. (If you’ve heard the news that both Oprah and Donald Trump have been taken off the Forbes billionaire list this year, it’s because they have both lost hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars because of financial penalties imposed for being part of the prolific crimes which is the CIA Checchi family initiated.) The leaders of this cult have killed thousands of innocent Americans to bully political leaders. They have been illegally manipulating and interfering in elections in many states to tilt legislative power and political power in their favor. Furthermore, they have been killing judges, politicians, and attorneys nationally to protest federal courts that have been ruling against them - attacking those who uphold the rule of law in America.

For over twenty years, the CIA Checchi cult leaders have been working hard to destabilize the United States government at every level by funding and organizing riots & mass shootings. They have created and promoted Bitcoin (and other cryptocurrencies) in order to undermine and compete with the U.S. dollar. They have also created a massive illegal drug cartel that has made billions of dollars internationally. They use illegal drugs (ecstasy, cocaine, heroin) as a reward to give to their followers. It turns out people who are high on drugs become easier to manipulate for the evil operations of this death cult. They simultaneously have been using illegal drugs (like fentanyl) to kill people and ruin the lives of their enemy’s loved ones in America.

They are highly focused on destroying any family that has been supportive of or connected to their enemies. For example, among their biggest political enemies are the Bush family, the family of LBJ, and the Clintons. Anyone who even speaks positively about these families will be attacked and maybe even killed. Because Texas is home to many supporters of the Bush family and the family of LBJ, citizens in Texas have been under attack. For example, the CIA-Harvard Checchi family orchestrated the “sudden surge” of chaos that ended up killing eight people in Texas at the Travis Scott Astroworld Concert on November 6, 2021.

Furthermore, they have been behind the scenes making sure that the state of Texas has had more deaths from Covid19 than any other state in America (Texas has half of the number of people that South Korea has - yet it has had twenty-five times more deaths. This is not a coincidence - it is a CIA Checchi family manipulation.). Their ultimate goal is to destroy the family unit and destroy families that are not part of their cult. They want to be your only family. They intend to destroy all tribes & families except their tribe & family. “Join us or die” is their motto - and they mean it. They are a thoroughly un-American organization and a severe threat to national security, public safety, and world peace.

They have gotten away with this prolific criminal activity because their CIA badge has protected them for many decades. For example, throughout the U.S., they have organized their activities around controlling police and gangs. They provide both drugs and guns to gangs nationally. In turn, these gangs distribute their drugs throughout the United States and also carry out prolific,
violent murders of innocent citizens. While all this nonsense goes on, the leaders of this CIA cult manipulate the police and other law enforcement agencies to stand down and let this stupidity go on. Then, when it is all done, they laugh all the way to the bank - making billions of dollars. This goes on in dozens and dozens and dozens of cities in America and throughout the world. There is one rational conclusion to such darkness: this evil, un-American group must be permanently stopped. For decades politicians have been negligent and irresponsible in refusing to stop this dangerous CIA cult (politicians fear them because they are prolific serial killers and they have such a large group of followers they can often vote people out of their political office quickly. They are known for attacking politicians who don’t “turn a blind eye” to their criminal empire.).

After reading this entire email, please take time to read my most recent letter to President Biden regarding this violent group. I have uploaded this letter to my Google Drive at this link: drive.google.com/file/d/1G7JAN9fSKbpeINSF32ec9pajvi0VuRoR

There is a NEW DEVELOPMENT in the CIA Checchi family's attempt at obstruction of justice in my case against them. I am exposing serious CIA corruption and abuse of power - that even, allegedly, involves Oprah Winfrey who is now protecting the CIA Checchi family with her CIA badge. If this is true, it would be classified information and they should not be telling me classified information. I am just an ordinary citizen journalist. But they do tell me classified information all the time without getting in trouble for it! They feel they are above the law and can do whatever they want - including killing mass numbers of men, women, and children. The Harvard Checchi family recently lost their CIA badge due to extreme corruption and murders of innocent Americans (even killing many children) but now they continue to abuse power under Oprah's badge!!! Who gets fired from a job and then gets immediately rehired under a different department?! That is insanity!!! Oprah has become a massive disappointment. Something is wrong with her. For example, apparently, they were recently behind orchestrating the school shooting in Texas on October 6, 2021, where four were injured. This time the knuckleheads were protesting the fact that President Biden was going to give me the money I have coming to me as a reward for being a whistleblower. This money will allow me to stop being homeless and I will be able to pull my life together on a path of healing. For eighteen years the Checchi’s have forced me into homelessness and tremendous stress that has created many health problems of mind and body. It’s been scientifically proven that stress kills. The Checchi family has deliberately sought to constantly stress me out in an attempt to shorten my life.

Whenever I am about to get this money (which apparently is enough money to buy a house), it is announced by the authorities, and the Checchi family creates a mass shooting or other deadly drama that kills innocent Americans. President Biden and authorities should stop announcing that they are going to give me money and just give me the money. By making these prolonged announcements they are inciting murders of innocent citizens through terrorist events created by the Checchi family. These terrorist events are done as threats to officials like President Biden not to give me the money. The Checchi's have forced me into homelessness and tremendous stress that has created many health problems of mind and body. It’s been scientifically proven that stress kills. The Checchi family has deliberately sought to constantly stress me out in an attempt to shorten my life.
instill terror and fear. That's the whole point of terrorist events and it's working - yet the Secret Service lets this nonsense go on as the Checchi's threaten a sitting President.

Literally, dozens and dozens of people (over one hundred people) have been killed in an effort to stop me from getting this money. I’ve been told that now Oprah Winfrey is the person stopping me from getting this money. I want to buy land and a house with the money. I am still homeless and have been this way for over 15 years. But now, apparently, I must deal with Oprah attacking me – since the Checchi family now operates under her CIA badge. No “public servant” (especially unelected Oprah Winfrey!!!) has the legal standing to take away my right of owning property. The Constitution of the State of Vermont (where I was born and raised) says that I have a natural, inherent, and inalienable right to possess and protect my own property.

“That all persons are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and unalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety;” - Vermont State Constitution

I'm not a legal scholar but it seems to me that whoever is keeping me from having this money that is legally mine - is keeping me from owning my own property. Therefore, they are breaking the law.

Furthermore, I just found out this past summer that the Checchi’s paid for a court order that gave them a legal “conservatorship” over me (just like Britney Spears had). But in my case, the reasons for this conservatorship were fraudulent and illegal. They had illegally and secretly taken total control over my life, and I didn't even know it. That's what kind of people they are - creepy scammers. When I found this out, I sued them and won my release from their illegally acquired power over me. The conservatorship was rescinded by the court, and I am no longer to be kept as a slave to them or their CIA cult. Knowing Al & Kathy Checchi (and their kids) has been a total nightmare for decades. They even killed my parents (which I didn't know at the time that it was them who killed my mom and dad). When they died, Al and Kathy told me they felt sorry for me because I was an orphan and asked me to join their family! What a family of psychopaths!!! They are completely obsessed with me.

The Checchi’s are now refusing to accept the court order that the conservatorship has ended. The Checchi’s are forcing President Biden and other authorities to keep me, illegally, a slave to the whims of the terrorist Oprah-Checchi network. Government officials must protect the rule of law and follow the order of the court that has canceled the conservatorship. The Checchi’s are to have no say about anything regarding my life.

By giving in to the tantrums of the terrorist Oprah-Checchi cult leaders, officials are literally killing innocent Americans and making this nonsense drag on. Over one hundred Americans would still be alive if the money had been given to me years ago when it first came time to give me the money. But these psychopaths (enabled by politicians) keep killing innocent Americans!!!
Keeping me enslaved to poverty is not only an experience of torture both physically and psychologically, but it is keeping me locked into a state of life that is unhealthy, unsafe, and un-American. They are trying to kill me with stress. Literally, this constant stress is a form of attempted murder. In June 2021 a jury in a court where evidence was presented found the Checchi’s guilty of THREE COUNTS of attempted murder against me. They actually have tried to kill me at least seventeen times (all were very traumatic experiences) but there was documented proof for only three of these attempts.

In December 2021 they have the final phase of these court proceedings in which the court will tell them what their punishment is for these crimes. That’s why they are trying to bribe me so that they can get out of this punishment in December. At the same time, the military has hauled them into court to face charges of "crimes against humanity." As you will see from my writing below, what they have done is manipulate government leaders like Mitch McConnell and Nancy Pelosi into making the debt ceiling and funding the government happen in December so that they can use this as leverage to cancel the court proceedings against them - as they threaten to ruin the United States economically if their demands are not met. They obviously control enough politicians to make this happen and destroy the United States economically.

I swear this story just gets weirder and weirder as time goes on. Oprah being an evil supporter of child abusers/child murderers was not on my BINGO card for 2021. Please read my letter to Secretary Austin below. If this topic has interest to you, I am including links to all my writing about this situation below. Secretary Austin somehow has responsibility for the CIA and has some sort of jurisdiction in this matter. So, I wrote him asking for his help. But I think I really need the help of an attorney qualified to work on federal cases. If you can, please forward this email to an attorney you know who might be able to work on this case. The more people who know what is going on, the more likely I will find the legal help I need. They continue to try to force me as a slave to serve their evil CIA cult.

This new development involving the debt ceiling and funding the government is clear obstruction of justice in a very, very sophisticated maneuver by the Checchi family. They are as evil and as creepy as humans can be. But no one will ever accuse them of being dumb in political matters. This was a very slick move but clearly, it is obstruction of justice.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Dillon Woods

October 7, 2021
Dear Secretary Austin,
I just learned that the Democrats have "made a deal" with the Republicans to delay things with the Debt Ceiling until this coming December. This is not good. This is a trap. This is the same time that they will have to re-do the funding of the government - which they just did last week to be revisited on Dec 3. And December is the same month that is the conclusion of my trial with the CIA Checchi family, where they will be told their punishment for being found guilty (in June) of three attempts to murder me. These three things all happen in December, and there is a 100% chance that they will vow to ruin the United States economically if they are not let off the hook of any punishment, in my case against them. They are horrified at being held accountable for these crimes. This will be a permanent record to stain their reputation.

My court case against them must be moved up a month to November, or all hell will break loose in December, and they will evade justice again. They can't be allowed to hold my case against them hostage, or they will sink America's economy. They control Mitch McConnell and enough Republicans to destroy America economically. They must be cut off before they can do this damage. So many people (judges, attorneys, me, my family, and many others) have sacrificed so much and risked our lives to hold these Checchi's accountable for their crimes. I am the first person to ever bring them to court after all the thousands of crimes they have committed over the last fifty years. It would be another crime to let them get away with no severe punishment.

I know you are not in charge of the courts. But, maybe there is something you can do to lobby "the powers that be," to move this final court date to November instead of December. This has become a matter of national security - now that the Checchi's will use the Debt Ceiling and the Funding of the Government as hostage over justice in this case. So many people have sacrificed so much. Something must be done to stop this nonsense, or they will get off scot-free again. Someone must hold this family accountable. No one in America should be above the law. But if this continues on course, they will get away without any meaningful punishment.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Dillon Woods

P.S. Below is a letter I sent to some leaders. This letter contains information you should know:

Dear Governor and Attorney General:

(THIS EMAIL HAS BEEN REVISED FROM THE LAST ONE I SENT YOU.)

As Nobel Prize-winning journalist Maria Ressa has recently said: “You cannot have integrity of elections if you do not have integrity of facts.” The full truth of what is going on in American
politics is being hidden from the American people because it involves a family (or cult) of CIA people. The only reason the courts have allowed me to explain details of what is going on is because I have had a long, drawn-out battle with this CIA family in court over the last 18 months. The situation has become very serious for the American people. I receive daily death threats and harassment from this CIA family for exposing the truth. Please take the time to read this entire email.

The CIA Checchi cult has gotten away with a lot of crime - including killing many citizens and interfering in elections. You (and all fifty states in America) will need to come up with new state laws to stop them from their criminal activity in your jurisdiction. The leaders of this CIA cult are famous for tricking people into committing crimes and then enslaving them into their cult based on the 13th Amendment where slavery is illegal EXCEPT as a punishment for crime. In Vermont, for example, they have recently made all slavery illegal in an attempt to stop the CIA Checchi cult from enslaving people in Vermont (especially students and young people under twenty-one years of age). The Checchi family has gotten away with a lot of crime throughout our country, and throughout the entire world. Recently they have been on a killing spree of judges, attorneys, politicians, police, and their loved ones nationwide. Just recently it was announced that the wife of Florida Governor DeSantis has contracted cancer. There is no doubt that this was a CIA Checchi hit job. I know for a fact that Governor DeSantis and his Attorney General have been standing up to the CIA Checchi cult leaders in Florida (which includes standing up to former President Trump who lives in Florida). Governor DeSantis has been standing up to CIA Checchi corruption in his state of Florida (which includes abolishing their massive child pornography business in Florida and massive cocaine & heroin business in Florida). They are punishing Governor DeSantis for doing the right thing by attacking his wife with cancer. This corrupt CIA family cult must be stopped from destroying our democracy, killing innocent people, and attacking those who uphold the rule of law.

Dozens and dozens of judicial killings throughout the country are being done in retaliation because federal judges have been ruling against the CIA Checchi family and this is their attempt at intimidating those who are committed to the rule of law (more about this in my writings at the links below). This CIA family is a danger to national security and a threat to public safety because many citizens, law enforcement personnel, business leaders, and politicians have joined this dangerous CIA death cult - without knowing how corrupt they are. My writings seek to expose the ugly truth of what is going on. Please read this email and the documents at the links below. Leaders like you should know the truth. Governor: To confirm what I am telling you is the truth, I encourage you to contact my governor in Vermont, Phil Scott (R). He has been dealing with a lot of nonsense and abuse from this CIA family for the last several years and he can confirm this is a very dangerous and very serious situation confronting our democracy.

One of the serious crimes the CIA Checchi cult “got away with” in Afghanistan was in 2011 when they killed a man named Burhānuddīn Rabbānī. Mr. Rabbānī was President of Afghanistan from 1992 to 2001 (he was forced into exile by the Taliban from 1996 to 2001). When they killed him, he was showing good progress in negotiating peace with the Taliban, and many were hopeful the Afghan war would end soon. But that progress came to a screeching halt on his
birthday on September 20, 2011, when a suicide bomber killed President Rabbānī at his home in Kabul. Four other members of the Peace Council were there with him when the bomb went off – killing all five peacemakers. President Rabbānī was considered invaluable to the peace process because he was the only official who had personal relationships with all the tribe leaders in Afghanistan. He knew them all, and they trusted him.

The CIA Checchi cult needed the Afghan war to continue so they could make more money. They planned to make at least one trillion dollars over twenty years. The CIA Checchi cult sent the suicide bomber to stop the peace process because they wanted more money for their own personal gain. They didn’t want peace in Afghanistan. They wanted money. They had set up a money-making machine in Afghanistan, and it needed to run for another ten years to reach their trillion-dollar financial goal. This money would be used to fund their terrorist operations around the world. Their goal: total world domination and control. They were successful because they had their CIA badge to protect them. No one could stop them. But, President Rabbānī was getting in the way of their plans to become trillionaires (which was, in actuality, money stolen from American taxpayers). Financial greed is a basic, fundamental motive at the foundation of the CIA Checchi cult. They made ungodly sums of money in two ways: 1) with their various “contractor companies” that were working in Afghanistan for the Department of Defense and 2) the heroin business they had hijacked in Afghanistan (which made four billion dollars per year internationally).

The other important point regarding the assassination of President Rabbānī is the most criminal aspect of this murder. In Islam, many believe that if the Islamic scholars decide together and agree on something that is not written in the holy writings, it is like being the Word of God or as if it were written in the Koran (or Hadith). Ironically, in the weeks before he died, Mr. Rabbānī was conducting a successful campaign asking the leading Islamic scholars to issue a religious decree (or edict/law) that would ban suicide bombings. If he had been allowed to finish this task, he would have permanently rid the world of Islamic suicide bombers – a task so noble and vital for world peace. Maybe even worthy of a Noble peace prize.

As punishment, the CIA Checchi cult should be forced to pay for damages that have occurred at every suicide bombing done by a Muslim since President Rabbānī’s death because the Checchi cult leaders are the ones who stopped this peace from becoming a reality on Earth. If you have not read this yet, please take time to read this letter I recently sent to Governor Scott and the FBI regarding the CIA Checchi cult & Afghanistan. I uploaded the letter to my Google Drive at this link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/14ZhOfsMJO_Gfi6zeyj--9ZdMKA5DogU

Please consider sharing this information with other Americans in your life. As one independent journalist, I can only reach so many people. Americans (especially politicians and public servants) deserve to know the truth about how this CIA family organized & funded terrorism - with taxpayer dollars. How they manipulated (bribed, bullied, and/or blackmailed) military professionals to cooperate in this crime against humanity should be studied within the military and exposed so this kind of manipulation is harder to get away with in the future. The leaders of the CIA Checchi cult could not have been so successful without the cooperation of
politicians and military leaders. This is also the same CIA family that orchestrated the suicide bombing in Kabul on August 26, 2021, killing 13 soldiers and over 100 civilians. This bombing was done as retaliation to American military leaders who, that week, announced they were hauling the leaders of the CIA Checchi cult (Kathy, Al, and Adam Checchi) into a secret military court on charges of crimes against humanity. Finally, military leaders in America are waking up to the prolific crimes this CIA family has been committing - including the constant murders of military professionals. This is the same CIA Checchi cult that has also been behind the scenes orchestrating school shootings and mass shootings throughout America for the last 20 years. They need to be stopped, and it won’t happen unless American leaders know the truth and demand something is done to stop this CIA Checchi family cult. My job has been to expose the truth that I know. Please join me in exposing this CIA abuse of power so that Americans and leaders worldwide know the truth about what is going on in our country and our world. Together we can stop this CIA terrorist network from killing more innocent people.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Dillon Woods
Independent Journalist

P.S. The latest CIA Checchi family trick: they used the “debt ceiling” to make federal authorities bend to their will and threatened to ruin the country economically if they did not get their way. In September 2021, Washington politicians had two issues to deal with: They had to fund the federal government (which includes funding the military) through December 3, 2021, and they had to increase the debt ceiling. Not doing this would force the government to shut down. They had to pass a budget by the end of September 2021. Through blackmail, bribery, and bullying, the Checchi family controls 70% of Republican politicians and a smaller percentage of Democrats in Washington, DC. They control politicians on both sides of the aisle. But they’ve specialized in tricking a lot of Republicans into being their slaves. These politicians must do whatever they are told to do by the CIA Checchi family because they are being blackmailed, bullied, or bribed. This CIA family threatened the Biden Administration with severe problems by giving no cooperation on the debt ceiling issue. This CIA family does not act in the betterment of the country but in pure self-interest. They were not elected to this position of power but seized this power through financial bribes, blackmail, or death threats to politicians' family members. This CIA family has certain things they want (for example, they'd like the military to stop holding them accountable in court). **If they don't get what they want, they threatened to force their politicians to ruin the country by not raising the debt ceiling. For selfish gain, they are willing to ruin the country and destroy it economically. And the Biden administration would get the blame for this debacle.** [The Checchi family has experience at doing this sort of thing because they were also behind orchestrating the high stakes drama of the 2008 financial crisis – what Warren Buffet called “an economic pearl harbor.” The basis of this mess was the manipulation of certain people working at the prompting of the CIA Checchi family that made bad investments over a period of years. This was all preplanned to attack the Presidency of George W. Bush – which gave his presidency a massive embarrassment, tanking his public image on his way out of office. Even at that time, the Checchi family was able to get certain Republican politicians in Washington -like Senator Mike Pence- to
support their attack of President Bush.) Once again, the Checchi family got what they wanted, and politicians passed the bill on September 30, 2021. Still, there is no doubt the Checchi family will play this game again when politicians are forced to revisit this issue on December 3, 2021. Playing games like this is how the Checchi family has survived in power for so long. In a September 8 letter written by Maryland Representative Steny Hoyer, he wrote: "It would be a disaster for our economy and for tens of millions of American families if Republicans refuse to join Democrats in responsibly addressing the debt limit, I urge Senator McConnell to stop playing dangerous games with our economy and the well-being of so many Americans."

What would you do if you were President Biden? He is faced with this terrorist CIA family threat of destroying the American economy and constant threats of mass murders as they orchestrate deadly mass shootings throughout America and explode fatal bombs worldwide. President Biden knows what this CIA family is doing but he can't come out and tell Americans what they are doing because he has taken an oath of secrecy. But I have not taken an oath of secrecy, and I happen to know what is going on because I am locked in a lawsuit with this CIA family - so I get to see what is going on behind the scenes in American politics as they lash out at various court rulings in my situation with them. Many times, the leaders of the CIA Checchi cult even brag to me about what they have “gotten away with” in some weird attempt to impress me or intimidate me into cooperation. I must be honest with you and say - I'm shocked at how bad things in America are. I'm shocked that no one can contain this evil, murderous CIA family of domestic and international terrorists. This is the truth: our leaders in America are dealing with (and are trying to contain) a brutal, ruthless CIA domestic terrorist family that controls the entire secret society world and an army of five hundred million spies worldwide. They have even created new terrorist groups (like the Proud Boys, Antifa, and ISIS-K) to carry out their terrorist plans. The CIA Checchi family has so much power they have been able to get away with horrendous crimes against the American people and crimes against humanity for many decades (more details are available in my writing at the links below). Tens of millions of people have suffered tremendously because of the sins the Checchi family has committed for decades. Some people feel there is some “Old Testament justice” that the Checchi’s deserve. I think most Americans would tell President Biden to finish them all off. Be done with this family and move on. But we'll see what happens. It isn't a situation with an easy solution - when you know the details. For more information on the issue of the debt ceiling, this is a well-written article from CNBC: https://www.cnbc.com/2021/09/17/debt-ceiling-vs-government-shutdown-2021-why-it-matters.html

I started writing things about this CIA cult in 2017. If you have not read all my writings about this CIA-Checchi-cult there is more information here in documents uploaded to my Google Drive:

1. “Letter to CIA Director Burns”
drive.google {DOT} com/file/d/16jqEAcOXaschRbiefV1jUT2MQX LnBBKY
Hope is not a state of mind. It is a state of action. It is in the praxis of resistance, solidarity, and love that we can find a path to a brighter world." - Ady Barkan
corruption being presented to a higher court, their July 28th sham-ruling was reversed! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED TURN THIS FRAUD AROUND! **********

"Journalism is printing what someone else does not want printed. All the rest is public relations."
- George Orwell

Keep safe those who serve You, O God; in you we take refuge. Psalms 16:1
Good Day Ms. Ghostlaw,

Yes I most certainly do!

I am at a loss to understand why even an acknowledgement of my requests as having been received was unable to be sent - even an automated reply. Perhaps you can enlighten me of why, and also why you are now able to do so.

For your information too, with the lack of any previous response I have also written to the BoV Chairman (Congressman Womack), Senator Reed (Chairman SASC), and the DAIG. I have yet to receive a response from either the Congressman or the Senator. The DAIG has at least acknowledged receipt.

I also note that this topic was not an agenda item in the last BoV meeting after the Superintendent advised the BoV in June / July 2020 that an IG investigation had been initiated and would be concluded in Oct 2020.

As a graduate I am highly dissatisfied with the current leadership at the Academy.

Again I strongly wish this matter to be a topic for the BoV to address and to make public what has transpired.

Thank you for you email.

Walter Heinz

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 10, 2021, at 6:40 AM, Board of Visitors <BOV@westpoint.edu> wrote:

Mr. Heinz,

Good morning and my apologies for the delay. Due to the cessation of DoD Advisory Committee operations I was unable to do so. Please let me know if you would like your statement below to be considered at the next meeting of the USMA Board of Visitors.

Thank you very much and I look forward to hearing from you.
Respectfully,

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From: wally heinz <heinzwally@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 12:38 PM  
To: Board of Visitors <BOV@westpoint.edu>  
Subject: Re: Anti Racist manifesto document and USMA Response

BoV:

I have not received an acknowledgement of my email below. Has it been received? Is their a plan to look into this?

Thank you,

Walter Heinz

Sent from my iPhone

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On Jun 22, 2021, at 8:53 AM, Wally <heinzwally@gmail.com> wrote:

Distinguished members of the BOV,

I am turning to you for assistance in addressing concerns about the Academy’s lack of transparency and updating on this matter. As a concerned graduate of USMA, I am highly disappointed in, and mystified by, the inability to gain any information on this from the Academy. I have been unsuccessful in my attempts via the AOG (who have simply passed this off to the Academy PAO), and similarly the PAO (current and previous) have essentially been non-responsive in any substantive manner to all previous requests. The email string below provides substance and time lines (beginning in
January 2021) for your reference.

The lack of openness, and the complete silence, call into question both the intent and competency of the leadership at the Academy. I have lost faith in the current leadership at the Academy.

I would ask that you look into this matter. I look forward to your addressing this matter and a reply.

Walter Heinz
USMA 1971

From: Wally <heinzwally@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 8:29 AM
To: 'Smith, Beth R LTC' <beth.smith@westpoint.edu>
Cc: 'Todd Browne' <todd.browne@wpaog.org>
Subject: RE: Anti Racist manifesto document and USMA Response

LTC Smith,

I am compelled to contact you again regarding the lack of response to my requests below. Kindly provide me with an update as to whom you have forwarded my concerns.

Walter Heinz

From: wally heinz <heinzwally@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2021 8:30 AM
To: Smith, Beth R LTC <beth.smith@westpoint.edu>
Cc: Todd Browne <todd.browne@wpaog.org>
Subject: Re: Anti Racist manifesto document and USMA Response

LtC Smith,

Once again I am highly disappointed by the lack of response let alone any meaningful response to my concerns and repeated requests.

I ask you to forward my inquiry and concerns directly to the Superintendent as it is now rather obvious that you, your predecessor, your office, and the AOG are either unwilling to or unable to respond.

Needless to say I am appalled at the apparent stonewalling, and inability to receive any replies. I find this unprofessional and unacceptable.

I ask that in forwarding this email string that you cc me so that I may
address future correspondence directly to the Superintendent.

Walter Heinz

Sent from my iPhone

On May 7, 2021, at 9:47 AM, Wally <heinzwally@gmail.com> wrote:

LTC Smith,

Here is a link to the item to which I am referring…..https://www.slideshare.net/TimothyBerry8/anti-racist-west-point…
This is the document that I call the “manifesto” in my prior emails. Since this was released I believe there was an initial release from USMA on it and since then, to my knowledge, I don’t think there a has been any follow up official response. If I am in error. Please send me or direct me to any further update. It is this that I am interested in what has / is being done in response to this document. What I would like you to do if there has not been any further update is to press the leadership to do so. I think it’s overdue for that to happen.

Thank you,

Wally Heinz

From: Smith, Beth R LTC <beth.smith@westpoint.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 05, 2021 3:13 PM
To: wally heinz <heinzwally@gmail.com>
Cc: Todd Browne <todd.browne@wpaog.org>
Subject: RE: Anti Racist manifesto document and USMA Response

Wally,
Greetings. Thanks for reaching out, things are very busy here with graduation, summer training and the issues you mentioned below. I’m interested in what you’re looking for as far as critical race theory? What would you like us to do?
My phone number is below if you’d like to talk. Please do not leave a message, as I rarely check them. If you watch the news soon, you’ll see a release and a few pieces on our upcoming graduation. Perhaps that will elicit some positive news.
Thank you.
Lt. Col. Smith

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From: wally heinz <heinzwally@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 4:45 PM
To: Smith, Beth R LTC <beth.smith@westpoint.edu>
Cc: Todd Browne <todd.browne@wpaog.org>
Subject: Re: Anti Racist manifesto document and USMA Response

Caution! **Don’t click on links or attachments unless you trust the sender. This email came from an external source.**

Hello LTC Smith,

I am resending my email below as I have not had the courtesy of even an acknowledgement of its receipt from your office.

I continue to be highly disappointed in USMA’s lack of transparency to its graduates... and the lack of any communication from the Public Affairs office - both from your predecessor and from you.

I did see the Supe’s update on the honor cases a few weeks ago, however the silence continues on the “racist Manifesto” matter.

If you would kindly do so, please acknowledge receipt of this email and provide a status update on the latter.
On Apr 9, 2021, at 10:18 AM, Wally <heinzwally@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello LTC Smith,

Per the email string below, I assume that you have, or are in the process of assuming the role of the PAO. I'm sending this as a follow up to my email string below that you are now on. I respectfully request that you take on a proactive role in updating, or causing the USMA administration to update the status of these two items. These are begging for an official update. These are both matters that have a profound impact on the Academy and the Long Grey Line. If I am missing where the Academy has updated the information I would appreciate you providing it. To my knowledge there are no updates and that I find as troubling as the situations themselves.

Walter Heinz
USMA 1971
I re-read the link you provided re the MA 104 honor case, and as before I believe the time line / status reflected therein is from 9 Dec 2020, with a projected adjudication of 2-3 months or roughly early March 2021. It is now into April 2021. Am I not seeing anything more current? Or are the 67 cases still in limbo?

Similarly, if there is anything further posted on the “Manifesto” I’d welcome a link or other communication from USMA, as I am not seeing anything more current than the Supe’s initial communication.

Thanks,

Walter Heinz
USMA 1971

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From: Todd Browne
todd.browne@wpaog.org
Sent: Friday, April 02, 2021 10:30 AM
To: wally heinz <heinzwally@gmail.com>
Cc: Smith, Beth R LTC
beth.smith@westpoint.edu
Subject: FW: Anti Racist manifesto document and USMA Response

Walter – LTC Ophardt is in the process of retiring. The new PAO is LTC Beth Smith who is copied on this email. LTC Ophardt’s original response outlined the actions USMA was taking with regard to the letter from the lieutenants. Regarding the honor incident, USMA has provided a website with information about the MA104 incident and answers to FAQs regarding the honor system
https://www.westpoint.edu/military/simon-center-for-the-professional-military-ethic/honor

Best,
Todd
From: wally heinz <heinzwally@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 10:05 PM
To: Todd Browne <todd.browne@wpaog.org>
Subject: Fwd: Anti Racist manifesto document and USMA Response

Todd,

Is there a way to bypass Ltc Ophardt and get an answer. He obviously had no interest in providing an update - ignored two subsequent emails to my first request that you had forwarded to him from me.

Am pretty sure that my addressing LTG Williams as a cc in last email merely goes through Ophardt - so is in the same round file as my request directly to him.

Am mystified and totally dissatisfied by him as A public affairs officer for one; but equally dissatisfied in the Academy’s silence.

Open to your suggestions.

Thanx

Walter Heinz

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Wally <heinzwally@gmail.com>
Date: March 20, 2021 at 11:34:17 AM MDT
To: "Ophardt, Christopher D LTC" <christopher.ophardt@westpoint.edu>
Cc: Todd Browne <todd.browne@wpaog.org>, "LTG Darryl A. Williams '83"
LTC Ophardt,

I would appreciate an update on the two items of concern expressed in my prior emails. I have not seen any further updates from your office or any other, and as expressed previously below, I believe the Academy’s silence is disappointing and harmful. The items are:

The cheating investigation
The “manifesto”

Walter Heinz
USMA 1971
been received and that the concerns have been advanced to Academy leadership.

To be clear the messages that I hope you will have taken and forwarded is that the Academy has not been proactive enough in communicating to its alumni status on these issues that undermine the Academy. Even procedural steps taken are better than silence.

I welcome a reply and further status updates

Thank you.

Walter Heinz

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 12, 2021, at 12:55 PM, wally heinz
<heinzwally@gmail.com>
wrote:

LTC Ophardt,

Thanks for your reply. If I might comment on two things:

Your paragraph that provides info that
the IG is investigating is new news and respectfully should have been provided to Graduates after the attached initial letter from the Supe. The lack of any follow up communication after the initial letter I believe has caused concern.

Secondly, I would like to convey that the content on the “manifesto” document caused me a great deal of concern. Admittedly it’s been a long time since first reading it for me, but I found it charged with accusations with precious little solid supporting evidence. And frankly, I think it was poorly written and Verbose. The fact that the signatories were 1st captains and recognized scholars seems to suggest that because of their accomplishments at West Point that they believe that their hypothesis should carry more weight. I found that particularly troubling
too.

I believe I would have received a deficient grade had I turned this document in in any course I had as a cadet.

If it would help add to the voices of those graduates who have already written I’d also send a letter, but would have to re-read it first.

This, along with the recent cheating matter are of great concern to me, as they are to many graduates. Kindly strive to be more proactive in keeping the graduate base better informed. Silence is not the Academy’s friend in this.

Sincerely,

Walter “Wally” Heinz

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 12, 2021, at 11:38 AM, Ophardt,
Christopher D LTC
<christopher.ophardt@westpoint.edu>
wrote:

Sir,

Thanks for your email. I have attached LTG Williams letter that he wrote on Jun 4 about civil unrest.

Also here is our current public statement about the IG review.

We recently received a letter from nine of our recent graduates concerning racism at the
United States Military Academy and we appreciate their feedback. The Academy expects all Cadets to be treated with dignity and respect. We take seriously all forms of racial inequality that marginalize or devalue members of our team. West Point does not accept, condone, or promote racism. The West Point Inspector General has
begun a comprehensive review of all matters involving race at the Academy. We will carefully consider the results of this review and deliberately address any findings.

The IG is finishing up the review and we are looking to start briefing Army Senior Leaders and other key leaders in the Spring.

Finally West Point will also participate in the
DoD Commission on base and monument naming. We will provide all materials and recommendations to the commission to include in the report.

If you have any other questions, feel free to contact me.

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LTC
Christopher Ophardt
Director of Public Affairs and Communications
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Thank you
Todd.
Will look forward to a reply.
Walter “Wally” Heinz

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On Jan 9, 2021, at 12:29 AM, Todd Browne <todd.browne@wpaog.org> wrote:
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I have copied the USMA Public Affairs Officer, LTC Chris Ophardt, who can address your question.

Grip & Wash Hands
Todd

Todd A. Browne '85 President and CEO

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Original Message
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From: wally heinz
Todd,

Months ago this subject document became public. Since the initial response very little, if any, further response by USMA has been released.
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I’d like to understand what actions have or have not resulted from this document. The lack thereof is of concern to me, and while I am speaking for myself only, I must believe that many other graduates are at least curious.

Thank you.
Walter
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“The way to right wrongs
is to turn the light of truth upon them.”
– Ida B. Wells

Dear Lt. Gen. Williams, CSMaj Coffey, Faculty, Staff, and Other Leaders at West Point:

We have a serious problem with domestic terrorism in the United States. It’s the worst kind of terrorism = masked and covert - so that it’s not obviously murder or an attack. It is even inside the American military as domestic terrorists continue to kill in "accidents" they arrange as a way to attack, threaten, bully, and kill military professionals (more details about this in my writing at the links below). This domestic terrorism comes to us compliments of the most influential and most prosperous CIA-Harvard-Mormon family in America. This CIA family cult has become a menace to society and a threat to public safety - even on military bases around the world. How I got involved in exposing this extreme CIA family corruption was what you might call “fate” or maybe even a calling from God (if you believe in such a thing). In short, I used to work for this CIA family in the mid-1990s, and I’m a writer with a predisposition for helping others. So naturally, I turned my awareness of what was going on with this corrupt CIA family into journalism for Americans to read. I knew deep down within myself that if I didn’t share what I knew with the public – I would be allowing this evil to grow unchallenged. As someone once said, “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing.” There are more important details about this situation in my writing below and at the links below - so please keep reading. You will see for yourself that truth is stranger than fiction.

As a journalist, I have been exposing this CIA family cult that has been behind organizing many terrorist events over the last twenty years. The leaders of this CIA family cult are very criminally active throughout the entire country and the world. From organizing school shootings and mass shootings throughout America... to the recent November 2021 mass casualty events in Texas, Wisconsin, and Michigan - which killed a total of nineteen people and injured hundreds. This group is not only a threat to national well-being – they have manipulated, blackmailed, bullied, and bribed leaders whose job it is to stop them. Unfortunately, America is filled with leaders and politicians who are compromised. This makes many of them unable to deal appropriately with or even acknowledge the reality of this serious threat to national security and public safety.

The leaders of this Checchi cult (Al Checchi, Kathy Checchi, David Kanuth, Oprah Winfrey, Adam Checchi, Michael Fisher, and Kate Checchi) refuse to back down from their evil ways. It’s one thing to do stupid or evil things and stop because you’ve come to your senses. It’s another to double down and continue doing stupid things. To save the lives of innocent people, the leaders of this CIA cult need to be taken out of power – quickly and permanently. THE MURDERS OF INNOCENT CITIZENS THAT HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED BY THIS ONE CIA TERRORIST GROUP IS A TWENTY-YEAR DRAMA THE WORLD HAS ENDURED. As a result, multitudes of innocent people are dead. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.
IN THE NEWS OUTLINED BELOW: the CIA Checchi cult leaders were behind all these recent (November 2021) headlines. The cult leaders always leave clues when they kill people. These events below have codes or clues left behind within the event’s details. Doing this is their way of bragging about the crimes they have gotten away with. It also sometimes serves as a warning to those who know how to decode this kind of communication. Furthermore, they contacted me on November 25, 2021, and warned me that on “Black Friday” (November 26, 2021), they had planned many terrorist events around the world. They also went on a killing spree on November 30 when authorities began taking steps to shut them down because of their killing spree on November 26. They also tend to brag to me about the crimes they get away with committing – which is another way I know about who is behind crimes in the news headlines. By the end of day on November 26 and November 30, I was saddened to see all crimes they had committed and all the people they had killed in their “revolutionary activity”:

November 20, 2021
Student Nathan Valencia, 20, died from brain injuries after taking part in Kappa Sigma fraternity’s Fight Night in Nevada on November 19. The Checchi group created the movie “Fight Night” and then created secret “fight night” events with students and gangs throughout the county. These events were one way to find and recruit young men who were gifted fighters in order to use them for the operations of their “revolution.” But, unfortunately, this also became a way they could punish and kill people and families on their enemies’ list.

Black Friday, November 26, 2021
At least 52 dead in a Russian mine collapse, officials say.

Black Friday, November 26, 2021
A man was fatally stabbed by two people near New York's Penn Station on Thanksgiving.

Black Friday, November 26, 2021
Unrest in the Solomon Islands: three bodies found in a burnt-out building.

Black Friday, November 26, 2021
Stephen Sondheim, the songwriter who won multiple Tony awards, an Oscar, and a Pulitzer, was a magician who crafted lyrics and music to such towering shows as “Into the Woods,” and “Follies.”

Black Friday, November 26, 2021
New Covid 19 Variant announced in Africa today. OMICRON VARIANT: @WHO labels Omicron a “variant of concern” as it spreads rapidly in SouthAfrica. From COVID-19 to the Delta Variant and now Omicron. The World Health Organization has classified the new variant as ‘highly transmissible.’ This new virus mysteriously appeared in communities where no one has traveled to or from Africa – a sign it is possibly being deliberately brought into specific communities. The meaning of “Omicron” and “Omega” are “Little O” and “Big O” in Greek O-micron, O-mega. “O” is Oprah Winfrey’s code name. Africa is a place she has many, many people who belong to her network.

Black Friday, November 26, 2021
At least 19 people are dead and dozens more injured after a bus crash in central Mexico.
Black Friday, November 26, 2021
**Milwaukee, Wisconsin Shootings Today:** **1 dead, 2 injured:** Police are seeking unknown suspects in relation to the **three, separate shootings.**

Black Friday, November 26, 2021
A North Carolina mall was evacuated Friday afternoon after shooting of **three people** took place on the premises, police said.

November 30, 2021
**4 killed, 7 injured** in shooting at **Oxford High School** in suburban Detroit, Michigan.

November 30, 2021
**Tennessee** shooting at **high school boys** basketball game leaves 1 dead and 1 in ‘critical’ condition after the gunfire.

November 30, 2021
**BURLINGTON, N.C. —**Tuesday around **4:44 p.m.,** officers responded to the 100 block of **James Drive**, near **Styles Thompson Drive**, regarding the shooting of Jaquan **Boyd**, 28, of Burlington. Boyd was pronounced dead at the scene.

November 30, 2021
Four people were killed in a shootout at a Clayton County, Georgia home. Officer **Henry Laxson** was killed. Two women and the gunman are also dead, police said.

The leaders of this CIA-Harvard family cult are highly cunning. This cult was created by Alfred Checchi, based in Los Angeles. As of 2021, this Checchi cult is presently managed and overseen by Hollywood celebrity Oprah Winfrey (the Checchi’s lost their CIA badge due to corruption and are now operating off of Oprah’s badge). Attorneys David Kanuth & Kathy Checchi is running the Checchi cult today. Adam Checchi and Michael Fisher go in and out of leadership based on their extreme substance abuse and severe mental health issues. They have pulled Fisher out of rehab several times to return to work in an “all hands on deck” act of desperation to save their cult from damage as the news spreads about their terrorist activities. Every time they pulled him out of rehab, it constantly revealed how deeply selfish and uncaring they are about the health and well-being of their closest allies. **For decades, the CIA Checchi cult leaders have manipulated lawmakers in DC to keep domestic terrorism off the federal crime books. You heard that right: domestic terrorism is not against any federal law in the United States. THIS NEEDS TO CHANGE VERY SOON.**

This whole CIA Checchi drama started for me in 2016. I eventually became involved in a lawsuit regarding their many attempts to kill me. So, what I am sharing with you is not some crackpot theory I heard about online. Early on in my writing about this situation, I was told I could only use the initials and first names of the leaders of this Checchi cult. I followed those rules. However, on many occasions, these Checchi cult leaders soon crossed a sinister line of terrorism. They became domestic terrorists as they continually killed many innocent, unarmed Americans in protest of how they were being held accountable for their actions by federal judges. Then the Checchi cult leaders started killing judges, attorneys, politicians, and their loved ones in retaliation. They began attacking people who upheld the rule of law in America. This was a horrible and self-destructive idea on their part.
In August 2020, the courts responded and made a different ruling regarding my work as a journalist. The courts made it clear they wanted me to name these terrorists fully. It is a gigantic responsibility to know that I am literally the only person on Earth with the legal standing (given to me by the courts) to speak the truth about what is going on with this dangerous and deadly group of domestic terrorist serial killers. By taking this extreme action, the courts were saying that if someone has the privilege of a CIA badge, it does not give them the right to do wrong. Having the protection of a CIA badge is not a license to kill innocent Americans and act as if you are above the law. In addition, this unusual ruling by the court was an attempt to publicly shame the leaders of this evil CIA cult into better behavior. Eventually, this action by the courts did seem to work and, in some ways, saved the lives of innocent citizens. The leaders of the Checchi cult continued to kill people, but in much smaller numbers and on a much less frequent basis. They knew they were on notice.

The most shocking thing for me to come to terms with has been the number of politicians who are part of this CIA cult and thus refuse to do their job and protect the people they are elected to serve. Then there are the politicians (from all parties) who are part of this CIA cult unwillingly – they were bribed, bullied, or blackmailed into submission by these unethical and deadly Checchi cult serial killers.

The most important thing for Americans to realize now as we start a new year in 2022 is that we don’t live in a country where it matters if you are a Republican or Democrat. It no longer matters if you are a conservative or liberal. It no longer matters if you are a male or female politician. These distinctions are virtually irrelevant to the extreme and deadly situation in which we find ourselves. What matters is: are you free and independent from the CIA Checchi cult or are you a supporter of this cult? There was a time in America's history that people were worried about politicians being communists. The Checchi cult is as dangerous as communism. This cult is a new type of communist threat to our Republic. This CIA cult has infiltrated all political parties and all government agencies. They are male, female, transgender, and have every color of skin. So, it no longer matters if a politician is a traditional person or an open-minded person as they serve in their role – because all parties have been hijacked to serve the evil, selfish, greedy, and duplicitous purposes of this deadly, serial-killing cult.

Once someone is serving the purposes of this cult, they cannot serve the people who elected them. Instead, they must serve the agenda of the Checchi cult or pay the severe price for disobedience. The way things are now: very few politicians get into political office unless they are part of the CIA Checchi cult. That is not how American politics should be working. This cult is so big that they can sway elections by getting their people to vote for the Checchi cult candidate. It’s no secret that for decades people at the CIA have worked hard to manipulate elections and influence politicians worldwide. People at the CIA are the leading experts on how to interfere in elections. It was only a matter of time until someone with experience at the CIA would turn this experience with election interference on their homeland of the United States of America. With movies like the “Manchurian Candidate,” we were warned about the possibility of CIA interference many years ago.

This country was not created so that one family or one king would rule over the people or politicians - concerned only with the wishes and orders from this one family or one king. This country was created so that the people would be in charge – free and independent from any king or reigning family. With this CIA Checchi cult in power as it is now, we are far from the intentions of America’s founding fathers. This is no longer the
United States of America but has become the United States of Checchi. How did this extreme situation come about? Like many things, it started with good intentions gone bad.

It all started more than fifty years ago when Alfred Checchi decided that secret societies and leaders at the CIA were too powerful in America. I was told by the Checchi’s that these groups were so powerful in the 1960s they got away with killing many good people – including President Kennedy. This was unacceptable to Al and his friends. Al slowly gained the support and help of many people as he quietly set out to create a revolution that would destroy the power of secret societies worldwide. Working from within the CIA, I was told Al and his group created ways to kill those people (and destroy entire families) who had a hand in killing JFK or covering up that assassination. I was told that the people involved in this assassination also had deeper plans to kill democracy and create an international "One World Order" in which secret societies would rule the entire world. In those days, if your family was not in a secret society, you were screwed. The CIA Checchi cult sought to change this and started a group dedicated to stopping these secret society plans. They started destroying secret society families in North America and beyond.

That sounds very heroic to some people. But as the years turned into many decades, the CIA Checchi cult became a haven for mentally ill, drug-addicted leaders who acted more like brutal dictators of their own country. They created their own customs and their own laws. They claim to be above the laws of the United States. They have their own king (Al Checchi) and queen (Kathy Checchi). They have killed many people who disagreed with them. They created their own country within a country. Thus, the Checchi cult leaders became as much of a danger to the people of Earth and to American democracy as secret societies had been a menace. As with almost all diseases, if some mental illnesses go untreated, they only grow and worsen. Eventually, mental illnesses can dominate the entire person and subtly influence all of their actions and perceptions.

The Checchi cult turned from wanting to save American democracy to oppressing, attacking, and controlling it thoroughly. The Checchi cult leaders became focused on authority over and oppression of The United States, Canada, and Mexico. They eventually set their sights on dominating the entire world population – rather than serving humans in humility. The cult became a tyrannical, brutal force of prolific unjust murders – ultimately totaling millions of dead people and nearly 100 million homeless refugees that were created by wars that King Al had started in various countries around the world over many decades. The Checchi cult leaders became known for extreme terrorist events, prolific criminal enterprises, inexhaustible abuse of children, and cruel tyranny. They have created the biggest fires in human history – killing millions of animals by burning them alive. That’s where we find ourselves today, in December 2021. The CIA Checchi family cult leaders rule over American politicians, and they are behind most of the tragedies we see in the news. They are the world’s leading professionals at bringing sadness and suffering into the world.

My writings at the links below amount to a journal of the revolutionary events the leaders of this group have orchestrated in the last five years. You can judge for yourself if they are terrorists. The facts are clear: they have killed, tortured, and abused thousands and thousands of people in America and beyond. Many people feel they are a threat to national security, a danger to our reputation on the world stage, and a menace to public safety. Please don’t hesitate to contact your representatives in Washington DC and demand they make domestic terrorism illegal in America. We need to put laws on the
federal books punishing those who plan, pay for, organize, and execute terrorist events in the United States. The reason the Checchi terrorists so brazenly plan these many terrorist events in America is that they know there is no law forbidding it. As I explain more in my writing at the links below, they have manipulated it all to be this way.

Both President Trump and President Biden have been friends with this CIA family since the 1980s. Unfortunately, both Presidents have appeared incapable or unwilling to be honest about this situation and deal with it as a serious threat to American democracy. It’s looking like President Biden is following President Trump’s lead by putting his close, intimate personal friendships with the Checchi family above his oath to protect the American people. If you can, please join me in asking President Biden to arrest and permanently stop the CIA Checchi group behind these terrorist events that have gone on for over 20 years. He knows what they have been doing, and he has the power to stop them - yet he refuses to stop them permanently. President Biden’s refusal to stop them will create international drama that puts America in a bad diplomatic situation. He’s putting his personal friendships before his oath to protect Americans and to protect America's interests worldwide. I don’t mean to make his job harder, but the American people deserve the truth about this situation. Truth is not only an avenue of spiritual connection to the transcendent and to psychological well-being, but it is also fundamental to genuine democracy. I’m not sure which is more repugnant: the vile actions of this CIA family cult that kills innocent children & unarmed citizens... or politicians who are complicit in helping them continue and expand their terrorist actions. They are all on the side of wrong. They are all on the side of dictatorship. They are all on the side of abuse, terrorism, and prolific criminal activity. The Checchi’s want a civil war in America for others to die. They wither, whine, and whimper at the thought they would die. They are a group of cowards, drunks, and addicts. They believe in ending the United States of America and replacing it with their country. Once they control America, they eventually intend to rule the entire world. "Join us or die" is their motto - and they mean it.

Looking at the future: Americans must ensure that no more politicians get into office who are servants and supplicants of the CIA Checchi family cult. And politicians who are part of this cult must be voted out. Get them out of office if they refuse to protect and serve the American people. If politicians from any party are not serving the American people, they serve themselves or this sinister cult. The most concerning thing in America is how this Checchi group attempts to control everyone who even thinks of running for political office. The Checchi cult is known for recruiting slaves from the fringes of society to do their dirty work. But they also have thousands of celebrities, attorneys, and business leaders whom they have been grooming for political careers over many years. They are waiting to take the reins of power at every level of political offices. This is profoundly un-American, and it must be stopped before it’s too late.

From 2016-2021 I’ve been in a unique position to learn who is part of this CIA Checchi cult by watching politicians and how they treat me and my writing as a journalist. I’ve contacted every state and federal politician in America to inform them of what I have uncovered. As things have evolved, I have contacted these politicians multiple times. Let me explore just two politicians and my experiences with them: Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders. Before this drama began in my life, I was a fan of both Senator Warren and Senator Sanders. But as my writing about this CIA cult began to spread throughout the country, they both became hostile toward me and more than unsupportive.
Elizabeth Warren is from Massachusetts – the home of Harvard, which the CIA Checchi cult dominated many decades ago. Apparently, once the Checchi’s took control of the Harvard institution, they sought to control the entire state of Massachusetts. That means controlling all levels and organizations of law enforcement, all aspects of the judicial system in Massachusetts, including law firms & law schools in Massachusetts. "Full control" includes infiltrating all large businesses, religious institutions & places of worship, hospitals & emergency rooms, all first responder organizations, politicians at every level, and all educational institutions. It takes many spies to infiltrate each of these pillars to control the entire state. If you can control all these pillars of Massachusetts (or any state), you have control of the entire state.

Somehow Elizabeth Warren (a renowned Harvard law professor of many years) was given significant control over the money I am to receive as a whistleblower. She has constantly refused to give me the money because she is a friend of the CIA-Harvard Checchi family. The Checchi’s have been trying to blackmail, bully, and bribe me into dropping my lawsuit against them. It would be hard to bribe me if Senator Warren gave me the money coming to me as a whistleblower. So, to help her friend Kathy Checchi, Senator Warren steadfastly cooperated with a plan to keep me homeless, vulnerable, and financially poor. This, of course, is an abuse of power and also crosses over into obstruction of justice – which you think would bother a law professor from Harvard. Clearly, corruption runs deep with this one politician.

The story of Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders is the story, in my view, of a good, naive man gone astray. Like his friend Senator Warren, he has also refused to help me. Allegedly, they are both members of the same CIA Checchi club. Bernie is my Senator, and he’s been a total disappointment in my situation with the CIA Checchi family. I’m not asking him to be on my side in this battle. I’m just expecting him to be fair and unbiased. He has not been reasonable and independent of the Checchi cult. He has done whatever they told him to do. After being denied a meeting with him at his office, I even went to one of his rallies – hoping I could just talk with him for two minutes and personally ask for his help. The rally was small (less than 75 people), but access to him was fully controlled. It was like being in the presence of a rock star - rather than a public servant or a servant of the people. You’d expect an elected official to take time to talk to his supports after a rally. Not Bernie. Not even a handshake or a hello.

Bernie has played an essential role in the CIA Checchi cult. And, he has been paid well for his part in their manipulation of the American voters. As a Vermont politician (he’s not originally from Vermont but from his native New York City), it was common to hear him criticize the millionaires and the billionaires publicly. But, once the CIA Checchi cult made him a millionaire from tremendous book sales, he changed his complaining and only criticized the billionaires. The CIA Checchi cult leaders made Bernie a household name, told their vast numbers of cult followers to buy his book, and guided him to call himself a “democratic socialist.” This enabled the manipulative Checchi cult leaders to divide the country and create the talking point about the evil “socialists.”

This “socialism” storyline is a complete illusion and trick of the mind. Socialism provides substandard housing and substandard health care. Socialism brings economic oppression. Bernie is not a socialist. He is simply fighting for the poor in America to have simple things like basic health care, fundamental vision & hearing care, and rudimentary dental care. This is not socialism. If anything, Bernie is promoting a Christian perspective because Jesus was
always on the side of those who were suffering and poor. Unfortunately, uneducated and inexperienced Americans are being tricked into thinking Bernie is a socialist. It seems clear to me that Bernie is not a genuine “socialist” as he has been branded on TV shows like Fox News. But the Checchi cult leaders were able to get Bernie to use language (like calling himself a “democratic socialist”) that they could, in turn, manipulate in the media they control (on channels like Fox). This “socialism” talking point would be used to misinform Americans. It would be used to drive a wedge in political conversations and divide the American people. Bernie let himself be used in this way without thinking it through thoroughly. And he was paid well for this role – just like an actor.

The other thing Senator Sanders was used for was to attack Hillary Clinton. The Clintons are solemn enemies of the CIA Checchi cult going way back to when Bill Clinton was President. Bill Clinton was a friend to George H.W. Bush, whom he defeated in a bid for the White House. Barbara Bush once said President Clinton was like another son. Because of this affectionate relationship with the Bush family, the Clinton family has been continually attacked by the Checchi family. The Checchi’s paid Bernie to get into the race against Hillary and divide the democratic vote. This would ensure that Hillary did not get into the White House. The Checchi’s wanted their long-time friend, Donald Trump, to become President. Once Trump won the White House, the Checchi’s contacted me and said, "we have the power."

They used this power to make hundreds of billions of dollars for themselves and their companies. They used Bernie to make sure this could happen. Without Bernie in his key role, Hillary would undoubtedly have become the 45th President of the United States. The Checchi’s control a vast number of many millions of young people throughout America. They manipulated these young people to support Bernie and promised Bernie that they would make him President of the United States. But they never intended to follow through on their promise. The Checchi’s make broken promises to their followers all the time. Lying is what they do best, and they do it to everyone all the time. When I finally realized this reality, I began to see the more they lied, the smaller and more pathetic they appeared as individuals.

Senator Sanders is known as an autonomous politician. How did such an independent person become a slave to an evil cult of Checchi tyrants? They bullied him. They gave him a heart attack in Nevada while he was campaigning. Nevada is another state the Checchi cult leaders totally control. This heart attack was a warning to Senator Sanders that they could and would kill him if he did not do everything they told him to do. Then days later, they killed his daughter-in-law (a doctor of neuropsychology and mother of three) as another threat to him. She died two days after being diagnosed with cancer at the young age of 46. Most humans with a family and children would fall in line after such threats. Bernie is only human.

These experiences point to the fact the politicians in America are not protected from terrorists like the Checchi family. Bullying, blackmail, and covert bribery are Standard Operating Procedures for them. In order to defeat people like the Checchi family in the future, Americans need to do a complete overhaul of the system that is supposed to protect politicians from such nonsense. Our republic depends on protecting good public servants from such manipulation, terrorism, and threats. We have much work to do in order to protect the good politicians. But we must also get to work and eject the bad ones from both parties who have turned from serving the people. If we don’t better protect politicians from manipulators and scoundrels like the CIA Checchi family, our Republic of the United...
States is history.

This conversation is very relevant in States like Vermont, where a congressional seat will open up if Congressman Peter Welch replaces retiring Senator Pat Leahy. Some people are pushing for a woman to take that Congressional seat, but women in politics today are almost always connected to the CIA Checchi cult. Kathy Checchi has a vast network of millions of women who do her bidding and carry water for her. It is a bad idea to give any more political power to anyone connected to the Checchi family cult. The leaders of this Checchi cult have proven themselves to be enormously corrupt, perversely dysfunctional, pathologically greedy, and exceedingly selfish. It’s time for ordinary, objective, hardworking people with solid integrity and a commitment to justice to run for public office at every level. If ordinary citizens of courage and honesty don’t rally to get involved in public service, it will be overrun with corrupt, power-hungry slaves loyal to the agenda of one cult or another. Yes, politics and journalism have become very dangerous occupations. But America is the home of the brave. I am confident we are up for this challenge, and we can meet this present crisis.

What has happened when Oprah Winfrey and the Checchi family got caught creating these domestic terrorist events? The leaders of this CIA group only receive financial penalties, and then they go on to kill more innocent people the following week. The stupidity of it all is shocking. The Checchi’s have accumulated so much money that they don’t care about how much a fine is. For example, at the Travis Scott Festival in Texas this past November: they organized and pre-planned the chaos that killed ten people. Once it became clear to authorities that the CIA Checchi leaders were behind this mass casualty event, they were charged eight billion dollars as a fine. When you have trillions of dollars hidden away in offshore accounts, you don’t care about petty fines given by the American government. This news never hit the newspapers because this horrid group is now protected by Oprah's CIA badge, which keeps them cloaked and invisible from the public.

The “war” that the Checchi’s have started with the Bush family, the family of LBJ, and the Clintons is a modern-day “Hatfield and McCoy’s” family feud of tribalism that we, who are alive at the turn of the new millennium, get to witness firsthand (lucky us!). As if this “war” wasn’t insane enough: I know for a fact that when the Bush, Johnson, and Clinton families would not retaliate after being attacked by the Checchi’s, the Checchi family would create a retaliation themselves to make it look like their opponents were engaged. This would allow them to attack the Bushes or Johnsons or Clintons again and justify it as a response or “self-defense” – when in fact, they were manufacturing the entire war scenario on both sides, just like a Hollywood movie. This clandestine “war” has dragged on for decades. Many think it’s time for this nonsense to end - and end now in 2022. It may have started with good intentions on the part of the Checchi family but quickly veered off into a massively narcissistic, greedy, unjust endeavor.

Would you please read more detailed information about this CIA group below? Please also read the letters and documents at the links below. Please keep reading and share this information with others. Honest journalism is essential to a healthy and fully functioning democracy. People must know the truth about this situation. As President Clinton once said about CIA experiments that harmed some Americans, “When the government does wrong, we have a moral responsibility to admit it. The duty we owe to one another, to tell the truth, and to protect our fellow citizens from excesses like these is one we can never walk away from.”
American democracy is a light and example to the world. If American democracy is not
genuine and solid, the world will suffer because of it. I do indeed risk my life to share the
truth that I know about this CIA Checchi cult situation. But I know there are tens of millions
of people who would do the same as I am doing – because exposing this kind of extreme
criminal, un-American behavior is the right thing to do, no matter the consequences to me
personally. But I cannot do this by myself. So please join me in shining a light into the
darkness of this sinister and toxic CIA cult. What we do in America matters to the world.

Sincerely,

Dillon Woods
Independent Journalist

There is a dangerous CIA-Harvard cult that is extremely criminally active in every school
district and on every campus throughout the entire country. They are known for recruiting
students into their cult, and then they use students to commit crimes. For example, they
use/abuse students to sell drugs to their peers. They also use/abuse students to help fuel their
massive child porn business. They get students to take sexually provocative pictures and
videos on their phones. Then they hack into these phones - stealing these sexual pictures and
videos to share them online. The leaders of this CIA cult also routinely get teachers and school
administrators to be part of their cult. When people join this cult, they usually have no idea
this group is one of America’s most prominent criminal organizations. All Americans,
especially educators, administrators, and PTA leaders, must be informed about this dire
situation going on behind the scenes in America today. (If you’ve heard the news that both
Oprah and Donald Trump have been taken off the Forbes billionaire list this year, it’s because
they have both lost hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars because of financial penalties
imposed for being part of the prolific crimes which the CIA Checchi family initiated.) The
leaders of this cult have killed thousands of innocent Americans to bully political leaders.
They have been illegally manipulating and interfering in elections in many states to tilt
legislative power and political power in their favor. Furthermore, they have been killing
judges, politicians, and attorneys nationally to protest federal courts that have been
ruling against them - attacking those who uphold the rule of law in America.

For over twenty years, the CIA Checchi cult leaders have been working hard to destabilize the
United States government at every level by funding and organizing riots & mass shootings.
They have created and promoted Bitcoin (and other cryptocurrencies) in order to undermine
and compete with the U.S. dollar. Their hope is to "overturn the financial infrastructure" that
rules the world and disrupt global finance. If they can manipulate the government leaders in
America to print too much money and cause inflation to rise dramatically, they can create a
massive financial crisis that would bring the American financial system (and the US dollar)
crashing down to its death. They have also created a massive illegal drug cartel that has made
billions of dollars internationally. They use illegal drugs (ecstasy, cocaine, heroin) as a reward
to give to their followers. It turns out people who are high on drugs become easier to
manipulate for the evil operations of this death cult. They simultaneously have been using
illegal drugs (like fentanyl) to kill people and ruin the lives of their enemy’s loved ones in
America.
They are highly focused on destroying any family that has been supportive of or connected to their enemies. For example, among their biggest political enemies are the Bush family, the family of LBJ, and the Clintons. Anyone who even speaks positively about these families will be attacked and maybe even killed. Because Texas is home to many supporters of the Bush family and the family of LBJ, citizens in Texas have been under attack. For example, the CIA-Harvard Checchi family orchestrated the shenanigans and the “sudden surge” of chaos that ended up injuring over 300 people & killing ten people in Texas at the Travis Scott Astroworld Concert on November 6, 2021.

Furthermore, they have been behind the scenes making sure that the state of Texas has had more deaths from Covid19 than any other state in America (Texas has half of the number of people that South Korea has - yet it has had twenty-five times more deaths. This fact is not a coincidence - it is a CIA Checchi family manipulation.). Their ultimate goal is to destroy the family unit and destroy families that are not part of their cult. They want to be your ONLY family. They intend to destroy all tribes & families except their tribe & family. “Join us or die” is their motto - and they mean it. They are a thoroughly un-American organization and a severe threat to national security, public safety, and world peace.

They have gotten away with this prolific criminal activity because their CIA badge has protected them for many decades. For example, throughout the U.S., they have organized their activities around controlling police and gangs. They provide both drugs and guns to gangs nationally. In turn, these gangs distribute their drugs throughout the United States and also carry out prolific, violent murders of innocent citizens. While all this nonsense goes on, the leaders of this CIA cult manipulate the police and other law enforcement agencies to stand down and let this stupidity go on. Then, when it is all done, they laugh all the way to the bank - making billions of dollars. This goes on in dozens and dozens and dozens of cities in America and throughout the world. There is one rational conclusion to such darkness: this evil, un-American group must be permanently stopped. For decades politicians have been negligent and irresponsible in refusing to stop this dangerous CIA cult (politicians fear them because they are prolific serial killers and they have such a large group of followers they can often vote people out of their political office quickly. They are known for attacking politicians who don’t “turn a blind eye” to their criminal empire.). After reading this entire email, please take time to read my most recent letter to President Biden regarding this violent group. I have uploaded this letter to my Google Drive at this link:

drive.google.com/file/d/1G7JAN9fSKbpe1NSF32ec9pajvi0VuoR

There is a NEW DEVELOPMENT in the CIA Checchi family's attempt at obstruction of justice in my case against them. I am exposing serious CIA corruption and abuse of power - that even, allegedly, involves Oprah Winfrey who is now protecting the CIA Checchi family with her CIA badge. If this is true, it would be classified information and they should not be telling me classified information. I am just an ordinary citizen journalist. But they do tell me classified information all the time without getting in trouble for it! They feel they are above the law and can do whatever they want - including killing mass numbers of men, women, and children. The Harvard Checchi family recently lost their CIA badge due to extreme corruption and murders of innocent Americans (even killing many children) but now they continue to abuse power under Oprah's badge!!! Who gets fired from a job and then gets immediately rehired under a different department?? That is insanity!!! Oprah has become a massive disappointment. Something is wrong with her. For example, apparently, they were recently behind orchestrating the school shooting in Texas on October 6, 2021, where four were
injured. This time the knuckleheads were protesting the fact that President Biden was going to give me the money I have coming to me as a reward for being a whistleblower. This money will allow me to stop being homeless and I will be able to pull my life together on a path of healing. For eighteen years the Checchi's have forced me into homelessness and tremendous stress that has created many health problems of mind and body. It's been scientifically proven that stress kills. The Checchi family has deliberately sought to constantly stress me out in an attempt to shorten my life.

Whenever I am about to get this money (which apparently is enough money to buy a house), it is announced by the authorities, and the Checchi family creates a mass shooting or other deadly drama that kills innocent Americans. President Biden and authorities should stop announcing that they are going to give me money and just give me the money. By making these prolonged announcements they are inciting murders of innocent citizens through terrorist events created by the Checchi family. These terrorist events are done as threats to officials like President Biden not to give me the money. The Checchi's want to keep me in poverty but at the same time, they offer me bribe money so that I will drop my lawsuit against them. If I have my own money, they can't bribe me to drop the lawsuit. The Secret Service should be all over these threats to President Biden, but they are silent for some reason. EVERY TIME the Checchi family creates these terrorist events the officials (like President Biden) give in to these Checchi terrorists and do not give me the money that is legally mine. Obviously, President Biden feels threatened by these Checchi-created terrorist events where innocent Americans are killed. That's what terrorists do: instill terror and fear. That's the whole point of terrorist events and it's working - yet the Secret Service lets this nonsense go on as the Checchi's threaten a sitting President.

Literally, dozens and dozens of people (over one hundred people) have been killed in an effort to stop me from getting this money. I've been told that now Oprah Winfrey is the person stopping me from getting this money. I want to buy land and a house with the money. I am still homeless and have been this way for over 15 years. But now, apparently, I must deal with Oprah attacking me – since the Checchi family now operates under her CIA badge. No “public servant” (especially unelected Oprah Winfrey!!) has the legal standing to take away my right of owning property. The Constitution of the State of Vermont (where I was born and raised) says that I have a natural, inherent, and inalienable right to possess and protect my own property.

“That all persons are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and unalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety;” - Vermont State Constitution

I'm not a legal scholar but it seems to me that whoever is keeping me from having this money that is legally mine - is keeping me from owning my own property. Therefore, they are breaking the law.

Furthermore, I just found out this past summer that the Checchi's paid for a court order that gave them a legal “conservatorship” over me (just like Britney Spears had). But in my case, the reasons for this conservatorship were fraudulent and illegal. They had illegally and secretly taken total control over my life, and I didn't even know it. That's what kind of people they are - creepy scammers. When I found this out, I sued them and won my release from their illegally acquired power over me. The conservatorship was rescinded by the court, and I am no longer
to be kept as a slave to them or their CIA cult. Knowing Al & Kathy Checchi (and their kids) has been a total nightmare for decades. They even killed my parents (which I didn't know at the time that it was them who killed my mom and dad). When they died, Al and Kathy told me they felt sorry for me because I was an orphan and asked me to join their family! What a family of psychopaths!!! They are completely obsessed with me.

The Checchi’s are now refusing to accept the court order that the conservatorship has ended. The Checchi’s are forcing President Biden and other authorities to keep me, illegally, a slave to the whims of the terrorist Oprah-Checchi network. Government officials must protect the rule of law and follow the order of the court that has canceled the conservatorship. The Checchi’s are to have no say about anything regarding my life.

By giving in to the tantrums of the terrorist Oprah-Checchi cult leaders, officials are literally killing innocent Americans and making this nonsense drag on. Over one hundred Americans would still be alive if the money had been given to me years ago when it first came time to give me the money. But these psychopaths (enabled by politicians) keep killing innocent Americans!!!

Keeping me enslaved to poverty is not only an experience of torture both physically and psychologically, but it is keeping me locked into a state of life that is unhealthy, unsafe, and un-American. They are trying to kill me with stress. Literally, this constant stress is a form of attempted murder. In June 2021 a jury in a court where evidence was presented found the Checchi's guilty of THREE COUNTS of attempted murder against me. They actually have tried to kill me at least seventeen times (all were very traumatic experiences) but there was documented proof for only three of these attempts.

In December 2021 they have the final phase of these court proceedings in which the court will tell them what their punishment is for these crimes. That's why they are trying to bribe me so that they can get out of this punishment in December. At the same time, the military has hauled them into court to face charges of "crimes against humanity." As you will see from my writing below, what they have done is manipulate government leaders like Mitch McConnell and Nancy Pelosi into making the debt ceiling and funding the government happen in December so that they can use this as leverage to cancel the court proceedings against them - as they threaten to ruin the United States economically if their demands are not met. They obviously control enough politicians to make this happen and destroy the United States economically.

I swear this story just gets weirder and weirder as time goes on. Oprah being an evil supporter of child abusers/child murderers was not on my BINGO card for 2021. Please read my letter to Secretary Austin below. If this topic has interest to you, I am including links to all my writing about this situation below. Secretary Austin somehow has responsibility for the CIA and has some sort of jurisdiction in this matter. So, I wrote him asking for his help. But I think I really need the help of an attorney qualified to work on federal cases. If you can, please forward this email to an attorney you know who might be able to work on this case. The more people who know what is going on, the more likely I will find the legal help I need. They continue to try to force me as a slave to serve their evil CIA cult.

This new development involving the debt ceiling and funding the government is clear obstruction of justice in a very, very sophisticated maneuver by the Checchi family. They are as evil and as creepy as humans can be. But no one will ever accuse them of being dumb in
political matters. This was a very slick move but clearly, it is obstruction of justice.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Dillon Woods

October 7, 2021
Dear Secretary Austin,

I just learned that the Democrats have "made a deal" with the Republicans to delay things with the Debt Ceiling until this coming December. This is not good. This is a trap. This is the same time that they will have to re-do the funding of the government - which they just did last week to be revisited on Dec 3. And December is the same month that is the conclusion of my trial with the CIA Checchi family, where they will be told their punishment for being found guilty (in June) of three attempts to murder me. These three things all happen in December, and there is a 100% chance that they will vow to ruin the United States economically if they are not let off the hook of any punishment, in my case against them. They are horrified at being held accountable for these crimes. This will be a permanent record to stain their reputation.

My court case against them must be moved up a month to November, or all hell will break loose in December, and they will evade justice again. They can't be allowed to hold my case against them hostage, or they will sink America's economy. They control Mitch McConnell and enough Republicans to destroy America economically. They must be cut off before they can do this damage. So many people (judges, attorneys, me, my family, and many others) have sacrificed so much and risked our lives to hold these Checchis accountable for their crimes. I am the first person to ever bring them to court after all the thousands of crimes they have committed over the last fifty years. It would be another crime to let them get away with no severe punishment.

I know you are not in charge of the courts. But, maybe there is something you can do to lobby "the powers that be," to move this final court date to November instead of December. This has become a matter of national security - now that the Checchi's will use the Debt Ceiling and the Funding of the Government as hostage over justice in this case. So many people have sacrificed so much. Something must be done to stop this nonsense, or they will get off scot-free again. Someone must hold this family accountable. No one in America should be above the law. But if this continues on course, they will get away without any meaningful punishment.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Dear Governor and Attorney General:

*(THIS EMAIL HAS BEEN REVISED FROM THE LAST ONE I SENT YOU.)*

As Nobel Prize-winning journalist Maria Ressa has recently said: “You cannot have integrity of elections if you do not have integrity of facts.” The full truth of what is going on in American politics is being hidden from the American people because it involves a family (or cult) of CIA people. The only reason the courts have allowed me to explain details of what is going on is because I have had a long, drawn-out battle with this CIA family in court over the last 18 months. The situation has become very serious for the American people. I receive daily death threats and harassment from this CIA family for exposing the truth. Please take the time to read this entire email.

The CIA Checchi cult has gotten away with a lot of crime - including killing many citizens and interfering in elections. You (and all fifty states in America) will need to come up with new state laws to stop them from their criminal activity in your jurisdiction. The leaders of this CIA cult are famous for tricking people into committing crimes and then enslaving them into their cult based on the 13th Amendment where slavery is illegal EXCEPT as a punishment for crime. In Vermont, for example, they have recently made all slavery illegal in an attempt to stop the CIA Checchi cult from enslaving people in Vermont (especially students and young people under twenty-one years of age). The Checchi family has gotten away with a lot of crime throughout our country, and throughout the entire world. **Recently they have been on a killing spree of judges, attorneys, politicians, police, and their loved ones nationwide.** Just recently it was announced that the wife of Florida Governor DeSantis has contracted cancer. There is no doubt that this was a CIA Checchi hit job. I know for a fact that Governor DeSantis and his Attorney General have been standing up to the CIA Checchi cult leaders in Florida (which includes standing up to former President Trump who lives in Florida). Governor DeSantis has been standing up to CIA Checchi corruption in his state of Florida (which includes abolishing their massive child pornography business in Florida and massive cocaine & heroin business in Florida). They are punishing Governor DeSantis for doing the right thing by attacking his wife with cancer. This corrupt CIA family cult must be stopped from destroying our democracy, killing innocent people, and attacking those who uphold the rule of law.
Dozens and dozens of judicial killings throughout the country are being done in retaliation because federal judges have been ruling against the CIA Checchi family and this is their attempt at intimidating those who are committed to the rule of law (more about this in my writings at the links below). **This CIA family is a danger to national security and a threat to public safety because many citizens, law enforcement personnel, business leaders, and politicians have joined this dangerous CIA death cult - without knowing how corrupt they are. My writings seek to expose the ugly truth of what is going on.** Please read this email and the documents at the links below. Leaders like you should know the truth. Governor: To confirm what I am telling you is the truth, I encourage you to contact my governor in Vermont, Phil Scott (R). He has been dealing with a lot of nonsense and abuse from this CIA family for the last several years and he can confirm this is a very dangerous and very serious situation confronting our democracy.

One of the serious crimes the CIA Checchi cult “got away with” in Afghanistan was in 2011 when they killed a man named Burhānuddīn Rabbānī. Mr. Rabbānī was President of Afghanistan from 1992 to 2001 (he was forced into exile by the Taliban from 1996 to 2001). When they killed him, he was showing good progress in negotiating peace with the Taliban, and many were hopeful the Afghan war would end soon. But that progress came to a screeching halt on his birthday on September 20, 2011, when a suicide bomber killed President Rabbānī at his home in Kabul. Four other members of the Peace Council were there with him when the bomb went off – killing all five peacemakers. President Rabbānī was considered invaluable to the peace process because he was the only official who had personal relationships with all the tribe leaders in Afghanistan. He knew them all, and they trusted him.

The CIA Checchi cult needed the Afghan war to continue so they could make more money. They planned to make at least one trillion dollars over twenty years. The CIA Checchi cult sent the suicide bomber to stop the peace process because they wanted more money for their own personal gain. They didn’t want peace in Afghanistan. They wanted money. They had set up a money-making machine in Afghanistan, and it needed to run for another ten years to reach their trillion-dollar financial goal. This money would be used to fund their terrorist operations around the world. Their goal: total world domination and control. They were successful because they had their CIA badge to protect them. No one could stop them. But, President Rabbānī was getting in the way of their plans to become trillionaires (which was, in actuality, money stolen from American taxpayers). Financial greed is a basic, fundamental motive at the foundation of the CIA Checchi cult. They made ungodly sums of money in two ways: 1) with their various “contractor companies” that were working in Afghanistan for the Department of Defense and 2) the heroin business they had hijacked in Afghanistan (which made four billion dollars per year internationally).

The other important point regarding the assassination of President Rabbānī is the most
criminal aspect of this murder. In Islam, many believe that if the Islamic scholars decide together and agree on something that is not written in the holy writings, it is like being the Word of God or as if it were written in the Koran (or Hadith). Ironically, in the weeks before he died, Mr. Rabbānī was conducting a successful campaign asking the leading Islamic scholars to issue a religious decree (or edict/law) that would ban suicide bombings. If he had been allowed to finish this task, he would have permanently rid the world of Islamic suicide bombers – a task so noble and vital for world peace. Maybe even worthy of a Noble peace prize.

As punishment, the CIA Checchi cult should be forced to pay for damages that have occurred at every suicide bombing done by a Muslim since President Rabbānī’s death because the Checchi cult leaders are the ones who stopped this peace from becoming a reality on Earth. If you have not read this yet, please take time to read this letter I recently sent to Governor Scott and the FBI regarding the CIA Checchi cult & Afghanistan. I uploaded the letter to my Google Drive at this link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/14Zh0ftsMJO_Gfi6zeyj--9ZdMKA5DogU

Please consider sharing this information with other Americans in your life. As one independent journalist, I can only reach so many people. Americans (especially politicians and public servants) deserve to know the truth about how this CIA family organized & funded terrorism - with taxpayer dollars. How they manipulated (bribed, bullied, and/or blackmailed) military professionals to cooperate in this crime against humanity should be studied within the military and exposed so this kind of manipulation is harder to get away with in the future. The leaders of the CIA Checchi cult could not have been so successful without the cooperation of politicians and military leaders. This is also the same CIA family that orchestrated the suicide bombing in Kabul on August 26, 2021, killing 13 soldiers and over 100 civilians. This bombing was done as retaliation to American military leaders who, that week, announced they were hauling the leaders of the CIA Checchi cult (Kathy, Al, and Adam Checchi) into a secret military court on charges of crimes against humanity. Finally, military leaders in America are waking up to the prolific crimes this CIA family has been committing - including the constant murders of military professionals. This is the same CIA Checchi cult that has also been behind the scenes orchestrating school shootings and mass shootings throughout America for the last 20 years. They need to be stopped, and it won’t happen unless American leaders know the truth and demand something is done to stop this CIA Checchi family cult. My job has been to expose the truth that I know. Please join me in exposing this CIA abuse of power so that Americans and leaders worldwide know the truth about what is going on in our country and our world. Together we can stop this CIA terrorist network from killing more innocent people.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
P.S. The latest CIA Checchi family trick: they used the “debt ceiling” to make federal authorities bend to their will and threatened to ruin the country economically if they did not get their way. In September 2021, Washington politicians had two issues to deal with: They had to fund the federal government (which includes funding the military) through December 3, 2021, and they had to increase the debt ceiling. Not doing this would force the government to shut down. They had to pass a budget by the end of September 2021. Through blackmail, bribery, and bullying, the Checchi family controls 70% of Republican politicians and a smaller percentage of Democrats in Washington, DC. They control politicians on both sides of the aisle. But they've specialized in tricking a lot of Republicans into being their slaves. These politicians must do whatever they are told to do by the CIA Checchi family because they are being blackmailed, bullied, or bribed. This CIA family threatened the Biden Administration with severe problems by giving no cooperation on the debt ceiling issue. This CIA family does not act in the betterment of the country but in pure self-interest. They were not elected to this position of power but seized this power through financial bribes, blackmail, or death threats to politicians' family members. This CIA family has certain things they want (for example, they'd like the military to stop holding them accountable in court). If they don't get what they want, they threatened to force their politicians to ruin the country by not raising the debt ceiling. For selfish gain, they are willing to ruin the country and destroy it economically. And the Biden administration would get the blame for this debacle. [The Checchi family has experience at doing this sort of thing because they were also behind orchestrating the high stakes drama of the 2008 financial crisis – what Warren Buffet called “an economic pearl harbor.”] The basis of this mess was the manipulation of certain people working at the prompting of the CIA Checchi family that made bad investments over a period of years. This was all preplanned to attack the Presidency of George W. Bush – which gave his presidency a massive embarrassment, tanking his public image on his way out of office. Even at that time, the Checchi family was able to get certain Republican politicians in Washington -like Senator Mike Pence- to support their attack of President Bush.] Once again, the Checchi family got what they wanted, and politicians passed the bill on September 30, 2021. Still, there is no doubt the Checchi family will play this game again when politicians are forced to revisit this issue on December 3, 2021. Playing games like this is how the Checchi family has survived in power for so long. In a September 8 letter written by Maryland Representative Steny Hoyer, he wrote: "It would be a disaster for our economy and for tens of millions of American families if Republicans refuse to join Democrats in responsibly addressing the debt limit, I urge Senator McConnell to stop playing dangerous games with our economy and the well-being of so many Americans." What would you do if you were President Biden? He is faced with this terrorist CIA family threat of destroying the American economy and constant threats of mass murders as they orchestrate deadly mass shootings throughout
America and explode fatal bombs worldwide. President Biden knows what this CIA family is doing but he can’t come out and tell Americans what they are doing because he has taken an oath of secrecy. But I have not taken an oath of secrecy, and I happen to know what is going on because I am locked in a lawsuit with this CIA family - so I get to see what is going on behind the scenes in American politics as they lash out at various court rulings in my situation with them. Many times, the leaders of the CIA Checchi cult even brag to me about what they have “gotten away with” in some weird attempt to impress me or intimidate me into cooperation. I must be honest with you and say - I’m shocked at how bad things in America are. I'm shocked that no one can contain this evil, murderous CIA family of domestic and international terrorists. This is the truth: our leaders in America are dealing with (and are trying to contain) a brutal, ruthless CIA domestic terrorist family that controls the entire secret society world and an army of five hundred million spies worldwide. They have even created new terrorist groups (like the Proud Boys, Antifa, and ISIS-K) to carry out their terrorist plans. The CIA Checchi family has so much power they have been able to get away with horrendous crimes against the American people and crimes against humanity for many decades (more details are available in my writing at the links below). Tens of millions of people have suffered tremendously because of the sins the Checchi family has committed for decades. Some people feel there is some “Old Testament justice” that the Checchi’s deserve. I think most Americans would tell President Biden to finish them all off. Be done with this family and move on. But we'll see what happens. It isn't a situation with an easy solution - when you know the details. For more information on the issue of the debt ceiling, this is a well-written article from CNBC:

I started writing things about this CIA cult in 2017. If you have not read all my writings about this CIA-Checchi-cult there is more information here in documents uploaded to my Google Drive:

1. “Letter to CIA Director Burns”
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2. “Reporting Child Abuse and CIA Abuse of Power”
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3. “Dear Commander and Other Military Leaders”
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4. "Appalled." – A book I was forced to call “fiction” but it’s all true.
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7. “Letter to Christian Leaders and Evangelicals.” drive.google {DOT} com/file/d/1uT6tfBbTu1UBYJ9UjP0zy-mtemD12YP

8. "Letter to American Leaders - July 30, 2021." drive.google {DOT} com/file/d/1Juov7nD91_ZXZaQMO8kWIFAge4qbCX

9. "Letter to Governor Phil Scott - August 19, 2021." drive.google {DOT} com/file/d/14Zh0ftsMJO_Gfi6zeyj--9ZdMKA5DogU

10. "Letter to Senators" October 18, 2021." drive.google {DOT} com/file/d/1_rVLkD8V9uMTGUvPaf5wLh0gyxaQYR8

11. "Letter to President Biden - October 19, 2021" drive.google {DOT} com/file/d/1G7JAN9fSKbpeINSF32ec9pajvi0VuRoR

12. “Domestic Terrorism in America” – November 29, 2021 drive.google {DOT} com/file/d/1JGQcvaQu5lov58Tqtf46didU7rmq_cf


"Hope is not a state of mind. It is a state of action. It is in the praxis of resistance, solidarity, and love that we can find a path to a brighter world." - Ady Barkan

*********** Please note that a federal court permitted me to share these details of names and crimes committed by the leaders of this CIA-cult in August 2020. Just recently (July 28, 2021), another court has ordered me to stop sharing this writing as of September 16, 2021. My writing & books have been banned. So, I am told the links above will not work after September 15, 2021. You can download, print, and share the documents at those links above, and I encourage you to do so. The information in these documents is completely true, and Americans need to know the truth. No honest journalism = no genuine democracy. Sometimes the bad guys win in court, and this is one of those times. UPDATE ON THE BAD GUYS WINNING IN COURT: September 14, 2021 - This second ruling (from July 28, 2021) that canceled the first ruling from August 2020 has been canceled by a higher judge! So, my
writings are longer banned as of September 16, 2021. A big thank you to the attorneys and everyone who helped with this appeal - working diligently to make sure justice was done in this situation! I was told that the bad guys bribed my former attorney AND the judge to overturn the August 2020 ruling. With proof of corruption being presented to a higher court, their July 28th sham-ruling was reversed! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED TURN THIS FRAUD AROUND! **********

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All the rest is public relations."
- George Orwell

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Keep safe those who serve You, O God; in you we take refuge. Psalms 16:1
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Life requires energy. Less affordable energy, less life.

Ray Dalio’s AI computer models and extraordinary investment record indicate a “high probability” of US civil war this decade as published in *Changing World Order* (link).

US policies have rebuilt paths to war and staged the US dollar to lose its world reserve currency status. At some point, it will become clear to those holding US dollar assets that the US economy and currency are repeating the 2008 collapse. In this crisis, the US will lose access to foreign oil, 1/3rd of the oil we use each day. We have a choice to cut this 1/3rd by exercising self-discipline or by having it collapse under us.

The objective of this paper is to get West Point and the Army to act ahead of the crisis to lead the nation in mitigating this risk of civil war. If we fail, my guess is history will name the resulting war and famine as “Oil Famine.”

**Fundamentals**

President Obama, 2010, "*For decades we have known that the days of cheap and easily accessible oil were numbered...*"

- **1956, Dr. Hubbert documented** US Peak Oil would be in 1970. It was. America has been borrowing and printing money since to buy foreign oil and fund oil-wars to secure access to that foreign oil.
- **1957, Admiral Rickover:** “*Fossil fuels resemble capital in the bank. A prudent and responsible parent will use his capital sparingly in order to pass on to his children as much as possible of his inheritance. A selfish and irresponsible parent will squander it in riotous living and care not one whit how his offspring will fare.*”
- **2011, CNBC:** Missing $4,155? It Went Into Your Gas Tank This Year
- **2018, Saudi America, The Truth About Fracking** and an update to *Energy Economics*
- **2020, Washington Post:** Shale’s Bust Shows Basis of Boom: Debt, Debt and Debt. A bankrupt industry cannot produce affordable energy in the future.
- **2021, Baker Hughes:** Rig Count is 579, half of what was required to create access to 11 million barrels per day of US production. As wells deplete, fewer will come online cutting future oil production.
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Oil Famine is not caused by a lack of oil. It occurs when capital structures supporting oil's long and complex supply chain collapse. Examples:

- 2010, Syria with a 20% loss of population and civil war (link).
- 2015, Venezuela with a 1.4% loss of population and totalitarian state.

Root Cause of US Foreign Oil Addiction

The Boston Tea Party was a demonstration against the general government’s transportation monopoly that triggered a war. To prevent rebuilding that path to war the Constitution forbids Federal highways. Twenty-one Presidential veto messages explain the Constitution’s prohibition of the current Federal highway system.

Violating the Constitution, The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1916 ushered in the concept of “natural monopolies.” Federal monopolies seized control of the means of production in communications, transportation, and energy. These unconstitutional monopolies are the Root Cause of rebuilding 3 known paths to domestic war and the civilization killers of mortgaging children ($29 trillion in debt), Oil Famine, and Climate Change.

Dr. Deming, “It is not necessary to change. Survival is not mandatory.”

Solutions

Liberty is the general solution for adapting to what is needed. End unconstitutional Federal monopolies that waste energy moving two tons to move a person and block liberty to innovate sustainable infrastructure.

“Secure the Blessings of Liberty:” Two aspects of Liberty intertwine in a Darwinian crucible of creative destruction to innovate and create the "general welfare":

1. Tolerance of Disruptive Minorities offering choices.
   There are few Disruptive Minorities as tiny and disruptive as inventors.
2. Tolerance of people sorting choices in free markets and free speech, the Wisdom of the Many.
   Adam Smith's "invisible hand" is not invisible, just tiny. It is the vast accumulation of tiny acts of liberty as each of us chooses between choices. The aggregate wisdom of us all, with each acting in self-interest, is wiser than the wisest at choosing between choices.

Morgantown’s PRT demonstrates a specific example of how to convert traffic costs into oil-free transportation value. The 5X5 Standard of the Solar Mobility Act provides a framework for enforcing Constitutions to restore liberty to implement such networks.
Half a century ago, Tricia Nixon, opened the Morgantown PRT on Oct. 24, 1972. This was part of President Nixon’s environmental efforts to secure liberty for Posterity. Nixon, “At the end of this decade, in the year 1980, the United States will not be dependent on any other country for the energy we need. We will hold our future in our hands alone.”

- The Morgantown PRT is a grade-separated network of self-driving cars.
- Morgantown’s PRT delivered 150 million oil-free passenger-miles with 2 minor injuries. In the same period, 1.8 million Americans were killed on roads with about 2.4 serious injuries per year. Milgram Behaviors of DOT officials cost nearly 1/3rd of the Holocaust. Milgram documented that 65% of people will risk electrocuting another person if told to do so in an institutional setting. Milgram Behaviors sacrifice duty to comply with institutional norms. Specifically addressing Milgram risks in the Army should be part of West Point’s ethical training. Metrics are needed.
- Cadets studied and recommended this type of network for West Point in a systems engineering effort in 2011.
- West Point’s Systems Engineering text notes: “In fact, one of the most significant failings of the current U.S. transportation system is that the automobile was never thought of as being part of a system until recently. It was developed and introduced during a period that saw the automobile as a standalone technology largely replacing the horse and carriage.”
- Link to a clever Uber video on the stupidity of moving people in two-ton boxes in cities.
- To contribute to this effort, I invented and patented improvements on the Morgantown PRT (6,810,817):
  - Networks of robotic self-driving cars: “A method of controlling a transportation System for moving people, freight, or any combination thereof, using a distributed network of intelligent devices without requiring the aid of a human driver.”
  - Solar-powered mobility networks: “The method... providing... Solar and wind power generators, integrated into the physical Structure of Said transportation System...”

The barrier to expanding the Morgantown PRT is the Milgram Behaviors of government officials protecting their monopolies against innovation. Congressional Study PB-244854, “Automated Guideway Transit,” was published in 1975 to identify solutions to the hardships of the 1973 Oil Embargo and urban traffic problems.

- Morgantown’s PRT was identified as an example of the needed solution.
- The study documents that "institutional failures" within US DOT resulted in urban transportation innovations being blocked for "four to six decades except for relatively minor cosmetic changes.”
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One of Two Hard Choices:
Plans beyond 3 years are plans to do nothing. This is the lesson of Federal support for slavery. Gradual efforts to end Federal support for slavery failed until war was triggered. As deaths grew towards 600,000, hard choices were made, slavery ended in 3 years.

Thomas Paine, The Crisis, “If there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my child may have peace; and this single reflection, well applied, is sufficient to awaken every man to duty.”

1. Mitigate the worst of Oil Famine by exercising the self-discipline to become energy self-reliant in 3 years.
   ○ West Point and the Army answer the calls to action by 8 Presidents to cut their oil use by ⅓rd by Memorial Day 2022.
   ○ This dramatic and speedy action leads the nation to cut its oil use by ⅓rd by Memorial Day 2025.
   ○ Ending Federal support for foreign oil addiction in 3 years repeats the success of ending Federal support for slavery in 3 years.
   ○ West Point has the Duty to “choose the harder right over the easier wrong, to never be content with a half-truth when the whole can be won.”
   ○ The Army and DOD are the only organizations with the command structures to force a change that is big enough and fast enough to mitigate the worst of Oil Famine.
   ○ Foreign oil addiction is the 4th Treason from West Point.

2. Disorganized Collapse into Oil Famine:
   ○ We experienced part of this choice in 2008 when oil prices exceeded $80 a barrel. Enough people were forced to use their mortgage payments to buy gasoline to keep their jobs that foreclosures collapsed the US banking system.
   ○ Currently, oil prices are likely to go over $80 a barrel in 2022.
   ○ When the US banking system repeats the 2008 failure, the ability to print money to imports of foreign oil will also fail. Imported oil is currently meeting 1/3rd of US consumption.
   ○ The book Collapse documents how energy failures on this scale are civilization killers.

Unanswered Calls to Action: The US Constitution defines “Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort.”
Oil is fungible. Our lack of self-discipline, buying 5.5 million barrels a day of foreign oil drives up oil prices. In the past year, this demand caused oil prices to rise from $46 to $71. This provides Iran with an extra $18.2 billion/year. This has recurred since US Peak Oil in 1970. Our foreign oil addiction is “adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort.”

Lack of self-discipline to be energy self-reliant and The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 that industrialized oil addiction is the 4th Treason from West Point¹. We failed to answered clear calls to duty:

1. President Nixon, 1974: “At the end of this decade, in the year 1980, the United States will not be dependent on any other country for the energy we need. We will hold our future in our hands alone.” Foreign oil 30%.
2. President Ford, 1975: “First, we must reduce oil imports by 1 million barrels per day by the end of this year and by 2 million barrels per day by the end of 1977. Second, we must end vulnerability to economic disruption by foreign suppliers by 1985.” Foreign oil 35.8%
3. President Carter, 1979: “This intolerable dependence on foreign oil threatens our economic independence and the very security of our Nation. The energy crisis is real. It is worldwide. It is a clear and present danger to our Nation. These are facts and we simply must face them.” Foreign oil 43.1%.
4. President Reagan, 1981: “While conservation is worthy in itself, the best answer is to try to make us independent of outside sources to the greatest extent possible for our energy.” Foreign oil 33.6%.
5. President Bush, 1992: “There is no security for the United States in further dependence on foreign oil.” Foreign oil 40.6%.
6. President Clinton, 1995: “The nation’s growing reliance on imports of oil … threatens the nation’s security … [we] will continue efforts to … enhance domestic energy production.” Foreign oil 44.5%.
7. President W. Bush, 2006: “Keeping America competitive requires affordable energy. Here we have a serious problem. America is addicted to oil, which is often imported from unstable parts of the world.” Foreign oil 59.9%.

¹ Treasons from West Point:
1. Benedict Arnold’s effort to surrender West Point to the British during the Revolution.
2. Graduates who joined the Confederate States of America, “levying War against” the United States.
3. Failing to integrate West Point and the Officer Corps after the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, giving “Aid and Comfort” to Jim Crow violating the Duty to “secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity.”
4. Foreign oil addiction “adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort” by ignoring the calls to action by eight US Presidents to exercise the self-discipline to be energy self-reliant:
8. President Obama, 2010: "For decades we have known that the days of cheap and easily accessible oil were numbered..." Foreign oil 49.2%.

It is treason to sacrifice American soldiers in oil wars since 1991 because we lack the self-discipline to answer these Presidents' calls to action and defend the Constitution as explained in 21 Presidential veto messages. Our addiction materially contributed oil-dollars that funded the actions of Sadam Hussein, Osama Bin Laden, Taliban, Iran, etc....

**The Constitution and 21 Presidential veto messages:**
The Federal Highway monopoly violates the Constitution.

The Preamble, the Federal mission statement, divided sovereignty by defining the Federal government's:
- One obligation, to “provide” defense.
- One restriction, to “promote” welfare:

> “We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

Ratifying the Constitution, We the People, confirmed Divided Sovereignty of a compound republic described in Federalists 1-46:
- As the sovereigns, We the People, retain all powers and liberties not enumerated as sacrificed in written Constitutions. To suppress violence from wars and crimes we Divided Sovereignty between two types of governments to monopolize two types of violence. The Federal and State governments, each “constituted with different powers, and designed for different purposes. #46”
  - War: The Federal Government is granted unlimited taxing powers for the limited sovereignty to “provide for the common defence.” It is restricted to only “promote the general Welfare.” Federal taxing to “provide welfare” such as highways violates the Constitution.
  - Crimes: States are sovereign over issues of crimes, commerce, civil disputes, and internal improvements.
- “Ambition must be made to counter ambition. #51” Experience proved the necessity of having these two types of government so one type could wage war on the abuses of the other type of government (link to a graphic of this history).
  “Power being almost always the rival of power, the general government will at all times stand ready to check the usurpations of the state governments, and these
will have the same disposition towards the general government. The people, by throwing themselves into either scale, will infallibly make it preponderate. #28"

Federalists #10: “AMONG the numerous advantages promised by a well constructed Union, none deserves to be more accurately developed than its tendency to break and control the violence of faction {{Tyranny of the Majority}}.”

“Hence it is that democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security or the rights of property; and in general have been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths... A republic, by which I mean a government in which a scheme of representation takes place, opens a different prospect and promises the cure for which we are seeking.”

1. Federalist #45 summarizes the Divided Sovereignty of the Preamble relative to “internal improvements of highways and canals”:

"The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, as war, peace, negotiation, and foreign commerce; with which last the power of taxation will, for the most part, be connected. The powers reserved to the several States will extend to all the objects which, in the ordinary course of affairs, concern the lives, liberties, and properties of the people, and the internal order, improvement, and prosperity of the State.”

2. Amendments 9 and 10 restate the Preamble’s Divided Sovereignty:
   a. Nine: “The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.”
b. Ten: “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”

3. Link to 21 Presidential veto messages explaining why States, not the Federal government, are sovereign over “internal improvements”. Short clips:

a. Madison, March 3, 1817: "Having considered the bill this day presented to me entitled 'An act to set apart and pledge certain funds for internal improvements,' and which sets apart and pledges funds 'for constructing roads and canals, and improving the navigation of water courses' . . . I am constrained by the insuperable difficulty I feel in reconciling the bill with the Constitution of the United States to return it with that objection to the House of Representatives. The legislative powers vested in Congress are specified and enumerated in the eighth section of the first article of the Constitution, and it does not appear that the power proposed to be exercised by the bill is among the enumerated powers."

b. Monroe, May 4, 1822: “This power can be granted only by an amendment to the Constitution and in the mode prescribed by it."If the power exist, it must be either because it has been specifically granted to the United States or that it is incidental to some power which has been specifically granted. If we examine the specific grants of power we do not find it among them, nor is it incidental to any power which has been specifically granted."It has never been contended that the power was specifically granted. It is claimed only as being incidental to some one or more of the powers which are specifically granted. The following are the powers from' which it is said to be derived:"First, from the right to establish post-offices and post-roads; second, from the right to declare war; third, to regulate commerce; fourth, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare; fifth, from the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying into execution all the powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any department or officer thereof; sixth and lastly, from the power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory and other property of the United States."According to my judgment it can not be derived from either of those powers, nor from all of them united, and in consequence it does not exist."
Federal Consolidation, Unconstitutional Federal Infrastructure Monopolies

Federal consolidation began by distorting the meanings of the 16th, 17th, and 18th Amendments to tax and provide welfare.

- 16th Amendment (1913) allows the Federal government to create the progressive income tax. It is reasonable that those with the most to lose from losing a war, the rich, should pay more to protect their wealth. At its passing it taxed people making more than $350,000 in 2020 dollars. The governing shifted the intent of the 16th Amendment to tax the very wealthy, to tax ordinary wages. The 16th Amendment does not change the Preamble's prohibition of Federal taxing to "provide welfare". There can be Federal welfare programs, but taxing for them is State sovereignty with the Federal government accountable to the state governments for the efficacy of the programs.

- 17th Amendment (1913) replaced our compound republic (people represented in the House and States represented in the Senate) outlined in Federalists #9 and #10 with a democracy. Democracy is the essential and flawed tool with two components, one brilliant and one vile:

  ○ Brilliant is the Wisdom of the Many. *The Wisdom of Crowds* provides case studies of how the aggregate wisdom of all of us, with each of us acting in our own self-interest is wiser than the wisest of us at choosing between choices.

  ○ Vile is Tyranny of the Majority. *Tyranny of the Majority* in America accounts for:
    - Slavery.
    - Annihilation of the American Indians.
    - Internment of Japanese Americans.
    - Jim Crow.
    - Climate Change.
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- The mortgaging the future labor of children so the current majority can have $29 trillion more in benefits than we are willing to pay in taxes.

The nature of Tyranny of the Majority was clear to the Constitution’s framers. They had a first-hand understanding as slave owners:

- Benjamin Franklin: "Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote!"
- John Adams: "Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide."
- John Quincy Adams: "Democracy has no forefathers, it looks to no posterity; it is swallowed up in the present, and thinks of nothing but itself."

- Federal infrastructure monopolies created a “needful majority,” a Tyranny of the Majority, willing to sacrifice Posterity, children to oil addiction, debt, and Climate Change. US infrastructure monopolies burn nearly twice the energy of similar economic outcomes in Europe. Foreign oil addiction is a policy choice, not an economic requirement.

- 18th Amendment (1919) applied the war-powers of the Federal government to coerce commercial actions of citizens. Although repealed by the 21st Amendment (1933), the police powers and Federal coercion of commercial activities continues in unconstitutional Federal monopolies.

**Natural monopolies:**

"Natural monopolies" are not “natural,” violate the Constitution, and suppress liberty to innovate. Governments are created to minimize violence from war and crimes. Innovation is a compliance failure.

Government control of the means of production suppresses innovation. Uniformity and excellence are mutually exclusive.

1. Communications:

   - The Federal communications monopoly was implemented by Executive Order on August 1, 1918, resulting in nearly a century of rotary telephones.
   - Courts declaring the Federal communications monopoly unconstitutional in 1982 restored liberty to innovate. Millions of jobs, better services at lower costs, and vast wealth was created to replace a century of rotary telephones with the Internet.
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○ There is a great deal of hubris that DARPA created the Internet. Elements of this are true because DARPA was able to break some of the monopoly barriers, but its efforts failed to result in commercialization. It was the restoration of liberty in 1982 that triggered commercialization. Markers of how the Federal communication monopoly stifled communications innovation for most of a century:
  i. **1926 interview with Collier’s Magazine:** Nikola Tesla, "When wireless is perfectly applied the whole earth will be converted into a huge brain,… We shall be able to communicate with one another instantly, irrespective of distance. Not only this, but through television and telephony we shall see and hear one another as perfectly as though we were face to face, despite intervening distances of thousands of miles; and the instruments through which we shall be able to do this will be amazingly simple compared with our present telephone. A man will be able to carry one in his vest pocket."
  ii. **1942:** Hedy Lamarr patented the technology for Bluetooth. The Navy rejected it until 1957-62. It did not commercialize until 1997.
  iii. **1963:** Touch-Tone telephone technology was created.
  iv. **1968:** Mother of All Demos documents most aspects of the Internet and modern computing. Start at minute-30 to watch the "mouse", video conferencing, clicking on URLs, etc.
  v. **1973:** Cell phones were available.
  vi. **1982:** Federal courts declared the Federal communications monopoly unconstitutional and initiated a multi-year de-monopolization plan. Rotary dial telephones were still very common but were being displaced by Touch-Tone phones.
  vii. **1983:** Frank Caufield (Class of 1962) invested in what would become AOL and “You’ve Got Mail” became the drumbeat of Internet adoption.
  viii. **1991:** High Performance Computing Act shifted the Internet to commercial control using commercial standards. The dot-com boom was then triggered. This was Senator Gore’s "Information Superhighway" bill.
  ix. **1994:** Today Show, "Alison, What Is the Internet Anyway" marks widespread public awareness of the digitizing of communications.

2. Energy:
  ○ The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 wiped out the renewable energy industry that was building 80,000 windmills a year in favor of centralized
coal-burning power plants. The civilization killer Climate Change is a consequence.

- Thomas Edison’s observation in 1910 has been delayed by more than a century:

> "Sunshine is spread out thin and so is electricity. Perhaps they are the same, Sunshine is a form of energy, and the winds and the tides are manifestations of energy... Do we use them? Oh, no! We burn up wood and coal, as renters burn up the front fence for fuel. We live like squatters, not as if we owned the property... There must surely come a time when heat and power will be stored in unlimited quantities in every community, all gathered by natural forces. Electricity ought to be as cheap as oxygen..."

3. Transportation:

- Since The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1916, political influence has replaced efficiency in infrastructure decisions. As a result, approximately 46% of 400-ton/mpg railroads have been replaced by roads with the 25 mpg efficiency of the Model-T.
- **Metrics on transportation efficiency.**
- The Federal highway monopoly creates traffic costs of $1.7 trillion/year. Converting half these costs into value provides the cash to retool America’s manufacturing base, exports, and defend the dollar.
  i. **$425 billion per year for oil**
  ii. **$871 billion per year in accidents**, alternate data source
     1. 40,100 road-deaths in 2017
     2. 2.31 million injuries in 2013
  iii. **$305 billion per year in congestion**
  iv. **$109 billion per year in car damage from poor road maintenance.**
- Federal highway policies **force Americans to buy about 2x the oil** required for similar economic outcomes in Asia and Europe. Sweden and Denmark had nearly identical per capita oil consumption as the US in 1970 and adapted to half the US since. Government policies in
those countries make biking a safe alternative. The difference between San Jose and Palo Alto CA illustrates Milgram Behaviors of US DOTs that prevent alternatives to car travel. Eighteen miles apart, in Palo Alto, about 44% of students bike to school. In San Jose, biking is unsafe. I lived in San Jose and can affirm how unsafe it is to ride a bike.

Federal Highway Monopoly Rebuilt 3 Known Paths to Domestic War
Federal monopolies, and the Milgram Behaviors of those in authority protecting those monopolies, blocked the liberty to innovate. Mandating oil burning to move two tons to transport a person has rebuilt three known paths to domestic war while creating Civilization Killers of Peak Oil and Climate Change.

1. **Taxation Without Representation**: Debt is the tax on future labor. Debt beyond 19 years repayment is a tax on the future labor of children and imposed without their consent. Jefferson's "The Earth Belongs to the Living."

"The question **Whether one generation of men has a right to bind another, seems never to have been started either on this or our side of the water. Yet it is a question of such consequences as not only to merit decision, but place also, among the fundamental principles of every government."

"Then no man can by _natural right_ oblige the lands he occupied, or the persons who succeed him in that occupation, to the payment of debts contracted by him. For if he could, he might during his own life, eat up the usufruct {{to use for profit without harm}} of the lands for several generations to come, and then the lands would belong to the dead, and not to the living, which would be reverse of our principle."

[Link to a video](#) of a tax collector talking to a woman holding her daughter about the decades of payments required. When the woman replies that she cannot afford it and has already paid her taxes, the tax collector responds, “I was not talking to you.”
2. **Illicit Energy**, dependence on energy outside self-reliance: This is both a path to war and a civilization killer. Life requires energy. Dependence on energy outside self-reliance is an existential threat to survival. Federal support for slavery and Federal highway infrastructure that mandates foreign oil addiction build nearly identical paths to war. History does not repeat, but it rhymes; Bleeding Kansas, Iraq, and Afghanistan are skirmish wars building paths to general war.

   a. The book *Collapse* provides several examples of civilizations collapsing as energy outside self-reliance failed.

   b. Energy is the Prime Resource: Life requires energy.

   c. The metric of Disposable Energy, or how much energy people can buy with their take-home-pay, began warning of the 2008 collapse in 1998. It is again warning of a banking and possible economic collapse.

The top set of graphs are those used to brief campaign staff for Senators Obama and McCain in July 2008. The bottom graph of Disposable Energy has been updated to current data.
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- Top: Increasing gas prices had decreased family disposable income by about $4,000. Increasing gas prices were forcing many families to use mortgage payments to buy gasoline to keep their jobs.
- Center: US Peak Oil was in 1970. The national debt was rising in tandem with foreign oil imports.
- Bottom: GDP and Disposable Energy are compared. GDP is a terrible metric. It did not register crisis such as the 1973 Oil Embargo and barely registered the 2008 Great Recession. In contrast, in 1998 Disposable Energy began warning of the 2008 crisis.
- Only Bud McFarlane, former National Security Advisor, understood the risk. Both Senate staffs thought Federal mortgage policies could manage the foreclosure issues. Two months later, the banking system, and nearly the entire economy, collapsed. The Dallas Fed puts the cost to taxpayers at $6-$14 trillion.

d. In May of 2008 the Dallas Federal Reserve published “Crude Awakening: Behind the Surge in Oil Prices,” a report on the incompetence of DOE and DOD to foresee and warn of the dire national security risks of rising gasoline prices. In Sept 2008 the nation cascaded into the Great Recession as if it were a surprise. The crisis of 2008 appears likely to replay in 2022-2023 with the same DOE and DOD incompetence.
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e. Geology is slow and certain. Life requires energy. Affordable oil is finite. Life and nations powered by affordable oil are terminal.

f. Watching Peak Oil unfolding into Oil Famine is like watching a heavy freight train heading towards a cliff where the bridge is out. The depletion behaviors of oil field geology are simple, visible, and unstoppable.
   ■ But the train only moves at 1 mile a day.
   ■ So back in the 1950s people would walk ahead of the train, see the bridge is out, walk back, and report that we have 50 to 60 years to fix the problem. Examples of warnings are 1956 Dr. Hubbert and 1957 Admiral Rickover's Energy Slaves speech.
   ■ Reports were written with bold lettering on their covers “We must transition from oil in 50 to 60 years to avoid war.”
   ■ Today when Peak Oil is brought up to DOE, DOD, and DOT they show the covers and say “We know about the problem, we have 50 to 60 years to come up with a solution.”

g. Peak Oil, a civilization killer:
   ■ The Blue Line is US Peak Oil. Note the Fracking Boom has busted at a loss of $350 to $500 billion and flaring vast natural gas resources. Such feats are unlikely to be repeatable.
   ■ The Black Line is Oil Imports
   ■ The Red Line is the national debt. Debt increase is highly correlated with buying foreign oil and funding oil wars until 2008. Since 2008 money printing and Quantitative Easing were used to buy time instead of our exercising the self-discipline to become energy self-reliant.
   ■ The 5 Stages are based on Jim Collins’ book How the Mighty Fall.

h. President Biden’s Nov 2021 release from the SPR seems to be an attempt to mitigate the coming crisis in gasoline supplies. Current gasoline inventories indicate that much higher gasoline prices are likely within 6 months. EIA reports there are 22.7 Days of Supply of Gasoline. EIA “Days of Supply” is an accounting, not logistical term. The supply chain requires
about 20 Days of Supply to fill pipelines, trucks delivering fuel, etc… So there is really only about 2.7 Days of Logistical cushion to adapt to irregularities and threats (storms, hacking, etc…). If people become fearful that there will be a gasoline shortage, they shift behaviors from filling up “Just-in-Time” to “Just-in-Case.” This pulls about 3.5 Days of Supply out of available inventory and gasoline becomes the next toilet paper as outages cascade. DOD’s failure to forecast this risk while spending $700 billion/year is incompetent. Sun Tzu: “Every battle is won or lost before it is fought.”

i. We are giving our children debts they cannot carry with no energy to carry them while corrupting the environment they must carry debt in.

3. Transferring Wealth from the Many to the Few
   a. Matthew 13:12, “For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”
   b. Money and spending of government debt cause those holding assets to see the value of their assets appreciate. The young and the poor, those who must trade their labor to buy assets, see the value of their labor debased.
   c. Federal highway programs picked up where Jim Crow ended. Repeatedly building highways through low-income neighborhoods to benefit the wealthy devastates the economies and home values of those low-income neighborhoods. Highway programs created the racist outcome documented by the Boston Globe:
      ■ Networth of the average white family in Boston is $247,500
      ■ Networth of the average black family in Boston is $8
   d. Unhappiness of the “Have Nots” grows until there is a trigger, like a policeman kneeling on a man's neck until he suffocates.
   e. Shay's Rebellion, French Revolution, and American Civil Rights riots provide examples of unjust policies exceeding the tolerance of the many.
   f. Our transfer of wealth from the “Have Nots” to the “Haves” is exemplified by our mortgaging the future labor of children. A child born today, 2021-12-17, has already had her future labor mortgaged for $87,149.
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g. As gasoline prices return to those of 2008, and food prices rise beyond affordability, it is reasonable to expect more severe riots than those of BLM and January 6th.

h. At some point, children will be unable to push the debt onto their children and the economy will collapse into Oil Famine.

**Domestic Weakness Invites Foreign Wars**

Von Clausewitz: “Power is the will and ability to win applied to achieving an objective.”

Rebuilding three known paths to domestic war excites foreign competitors to exploit our vulnerabilities. Here are some metrics of the current Army and DOD incompetencies that invite war:

1. As Ray Dalio notes in his book, “Changing World Order,” our lack of self-discipline to be energy self-reliant created a high-risk for both a civil war and a war with China. Life is a struggle for energy, and nations compete for survival. But our failure to exercise the self-discipline to be energy self-reliant is handing world trade to China and inviting both domestic civil war and foreign wars.

2. The rapid and humiliating defeat of American military plans by the Taliban in Afghanistan underscores Sun Tzu’s comment: “Every battle is won or lost before it is fought.”
a. We designed defenses based on our supplying energy at $25-400 a gallon gas.
b. Our withdraw of that oil removed the ability to implement the Afghan plans.

3. The flawed defense of Afghanistan is repeated in America’s domestic security. It is a hollow defense based on unlimited supplies of cheap oil.

4. As the dollar collapses in value, our flawed defenses will be clear to enemies.

5. Failure to secure Alaska is an example of our weakness and a clear violation of a Constitutional obligation, “The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion.”

Alaska was invaded and occupied in World War II. Expelling that occupation was the second bloody battle of the Pacific war.

Senator Murkowski’s website quotes General Billy Mitchell’s 1935 statement to Congress:
“...whoever holds Alaska will hold the world… I think it is the most important strategic place in the world.” Alaska is America’s common border with Russia and China. Alaska controls the great circle routes.

The Army and DOD are as incompetent in defending Alaska today as they were when Alaska was occupied. As a metric here is a link to the efforts of the officers and men of B Company, 4th Battalion 23rd Infantry between 1977 and 1980 to define mission-critical defects, identify solutions, document how Norwegian and Swedish armies training could be applied in Alaska. These findings were then walked step-by-step up the chain of command to
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the Army Chief of Staff. When the Army Chief of Staff dismissed the issues, as the Company Commander, I resigned to protest the failure to address the security of Alaska. The Army then changed the structure of the command from the independent 172nd Brigade to the 6th Division. But this was just paper dressing. The defects persist.

Ask these questions for metrics of the lack of preparation to defend Alaska:

- Where is the permanent naval support?
- Where are the hardened defenses of Anchorage and Kodiak?
- Where is the logistical support staged?
- Where are the trained forces in northern operations?

If the US cascades into civil war, we should expect both China and Russia to act to exploit our incompetence to take Alaska or make it independent of the Lower 48.

6. Robots are to current weapons what current weapons are to flint knives. Yet, DOD is wasting most of $700 billion/year to build defenses that will fail as affordable oil fails. Manned aircraft are a metric of this waste. In the next conflict, manned aircraft meeting cheap robots will be the equivalent of French knights meeting English longbowmen. Cockroach robots will destroy the logistics needed to sustain manned aircraft. Robots will not fight the fighter. Robots will cripple the logistical structures and starve the fighters, and the general population.

7. The three duties of citizenship in a republic are voting, jury duty (judge the justice of laws applying coercion), and militia duty (enforce the balance of powers between Federal and State governments, Federalist #28). The Militia Act of 1792 states Founders view of the Army’s duty to train citizens to be in militias:

That each and every free able-bodied citizen {{removed “white male” to adapt to the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 20th Amendments}} of the respective States, resident therein, who is or shall be of age of eighteen years, and under the age of forty-five years (except as is herein after excepted) shall severally and respectively be enrolled in the militia

That every citizen, so enrolled and notified, shall, within six months thereafter, provide himself with a good musket or firelock, a sufficient bayonet and belt, two spare flints, and a knapsack, a pouch, with a box therein, to contain not less than twenty four cartridges

The All-Volunteer Army deprives the fabric of the nation of having military discipline, camaraderie, and a sense of duty woven into it.
Instead of the military being a melting pot, it has become a society apart.

There is no doubt that the All-Volunteer Army is easier to command and a more professional army. But it is also a hollow national defense. As oil supply lines fail, this hollow structure will become apparent to both domestic and foreign risks.

Metrics of the harm of weak militias are Jim Crow, the internment of Japanese Americans, and other abuses by US governments. These could have been preempted had the requirements of the Militia Act of 1792 been maintained. The command structures of the militias would have confronted the illegal orders in ways individual citizens are powerless to do. This benefit is noted in Federalist #46, “Besides the advantage of being armed, which the Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation, the existence of subordinate governments to which the people are attached, and by which the militia officers are appointed, forms a barrier against the enterprizes of ambition, more insurmountable than any which a simple government of any form can admit of.”

It is outside the scope of what West Point and the Army can do, but members of The Long Gray Line might contribute to passing a Constitutional Amendment requiring 3-5 months of universal infantry training. This is:

- Short enough that the powerful cannot exempt their children.
- Uniform enough so the powerful cannot direct their children into special opportunities.
- Shuffles the social deck.
- It is not long enough to make good infantry people, but it is long enough to train citizens that they and their communities can resist being victims.

In the age of robots and terrorism, people will be either warriors or lunch.

8. Mitigate future treasons by changing the Army’s Principles of War to add:
   a. **Sustainability.** Our duty is to defend Liberty for Posterity forever. Defense based on mortgaging the future labor of children to buy foreign oil is not sustainable.
   b. **Inclusive Institutions.** The only advantage a republic has in competing for survival with autocracies is the willingness of citizens to contribute more than the state can coerce from them.
   c. **Retrospection.** What gets measured gets done. Each reunion, classes publish a Premortem of the Paths to War to put metrics on what we are doing wrong, and what changes occurred to correct or amply the risks. Recommend asking Jeff Sutherland, Class of 1964, to structure this.
9. One final example of DOD’s Milgram Behaviors, of knowing what duty requires and ignoring duty to accommodate bureaucratic institutional norms.

Changing a major infrastructure requires 50 to 100 years. Securing national survival requires acting ahead of dire need.

The Joint Forces Commands’, Joint Operating Environment 2010 identified that Oil Famine is coming.

Fracker bought us a 10-year delay by pumping oil at a $350-500 billion loss. Instead of using these 10 years to implement energy self-reliance, DOD wasted most of $650 billion/year of defense spending for systems requiring cheap and foreign oil. The defense of Afghanistan was based on this wasteful spending.

West Point and the Army had since the JOE-2010 to gradually end their 1/3rd use of foreign oil and squandered it. For farmers to have oil in 2022 and 2023 is now essential for the military to cut use by 1/3rd by Memorial Day 2022.

"By 2012, surplus oil production capacity could entirely disappear, and as early as 2015, the shortfall in output could reach nearly 10 million barrels per day."

"A severe energy crunch is inevitable without a massive expansion of production and refining capacity. While it is difficult to predict precisely what economic, political, and strategic effects such a shortfall might produce, it surely would reduce the prospects for growth in both the developing and developed worlds. Such an economic slowdown would exacerbate other unresolved tensions, push fragile and failing states further down the path toward collapse, and perhaps have serious economic impact on both China and India. At best, it would lead to periods of harsh economic adjustment. To what extent conservation measures, investments in alternative energy production, and efforts to expand petroleum production from tar sands and shale would mitigate such a period of adjustment is difficult to predict. One should not forget that the Great Depression spawned a number of totalitarian regimes that sought economic prosperity for their nations by ruthless conquest."

"Energy production and distribution infrastructure must see significant new investment if energy demand is to be satisfied at a cost compatible with economic growth and prosperity."
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"The discovery rate for new petroleum and gas fields over the past two decades (with the possible exception of Brazil) provides little reason for optimism that future efforts will find major new fields."

Forward by General James N Mattis

Summary:

Two paradoxes:

- The Stockdale Paradox: Unwavering faith we will prevail while facing the most brutal facts of our current reality.
- Lifeboat Paradox: The self-discipline to have and be skilled in the use of a lifeboat prevents needing one.

Nothing is more important to national security than the self-discipline to be energy self-reliant. Life requires energy. Less affordable energy, less life.

There are 21 Presidential veto messages detailing why Federal highway policies are unconstitutional. Those policies force Americans to consume twice the oil of other countries with similar economic outcomes.

It is within the ability of West Point and the Army to lead by example and cut oil use by 1/3rd by Memorial Day 2022. It will be hard. We can choose the harder right.

Without decisive action riots such as BLM and Jan6 will be replaced by food riots. Without decisive action, the 3 paths to war rebuilt by Federal highways will cascade into civil war.

These risks exist because West Point, the Army, and the nation failed to answer the calls to action by eight Presidents to exercise the self-discipline to be energy self-reliant, to defend the written Constitution, to “hold our future in our hands alone.”
Dear Ms. Chiavaroli, Todd, Bob, John, and Rick

Please share the attached document (or link) with the Superintendent, Commandant, Dean, Board of Visitors, AOG Board, and any others that may be interested in answering the duty to defend the clear text of the Constitution, as further explained in 21 Presidential veto messages, and commanded by eight US Presidents (link to videos).

Changing World Order (link) forecasts a 30% chance of US civil war this next decade. This is the outcome of Ray Dalio’s AI computer models, incredible contacts, and extraordinary investment record. He selected David McCormick (another West Point wrestler) to take over his CEO duties at Bridgewater.

This risk is similar to those of the 2008 financial collapse, growing polarized unrest of BLM and 6Jan, and the current collapsing assess to affordable oil.

If West Point will answer the call to duty, I will take a personal obligation to come up with the $100 million required for West Point to have the technologies to lead the nation in powering West Point within a solar budget. We have a small solar manufacturing plant in Poughkeepsie. I will build a bigger one. If you noticed the solar collectors over MetLife Stadium at the Army-Navy Game, we built those. Here is an image of my business partner, Frank Pao, explaining to then-Secretaries of Commerce Locke and Energy Chu how the US entry won the international Net Zero competition held in conjunction with the Beijing Olympics. We also built the collectors used in China in Poughkeepsie and shipped them to China. American manufacturing can compete with Chinese manufacturing.

Here are links to TEDx Atlanta and Red Bull TV documentary on how my invention and patent of solar-powered mobility networks building on the success of the Morgantown PRT. Link to Tricia Nixon opening the Morgantown PRT as part of President Nixon’s environmental and energy efforts so “At the end of this decade, in the year 1980, the United States will not be dependent on any other country for the energy we need. We will hold our future in our hands alone.”
Oil-war since 1991 and oil-dollar funded terrorism resulted from our past failures to answer President Nixon-Obama calls to action. Continuing to fail has a high probability of civil war.

Your criticism of this document is appreciated.

Thanks

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Subject: Anti-Racism West Point Policy Proposal letter of June 2020

Dear Congressman Womack and Congressional Members of the USMA Board of Visitors (BoV):

On 21 August 2021 I wrote to you in your capacity as Chair of the USMA BoV regarding the subject topic. At that time, I requested you address this matter under the auspices of the USMA BoV as there has been an information vacuum from the USMA administration regarding the fact finding and any actions resulting from this letter. The USMA Superintendent in the 29 July 2020 meeting indicated that he had initiated an IG investigation that was to provide a report by 1 October 2020, but was also taking action even while the IG investigation was in progress.

I note that the BoV has not re-addressed this as an agenda topic since its meeting on 29 July 2020, even though there was a 1 Dec 2020 BoV meeting. There continues to be a lack of openness regarding this matter to any and all requests for disclosure of findings and action(s) taken or not taken by USMA. I have unsuccessfully attempted to gain disclosure via multiple avenues to gain insight into USMA findings and actions. I know too that many other concerned graduates of USMA have also been unsuccessful in their efforts. Sadly, too, I have not had a reply from your office regarding my prior request.

I am today writing again to you all requesting that you include this matter as an agenda item in your next BoV meeting. There continues to be a disturbing total lack of information publicly available on this matter. This is a matter of the most serious nature that demands to be address fully and openly.

As a graduate, an American citizen and tax payer, I respectfully request that you address this matter at the next BoV meeting.

I thank you in advance for re-addressing this matter and look forward to your reply. FYI, I have also submitted my request as a statement via the BoV@westpoint.edu and the Designated Federal Officer to the USMA BoV.
Sincerely,

Walter Heinz
USMA 1971
Cell: 303-807-5901
Dear Ms. Ghostlaw

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Bill

On Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 9:41 AM Board of Visitors <BOV@westpoint.edu> wrote:

Dear Mr. James,

Good morning and greetings from West Point. Thank you for your e-mails to the USMA Board of Visitors e-mail, with the following subjects: “Mitigating Oil Famine by Correcting the 4th Treason from West Point, Foreign Oil Addiction” “Facts and Opinions,” “Milgram Behaviors,” and “‘Yet-to-be-found’ and ‘Yet-to-be-developed’.” Please let me know if you would like the USMA Board of Visitors to consider these e-mails for discussion at the next open meeting of the Board, or provide copies to the Board members.
Regardless of whether the e-mails are considered at the next open meeting, copies would be provided to the Board members and they would become part of the minutes and the public record.

Please get back to me when you have a moment. Have a wonderful day.

Respectfully,

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I wish everyone the best of luck.

Bill James

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Dear Ms Ghostlaw

Very good. Thanks for being so thorough.

Public disclosure is very important. Attached is the letter from the Mayor of Morgantown, a US Senate letter from 1974 on the importance of implementing networks like Morgantowns (Congressional Study PB-244854), and a summary graphic illustrating that burning all the affordable oil created a 2-headed civilization killer of Oil Famine and Climate Change. Oil Famine hit Syria in 2010 resulting in a 20% decrease in population. It is difficult to estimate what the population costs in the US will be later this decade.

Let me know if I can be of help.

Bill

March 12, 2013

Andrew M. Fellows, Mayor
3007 Byrom Avenue
College Park, MD 20740

Dear Mayor Fellows:

I am writing to support the endeavor of College Park, MD to bring a solar transportation network (podde) to the area. As you are already aware, Morgantown has had a Personal Rapid Transit system in place since 1975, which connects the three campuses of West Virginia University, as well as the downtown area. Some benefits of the system include, but are not limited to:

1. It has proved to be a reliable system of automated transit that is relatively inexpensive to operate.
2. It has offered service rates far better than the bus system it replaced, boasting a 99% reliability and availability rating.
3. It has eliminated much of the gridlock of traffic which existed in the hub of downtown Morgantown.
4. It has proven to be safe, with no serious injuries reported since the operation began in 1975.
5. Approximately 16,000 riders take advantage of the system on a daily basis.

There have been several proposals to extend the line on both ends of the system, which could take place in the near future. Since the Morgantown PRT operates chiefly as a student-owners, it runs primarily during class days. During fall and spring semesters, hours of operation are from 6:30 a.m. - 10:15 p.m. weekdays, and 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Summer hours are 6:15 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The system is closed on Sundays year round, as well as during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring breaks.

A system such as this would be a great asset to your City, and I wish you well in your endeavor!

Jim Manilla, Mayor
City of Morgantown
Insights from 1973 Oil Embargo

PRT

United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

September 30, 1974

Honorable John E. McClellan
Chairman
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

We would like to enlist your support for an increase in the scope of the urban mass transportation assessments currently being conducted for the Committee by the Office of Technology Assessment. As you will recall, one of these assessments is concerned with the question of the degree of automation which is technically feasible, economically attractive, and environmentally acceptable. The other assessment addresses the process by which communities select, plan, and implement a new transit system or modernize an existing one.

While the need for these studies of conventional rail transit remains unchanged, there have been significant developments since the date of our original request to the Office of Technology Assessment which indicate that the scope of the assessments should be expanded in two directions:

1. First, it seems clear that we will be required to deal with the issue of "personal rapid transit" and related high technology projects earlier and in greater depth than had been anticipated.

2. Second, the increasingly serious condition of the economy suggests that these assessments should be expanded to consider the development and potential of urban mass transit under conditions in which federal funding may be severely decreased — or greatly increased in the event that unemployment becomes an overriding problem.

To expand on the first point, communities (such as Minneapolis and Las Vegas) are showing increasing interest in new types of fixed guideway systems. Personal rapid transit (PRT) systems are increasingly discussed as alternatives to more conventional rail transit. Implementation of PRT systems would present new opportunities for assessing alternative modes and concepts. The considerable effort underway in other countries to advance the state of the art in fixed guideway systems should be further investigated. The current assessments do address some of these issues. However, if addressed...
On Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 2:59 PM Board of Visitors <BOV@westpoint.edu> wrote:

Sir,

Thank you for your reply. There is no set allotted time for Members of the Public to address the Board. Further, it is up to the Board Chair to determine if an issue will be considered at a meeting.

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Cc: Bill Saylor <wsaylor@earthlink.net>; Gordon Israelson <gisraelson@gmail.com>; Charles Fletcher <fletcherclive.com>; Rick Olson <olsonet@gmail.com>; John Northrop <john.northrop@jhna.com>; Tom Grace <tom@gracefitness.com>
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Stone and mortar are coming together to complete the award winning CEAC design, and kudos to the planners, project managers, donors and especially to the Academy leadership.

But West Point is more than a collection of buildings on the Hudson. The CEAC must become a significant addition to West Point’s academic infrastructure. Even as CEAC is under construction, China and Russia demonstrate their cyberwar capabilities and intentions. Our country cannot afford to trail behind in this critical field.

I urge the Board of Visitors and the Academic Board, to assess the USMA cyber engineering curriculum and department staffing to ensure that USMA graduates will have the cyber leadership training to acquire and develop the skills needed to confront the inevitable challenges awaiting the United States.

Staffed with best-of-breed cyber instructors, and outfitted with continual cutting edge cyberware, the CEAC will be more than a successful construction project - it will be the source of formidable future generations of West Point cyberwar leaders.

George McIlvaine
USMA class of 1972
Little Rock, AR
(208) 921-8399
Dear Ms. Ghostlaw,
(I'm sorry for that premature email that just sent.)
Yes, please forward this issue for the consideration by the Board of Visitors. While the 500 Days Ball is now past history, the discrimination against family members attending Class of '22 graduation events may still be avoided. Surely the Board is aware that many other (tax-funded) military colleges, like The Citadel, require no intrusion into private information for members of the public to attend school functions. I remain appreciative of your assistance.

Sarah Norman

-----Original Message-----
From: Board of Visitors <BOV@westpoint.edu>
To: sgnorman@aol.com <sgnorman@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Feb 1, 2022 11:00 am
Subject: RE: West Point Covid policies

Ms. Norman,

Good morning. Thank you for your e-mail to the USMA Board of Visitors. Please let me know if you wish your e-mail to be considered by the USMA Board of Visitors at the next open meeting of the Board. Whether or not the Board Chair decides to consider your comments or not, it will become part of the minutes of the next meeting, and part of the public record.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

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Dear Sirs:

In September of 2016, it took a mere 8 days after one threatening letter from the notorious bully, Mikey Weinstein of the MRFF, to cause a reversal of West Point approach towards prayer. Weinstein's tactics are well-known: send a threatening letter to the target institution and the media, have the legal team lined up in the wings, and demand action, "or else."


I write to you today without specific threats, but with full knowledge that the topic of my concern would prove publicly embarrassing for the institution as well as provide the perfect opportunity for a lawsuit. My concern is that West Point has adopted a highly discriminatory policy that bars those without proof of a Covid vaccine from participation in campus events--specifically, the 500 days ball. This policy is not grounded in science and is discriminatory against those with medical and/or conscience preclusion from taking this vaccine.

There may have been a time when requiring this vaccine of all students and guests appeared to be justified; for a while, scientists believed that the vaccine would help to prevent the spread of Covid. In fact, the CDC web information still says so, notwithstanding that the numbers of vaccinated persons contracting and spreading the virus are nearly equal with those who are unvaccinated. Whatever the initial motivation, West Point can no longer defend such a policy given what we now know about the identical effectiveness of acquired immunity.

As a governmental agency, West Point's intrusion into private medical information (demanding proof of a specific treatment) is reprehensible and unjustifiable because of its overreach, even under the guise of "public safety." If the decision of Roe v. Wade stood for anything, it stood for the individual's right of privacy related to medical decisions. That the college would believe it has a right to inquire about a guest's (or a cadet's) private medical information is in direct opposition to that concept.

Furthermore, this policy works to effect governmentally-mandated discrimination based upon the failure of a guest to provide certain medical information and without any provision for reasonable accommodations for those who are medically unable to be vaccinated (by doctor's assessment) or for those who, as a matter of conscious (religious or otherwise), reluctant to submit to this treatment. Does the West Point office of equity and inclusion support this kind of policy? In New York, the vaccination rate is around 73%, leaving 27% of its residents barred from West Point events. The national vaccination rate is much lower, around 62%, creating an even bigger class of precluded people. Where is the equity? Where is the inclusion?

To the extent West Point was and is a government agency in the context of football prayer time, such that it was "compelled" to admonish its leadership for placing the cadets in such an "uncomfortable" situation, the college maintains the same characteristics in the context of Covid. I ask you to reconsider the discrimination that the institution is promoting and defending. Allow equal footing for those with acquired immunity or who provide a negative rapid test and who are fever-free at the door. Create the accommodations that the constitution demands for those with medical or conscience objections to this particular treatment. But even better, recognize West Point's governmental agency status and stop inquiring at all into the medical decisions of its cadets and guests at all.

Properly motivated, I know you can do it!

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