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### Save America's Military: Senate Telethon

## ***Memo to the Senate: Stop the Marxist Take-down of Our Military***

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**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:00:01] Hello, my name is Frank Gaffney. I'm the executive chairman of the Center for Security Policy and proud to be the master of ceremonies for a very special program. We're calling it a telethon of the Save America's Military coalition. A very informal pick-up team of national security professionals, of grassroots activists, other policy experts and advocates, and a lot of just old-fashioned patriots. And we've come together for the purpose of trying to protect the armed forces of the United States against, well, all enemies, foreign and domestic, but particularly those here in the United States who are, I believe, joined with enemies foreign. To use Marxist techniques such as the divide and conquer strategies of cultural [00:01:00] Marxism to weaken all of our institutions and country writ large. But of special significance and the focus of today's program, the United States Armed Forces. This has come into sharp relief as a result of the recent nomination and confirmation of General C.Q.

Brown, the Air Force chief of staff, to become the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. General Brown is a man who has, I think, presided over the hollowing out of the Air Force, the really fundamental transformation of its Air Force academy, and promoting more generally the cultural Marxist agenda of critical race theory, [00:02:00] diversity, equity, inclusion, transgender accommodations, LGBTQ initiatives and climate change is the greatest threat that we face. It became apparent when the United States Senate overwhelmingly confirmed General Brown, with just 11 senators voting against his confirmation that we not only need an intervention with the military that is clearly drunk, the Kool-Aid of the whole Marxist program, at least at the leadership levels, but also an intervention with the United States Senate to encourage them to try to affect the kind of course correction for the military that's vital to its future readiness, retention, recruitment, morale and deterrence [00:03:00] capabilities. This program is designed to be an impetus to just such an intervention with the Senate. We've assembled a remarkable group of people. People who have been putting shoulder to the wheel in connection with the Brown nomination and that of dozens and dozens, if not scores and scores of other senior military officers now scheduled for promotion to even higher ranks, more significant positions throughout the military who share General Brown's enthusiasm for this cultural Marxist agenda. We're going to begin our conversation today, which will be comprised of a series of short commentaries by a number of individuals, some joining us live, some by videotape, to expose the gravity of the problems that we're facing [00:04:00] in terms of this well, as say, fundamental transformation of our military and its implications for the national security and the individual security of the Americans they defend.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:04:14] We're going to start with Dr. Carol Swain. She's a remarkable woman, a tenured professor at Princeton University and Vanderbilt in the past. She now, among other things, is an author, including most recently of a terrific new book, *The Adversity of Diversity*. She also has a podcast entitled *We The People*. And she is a woman whose clarity on all of these issues is greatly valued. And we'll hear from her for several minutes right now.

**Dr. Carol Swain:** [00:04:48] Thank you for allowing me to address you today. My focus is on the impact that cultural Marxism or Neo-Marxism, whatever [00:05:00] you want to call it, is having on American political life and institutions, in particular the US military. And for people who are unfamiliar with cultural Marxism, it was a development after the failure of economic Marxism to bring about a revolution. Disciples of Karl Marx set their sights on changing institutions in the

West. So, they targeted the family. They targeted religious organizations like churches, schools, marriages, traditional institutions that have been associated with Western civilization, including our government and the US military in particular. And what we have seen happen, I would say beginning most dramatically with the Obama administration, was the [00:06:00] purging of military officials, generals. And you may recall and you can look this up, 197 officers were let go during the Obama administration because they were not deemed sufficiently loyal to Obama. And so, the men and women that have risen to the top since then, many of them have been people that their first loyalty is not to keep an America safe from its foreign and domestic enemies. It's very much pleasing the administration. And so, we have a dangerous situation now where there is an administration, the Biden administration is very much focused on diversity, equity and inclusion in the military has always been diverse. In fact, it was 1948 when the military was integrated, fully integrated. Colin Powell [00:07:00] rose up through the ranks. But what we have today is an agenda that's very much focused on the LGBTQ community. They are very much focused on changing the character of the military in a way that takes it away from its mission. And that's one of the problems with diversity, equity and inclusion is that the way it's being pursued, it violates our civil rights laws. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its extensions, as well as the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. So, it's very important for you to understand that and to realize that there's a lot at stake. And when an institution like the US military gets off mission, the mission is supposed to keep Americans safe. When they get off mission, we are all at risk. And so, we need to urge our senators to do their jobs. They are supposed to vet [00:08:00] the candidates that come before them. They are not supposed to, you know, be accommodationist and to make nice. They're supposed to ask serious questions of the people who are to lead our government. So, I would urge you all not to worry about being called racist if you're white, but to really focus on pressuring our members of Congress to do the job we sent them to Washington to do because the future of our nation depends on it.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:08:30] Another very important organization, Stand Together Against Racism and Radicalism in the Services, STARRS, as its acronym. He is a command pilot with considerable experience in the United States Air Force, both serving in the cockpit and in the Pentagon in various capacities. He and his organization have been particularly concerned about the next generations of leaders of our military and [00:09:00] the kind of indoctrination that

they have been receiving at the hands of the cultural Marxists particularly, but not exclusively, the Air Force Academy. We'll go to Dr. [Ron] Scott now.

**Dr. Ron Scott, PhD, Col, USAF (Ret.):** [00:09:12] Thank you, Frank. I'd like to point out that we've been blessed to have some tremendous and courageous leadership with our chairman of the board, Lieutenant General Rod Bishop, and our vice chair, Major General Joe Arbuckle, because the issue that we're working is pretty sensitive among that level of our senior officers. And so, we're blessed to have them at the helm guiding our efforts. What I'd like to contribute, for my part this morning is the fact that we've been working very hard to make the Defense Department far more transparent in what they're doing. As an example, we have filed 42 Freedom of Information Act requests, one with the Secretary of Defense, three with the US Military Academy at West Point, two at the Naval Academy. But [00:10:00] 36 of the 42 have been filed with regard to activities at the Air Force Academy. And what I'd like to point out is it took a lawsuit by Judicial Watch to get a federal court to compel the academy to produce documents for two of our FOIAs. One of those was a 167-page assessment that a former superintendent mandated on 8th July of 2020 to determine the extent of systemic racism at the academy. We finally received those documents, a 167-page document, 52 entire pages redacted. All the pages were marked for official use only to shield it from the public domain inappropriately. And, of the pages not redacted, there was not a single piece of evidence of racism, let alone systemic racism. Yet the Academy used that two-year period of blocking public release of that document to train [00:11:00] 82 cadets as diversity and inclusion officers and NCOs throughout the cadet wing. Now, these are equivalent to the Soviet political officers that observe and monitor what's being said among their fellow cadets at the academy. Just a tremendously dangerous precedent to be set, but just gives a small example of the types of things that are happening right now within our Department of Defense. So STARRS is doing what it can to make things far more transparent so our elected officials and the courts can get us reestablished as a Constitutional Republic.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:11:40] Next, a great presentation by one of the general officers that has been at the forefront really of our national security for decades. He is one of our most decorated and distinguished special operators. He has commanded virtually all of the most elite [00:12:00] units in the armed forces. He has been freedom fighter, both of the very literal kind, as well as an inspiration to the rest of us who are simply working in civilian capacities to try to

protect our country and the freedoms for which it stands. His name is Lieutenant General William Jerry Boykin. He is these days, the executive vice president of the Family Research Council. He's also an ordained minister. And we've asked him to speak about what is happening to the armed forces in which he served with such great distinction and what we need to do about it. Let's go to the video with General Boykin. Now.

**LTG Jerry Boykin, USA (Ret.):** [00:12:41] I'm Jerry Boykin. I spent over 36 years in the United States Army. And in that time, I think I learned a lot about what it takes to win on the battlefield, what it takes to defeat the enemy and to do what the mission of our [00:13:00] army and our military in general is, and that is to win our nation's wars. That hasn't changed since our military was created. I'm very concerned about what I see today, though, with this administration and how they see our military, because it's clear to me that they don't have the same understanding of the responsibilities of our military as I do. I look at, for example, the confirmation of general CQ Brown, an Air Force officer that is going to become the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs. And this this fellow has made his name and his career on DEI diversity, equity and inclusion. And that and if you look at this and you look at it realistically and objectively, there is nothing in those [00:14:00] kinds of woke classes that are being given to and taught to our young men and women that serve in our military. There's nothing in there that's going to help our young men and women be real warriors, be able to defeat our enemies. And in fact, what we have going right now because of this is what I consider to be a disaster, a recipe for total failure. You see on the battlefield, there are several things that are really, really important. Key to winning, key to being victorious on the battlefield. And it's not just the weapons that you have, the technology that you have that's all important. All that's important. But what it is that separates us from so many other countries is our men and women have something that we call a transcendent cause. They have something to fight for and [00:15:00] that's something to fight for is, among other things, each other. The man on your right and your left, the woman on your right and your left. Those are things that are have to be thought through so that we understand that in our training we have to build the teamwork and the camaraderie that will help us to survive and to be victorious on the battlefield. And when you take people into a room under this critical race theory. You take them into a room, you set them down, you divide them, and then you tell them, all of you on this side, you are the oppressors. And by the way, all of you on the other side, you're the ones that were oppressed. That does not build teamwork. It does not build cohesion. And what we've got to do is get back

to building teams that are ready to go to war. Rough, tough individuals, men and women that are ready to go to war and defeat our enemies and know [00:16:00] that they have a transcendent cause, and that is the Constitution of the United States and the guy on the right and left. Thank you.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:16:10] Thank you, General. Thank you for your leadership, especially in this effort. We're going to turn next to a woman who has devoted much of her life, certainly in recent years, to grassroots activism with a marvelous organization, the Tea Party Patriots. She has helped found it and helps run it and has been instrumental in so many issues that matter to our national interests, domestic and foreign, and to our security. Her name is Jenny Beth Martin, and we're delighted to have her with us to come in a bit on what's going on inside the military as she sees it, and the importance of resisting cultural Marxism there. Jenny Beth, welcome.

**Jenny Beth Martin:** [00:16:54] Thank you so much, Frank. In his role as chief of staff of the United States [00:17:00] Air Force, General Brown had awful results. The strength of the Air Force was downgraded from marginal in 2021 to very weak in 2022. Under his leadership, the Air Force is trying to reduce white male pilots from 86% to 43%, even though there is a recruiting crisis. He is a Dei activist. He passionately supports, defends and promotes this divisive ideology, unapologetically. He didn't allow cadets to refer to their parents as mom and dad because he said that language wasn't inclusive enough. He believes placement should depend on race and sex, and he supports quotas. He's already shown he is allowing radical left-wing policies to dictate his decisions. The United States Senate should be confirming and promoting the very best in our military, especially for roles such as [00:18:00] Joint Chiefs of Staff and Chief of Naval Operations. And the Senate should block people who have radical ideology that may well harm our military readiness. Tea Party Patriots Action. Grassroots activists are hearing from their senators who are making excuses for not voting no on General Brown. Senators say things like, well, he was previously confirmed by unanimous consent under President Trump. He's senators, we have news for you. If we've learned more about a person's track record since their previous promotion or confirmation, as is the case with General Brown, you and your colleagues in the Senate must take the new knowledge into consideration and not allow a previous confirmation or promotion to stand unchecked for a new position. How dare Republican members of the Senate who sit around blithely promoting members of the military

to protect and defend this great nation of ours without doing better researching the nominees and [00:19:00] working to stop the Marxification of our military? Senators, you must do a better job in the future. We expect it. And you have sworn an oath to uphold our Constitution. This radical ideology violates constitutionally protected rights. Thank you so much to the 11 senators who voted no on the confirmation of General Brown. We expect to see the number of no votes expanding on other such confirmations in the future.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:19:30] Thank you, Jenny Beth.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:19:31] We're going to turn next to another public policy practitioner of extraordinary accomplishment. His name is Kenneth Blackwell. He's been, among other things, a treasurer of the state of Ohio, the secretary of state of that state. He's been an ambassador these days. He is a chairman at the America First Policy Institute. And we're delighted to have a chance to visit with him in his [00:20:00] role there, but also as the leader of the Conservative Action Project, which circulated a letter in July signed by some 64 prominent conservatives objecting to the nomination of General Brown and properly so. Ken Blackwell, it's good to have you, sir. Over to you.

**Hon. Kenneth Blackwell:** [00:20:19] It's good to be with you, Frank. And it's an honor to follow both General Boykin and Jenny Beth Martin. There are two colleagues of mine who have worked with the Conservative Action Project to make sure that we are amplifying and becoming a force multiplier for the action to stop the assault of cultural Marxism that we are experiencing. Psalms 11 verse three asks the question If the foundation be destroyed, what shall the righteous do? Let me put that in a within [00:21:00] the context of citizenship within our Constitutional Republic. We are experiencing an all-out Marxist assault on our Constitutional Republic from an open borders policy to the destruction of our national sovereignty. We see cultural Marxism and the practitioners of cultural Marxism trying to run faith and God out of the public square. We have experienced across this globe that sort of behavior or of authoritarian, authoritarian and authoritarianism, whether it was Mao or the communists of the former Soviet Union and Russia. The destruction of the family is so important because the family is the incubator of liberty. But now [00:22:00] they've also concentrated on the demoralization and the deconstruction of our military. The attack on our on our military's will and its readiness to do what it was designed to do within our

constitutional republic, and that is to defend our constitutional republic as a unified, as a unified force. And so, as we continue to battle, continue to show up, continue to speak up. It is so. Very important that we become force multipliers of one another, and that's what we intend. That's what we intend to do as the Conservative Action Project. And my message is simply burn up the telephone lines, tax text, [00:23:00] call and make them know that we understand what Frederick Douglass said when he said those who are whooped easiest or what most often, we don't intend to be whooped and we intend to win this battle to preserve our constitutional republic and our liberty.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:23:22] Thank you, Mr. Ambassador.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:23:24] We're going to turn next to a man who served his country both in the uniform of the United States Army and without a uniform, undercover as a clandestine operative of the Central Intelligence Agency. And a lot of pretty dangerous and certainly unsavory places. He has a special appreciation for Marxist strategies and what they can do if allowed to go unchecked. His name is Charles Sam Faddis. He is, among other things, the author of Beyond Repair the Decline and Fall of the CIA. And he runs and Magazine.com [00:24:00] at Substack. Over to you, Sam.

**Sam Faddis:** [00:24:02] Thank you, Frank. Well, first of all, I guess I would say I echo everything that's been said to date. To me, the essence of this is clarity. I mean, candor. Let's just employ some common sense and speak plainly about this. What is happening at the Department of Defense is not inadvertent. It's not innocent. It's not accidental. Right. This this is not just happening. And people are stumbling, stumbling along, and maybe it's going to turn out badly. This is all very deliberate, as you say, all the time. Let's just talk about what's really happening here. This is Marxist ideology being pushed into the military as it is being pushed across our society with a very explicit agenda. The agenda of Marxism is the destruction, the complete destruction of the existing economic, social and political order. That's what's happening. And somehow, we have a Department of Defense [00:25:00] that has absorbed this and is now pushing it. And people who are completely immersed in this ideology are now in charge. Let's just talk about one little tiny piece. Fitness reports in the United States military. It is now mandated, not suggested, not encouraged, not tolerated, mandated that when you write fitness reports, you write them using gender neutral language. You cannot use the words he



him his her. You write in this crazy gender-neutral language where you actually use plural pronouns so they and their means a person of indeterminate gender. That's madness. The American people don't buy that. They don't speak that way. We don't talk [00:26:00] that way. And nobody's ever accepted that that's even correct grammar. And yet the commissars at the Department of Defense have decreed this. Obviously, that's a small yet in-your-face piece of this all day, every day. You know, General Boykin, not surprisingly, since he's been one of the great warriors of our time, grasped the essence of this, why are we the preeminent military power on the planet? It's not JDAMs and jeeps. It's cohesion. When the first Marine Division survived, Chosin Reservoir destroyed eight Chinese divisions and marched out of North Korea in good order. They did it with what were effectively leftover World War two era weapons, and yet they destroyed the enemy, crushed them and marched out. And that is what we're losing. And it is not unintentional. It is not accidental. It is not an incidental [00:27:00] impact. That's what's at stake. Back to you, sir.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:27:05] We're going to hear next from another veteran man who served with the naval intelligence elements of the United States Navy. He has also been involved in a number of other civilian capacities and all three branches of the United States government in the oversight committees of the Congress and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals as a clerk, as a congressional counsel to both Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, and most recently as an assistant secretary of state under George W Bush. His name is Robert Charles, and we've asked him to shed light from that wealth of experience with the United States government of how this cultural Marxism is affecting our military. Yes. But also, the country more generally. Over to you, sir.

**Hon. Robert Charles, Esq.:** [00:28:00] Thank [00:28:00] you, Frank. I'll keep it short. First of all, this is a really an extraordinary group of people you've assembled. And it's an honor to be just talking among them, three simple points. One, psychological warfare. Just look it up is what's happening here inside our armed forces, as was just mentioned, it's not accidental. It's intentional. Any senator who really believes in future of the country needs to understand that word and what's happening inside our Pentagon point number two and of course, General Boykin, who is just I don't have enough words to describe what an incredible warrior he is, would tell you as everybody else on this on this panel, that the only reason we have a Pentagon is to deter wars. And if we have to fight them to win them. And I would encourage when it

comes to cohesion and understanding the whole point of a military, that senators should just take a little time the next weekend or whenever they have a chance and just watch a couple of episodes of Band of Brothers understand what this is all about. Understand when cohesion [00:29:00] is critical and it's critical all the time. So that's the second. And the third thing I just wanted to mention is having worked for Ronald Reagan and his White House, you know, he used to say that facts are stubborn things and the facts are tipping against us hard. In 1987, we had 3.3 million members of the armed forces. Today we have 2 million members of the armed forces and we're watering it down. There's an opportunity cost. Anytime you're trying to distract somebody over into 'Wokeism,' you're missing the opportunity to train them in war fighting and to be ready for what is happening. And of course, then to convince the world that we are ready. And the sad part is that we're in a we're in a time when you have elevating threats and declining readiness. And the declining readiness is evidenced in just an abundance of facts. But among those last year, all the services missed their recruiting targets. This year, the Army will miss it by 20,000. If we cannot keep the civilian side of the recruiting [00:30:00] pool away from drugs, away from obesity, away from wokeness and aware of how critical it is that they come up, step up to defend their country. And if we can't within the military, keep ourselves focused on retention. Retention was also at an all-time low. So, we have to remember that this country is defended. There's only 1% of this country that is on active duty at any given time, and the entire veteran pool in this entire country is less than 7% of the population. We have to find these people. They have to be willing to step forward. And wokeism is hurting us from within the Pentagon, from within the military and in the civilian sector. And that's it. I mean, it's you know, if you're a United States senator, you need to think hard about whether you're going to use your time now to save the country or if you're going to be complicit in its erosion. And that's it.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:30:53] Thank you, Mr. Secretary. We're going to turn to another distinguished veteran, a man who has led a group called [00:31:00] Flag Officers for America in his post-military service, which was distinguished 30-year career in the United States Army, rising to the rank of major general. He was the commander of the Industrial Operations Command for the Army and revolutionized its logistics, which is something that is everyone who has anything to do with the military knows is essential to its war fighting capabilities. We've asked him to join us to talk a bit about what concerns he has and those with whom he

has served over the years, about what's being done to fundamentally transform the military in which he served with such distinction. General Joseph Arbuckle. Over to you, sir.

**MG Joseph W. Arbuckle, USA (Ret.):** [00:31:46] I'm going to kick off about 4 or 5 points and reinforce much of what's been said already. And this is coming from a soldier's perspective about the damage that is doing to our military. I like to use the metaphor of a Trojan horse for [00:32:00] to describe di. Di is a Trojan horse, but hidden inside is the very poisonous thing called Marxism. The words are nice. Diversity, equity inclusion may sound good. People understand those. But inside basically is what I said is Marxism based on CRT. And this basically attacks the heart and soul of our warrior ethos. Let me get into that a little bit as it destroys trust and confidence within the ranks. You know, the DOD says that Dei is our strength. Well, that's not right. It's exactly the opposite. Unity is the strength in our military. Dei is divisive by its very nature, as it puts people, as has been discussed before, into identity groups, primarily based upon race, and then pits them against each other based upon one being the oppressors and the other being oppressed, primarily whites oppressing [00:33:00] blacks. Now that sets up a victimhood mentality, which then leads to the feeling that some kind of special treatment and entitlements are deserved by those who are in the oppressed class and those are reflected in things like standards at applications to be accepted into service at committees, promotion boards and key assignments like that in personnel action.

**MG Joseph W. Arbuckle, USA (Ret.):** [00:33:25] Next point I want to make is. That opposes a time-tested battle model. We've always had in our military that General Boykin hit earlier very well. And that is one team, one fight, one team, one fight basically focuses all our military on one mission and one purpose. Again, General Boykin hit that. Second point under that is the loyalty is to the team. It is not to an individual, not to a self. Or to any particular identity group based on [00:34:00] race, gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation. And finally, one team, one fight means you have total trust and confidence in each other from the foxhole all the way up to the very top of the chain of command. That is the president of the United States. Erodes and undermines that total trust and confidence, which leads to camaraderie and also cohesion. Now is also the opposite of meritocracy. Meritocracy has been the basis system that our military has operated on successfully in wartime for decades. And I'll close it off since my time is up, obviously. Sorry about that. By saying, as others have said before, the solution lies with Congress because the problems with DUI are coming from our executive branch. Therefore,

Congress has to step in and do their part [00:35:00] to ensure that people who are. Rising to the top ranked are based are there because of meritocracy and not because of their support of.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:35:11] Thank you very much, General Arbuckle. I want to turn next to a woman who has been extraordinarily effective outside of the military in giving voice to the kinds of concerns those who serve have a voice that is not generally heard in official Washington. Our men and women in uniform are obliged to conform to the chain of command and to civilian control. But Elaine Donnelly, the founder and president of the Center for Military Readiness, has been their champion, especially in the face of now many years of social engineering, as it used to be called, and now cultural Marxism. We are delighted to [00:36:00] have her with us by video. Let's go to Elaine Donnelly now.

**Elaine Donnelly:** [00:36:04] The armed forces really need the support of Congress right now. The defense bill has several provisions more than a few, that would confront the concept and the practice of wokeism in the military. And the term goes beyond political correctness. It means taking extremism to its limits, imposing it with coercion, even if it hurts the institution. The new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is totally bought into this. It is manifested in things like critical race theory teachings and diversity, equity, inclusion, reverse discrimination. But Congress has the power to overrule this with a strong defense bill. And the question is, will members of Congress fight for the good provisions in that bill in the same way that Senator Tuberville is fighting to tell the Pentagon, no, you are not going to make policy regarding abortion, especially if your [00:37:00] policies are contrary to what Congress intended. All of the issues that are described as woke, whatever you call them, they are all extreme. They are all harmful to our military. We have people in high places now under this administration who are implementing them. But it doesn't have to remain this way indefinitely. It is up to Congress. They have the right under the Constitution. They have the power of the purse. They need to use both to stop the spread and the implementation and the hold on our military by the forces of Wokeism who do not have the best interests of America at heart.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:37:41] I'm very pleased to say we have with us a man who is representing someone who could not be with us today. He has some other things going on in the course of the day, notably participation in a presidential debate this evening. Our spokesman for Vivek Ramaswami [00:38:00] is David Pyne. He is the director of the Task Force

on National Security and Homeland Security and a member of our committee on the present Danger China. We're very pleased to have him with us to speak about the views of Mr. Ramaswami, who alone among presidential candidates thus far has stepped up to talk about General Brown's deficiencies with respect to this cultural Marxism. And we're anxious to get David's comments on his behalf now. Over to you, David. Welcome.

**David Pyne:** [00:38:41] Thank you, Frank. It's an honor to be invited to participate on such a distinguished panel. I currently serve as a defense and foreign policy advisor to the 2024 campaign, and I can tell you that America's military has no greater champion than Vivek Ramaswamy. Vivek supports a policy of peace through strength and contrast [00:39:00] to Biden's policy of war through weakness. And he believes that the US military's mission should be refocused on homeland and strategic defense against existential threats against which America remains virtually defenseless today, rather than on the man-made climate change hoax and woke Marxist indoctrination. He supports increasing our defense budget to 4% nearly \$1.1 trillion, rebuilding the US military strength along with ending America's dependence on communist China for the production of many, if not most, of the most critical components of our advanced weapons systems is a vital element of his strategy to defeat communist China's bid for global hegemony. Fighting the woke culturally Marxist agenda, including racial quotas, CRT and trans ideology, including Biden's attempted Soviet Sovietization of the US military, has been a core principle of Vivek's campaign [00:40:00] from the moment he declared to serve as America's commander in chief back in February. And of course, he wrote a book on this very subject called Woke Inc back in 2020.

**David Pyne:** [00:40:13] As you know and as you mentioned, Vivek was the only presidential candidate with the courage to issue a press release against the nomination of woke culturally Marxist. General Brown for chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Not only did Vivek oppose Brown's promotion, but he actually called for him to be fired based on his performance as chief of staff, the Air Force, in which he essentially ran the US Air Force into the ground with its military readiness, being moving from being rated marginal to very weak, according to a recent Heritage Foundation report. As Vivek has stated, increasing racial discord will serve to decrease and degrade the US military's mission. Success and safety of the brave men and women who serve [00:41:00] serve us in uniform. He strongly supports Senator Tommy Tuberville and his courageous opposition to the promotion of not only Brown in this recent vote, but also dozens

of liberal woke US military officers. He also believes that military promotion should be based not on adherence to woke Marxist ideology, nor should it be based on racial quotas. Rather, he believes it should be based solely on merit. He understands how critical it is if we are to be successful in deterring communist Chinese military aggression, specifically against Taiwan, where a communist Chinese attack appears likely to occur in the next few years, the US military must be led by competent leaders focused on the overriding priority of increasing and not decreasing US military readiness to fight a great power war.

**David Pyne:** [00:41:52] He believes that woke Marxist indoctrination of our military is severely impacting US military recruitment efforts and serves to [00:42:00] demoralize our military service members unnecessarily. He supports the efforts of all organizations, including Save America's Military, which stand with him in opposition to the transformation of our military into an ideological training ground for woke, cultural Marxist ideology. And he, which is strongly supported by our adversaries as a means of severely weakening the fighting capabilities of the US armed forces to ensure that we are unable to fight, let alone win, a war with communist China and its treaty allies. Finally, Vivek is committed to continuing to oppose the promotions and nominations of other woke US military leaders to top leadership positions in the US armed forces and as President he will be committed to nominating US military leaders to oppose woke ideology and support the core mission of US armed forces, which is to protect, preserve and defend the United States of America and its citizens. Thank you.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:42:55] Thank you, David Pyne. And thank you to Vivek Ramaswami for [00:43:00] those comments. Through you, we're going to turn next to another of our most impressive, formidable and accomplished activists at the grassroots level. Her name is Kris Ullman. She is the president of Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum, and she and her chapter leaders around the country have been enormously impactful in their efforts to raise awareness about the problems we're addressing in this telethon. We're grateful to her for taking some time to be with us today. Chris, over to you, please.

**Kris Ullman:** [00:43:33] Thank you, Frank. I want to talk for a few minutes today, not just about the die and in the military, in the ranks, but what's going on in the Department of Defense schools around the world. This CRT and DIE ideology is being pushed in those Department of Defense schools. Just last year, they held a summit called the Equity and Access Summit, which

was hours of [00:44:00] teacher training in critical race theory and gender identity theories. They had presenters, presenters insisting that teachers become social activists, telling them to teach their students to find hidden biases in in textbooks. And one teacher actually went so far as to say she asked her students whether the American Revolution was just a transition from one group of rich white men to another group of rich white men. And she expressed her gratitude that the teachers unions were doing this training on white fragility. So, they've been teaching in the schools about anti-racism and white privilege, but also about the radical gender identity. They even had two presenters bragging about how they had facilitated students getting gender transitions in DOD schools in Spain and Germany. This all came about [00:45:00] because of the DOD, EA's Diversity Equity and Inclusion Chief Kelisa Wing. Luckily, she was reassigned in May after such an outrage from parents and others across the country. But we have no indication that this ideology, that it has its tentacles in these DOD schools is actually stopping. There's only one way we can do that and that Congress has to intervene. They have to ban teaching of CRT and Dei and gender theories in our schools. Can you imagine being a military member and sending your child to a DOD school to find out that that school is teaching your children that your life, your life as a military member fighting with the US military? All you're doing is fighting for a nation that is systemically racist and that your parents don't really care about you if they won't transition you. Congress has to make clear that [00:46:00] these radical ideologies have no place in our military and no place in our military schools. So, Eagle Forum is asking all of you to contact Congress, contract, contract the Senate, and let them know that in the spending bills and in the authorization bills, we need to get rid of this radical ideology. We need to protect our military members and the students in our military schools to make sure that they can be taught the greatness of American history and that we can really improve our military because this radical Marxist ideology is not just destroying unit cohesion, but they're actually targeting the children of military members. And that needs to stop. Thank you very much.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:46:45] Thank you, Kris. Thank you for the work that your team has been doing.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:46:50] We're going to turn next to a man that has distinct role in all of this. His name is Eric Earley. He is a candidate for [00:47:00] the United States Senate from the state of California. And to the best of my knowledge, he is the only man other than Vivek

Ramaswamy on the political hustings at the moment who actually engaged with the United States Senate, telling each of his, perhaps future colleagues how he would address the issue of General Brown's nomination and more generally, the problem of cultural Marxism and, well, incompetence in the military, I think both of which have been demonstrated by General Brown. We've asked him to join us to talk a little bit about his views on those subjects, as well as what he would do if in the Senate with respect to these other nominations that are now pending, some 300 of them, which we're told approximately 40 to 2% of them are people who have publicly manifested their [00:48:00] enthusiasm for critical race theory, transgenderism, LGBTQ issues and so on. Eric Earley, welcome. It's good to have you with us. Over to you, sir.

**Eric Early:** [00:48:13] Thank you so much for inviting me. I'm on the campaign trail today, so I just pulled over in my car here. I'm on my way to Chula Vista, speaking to a great group of conservatives down there. I'm the leading Republican candidate out here in California for U.S. Senate. I'm running against some beauties. Adam Schiff, Katie Porter and Barbara Lee. And we've got a great campaign going on. And I was so happy to be asked by you to send a letter to all the Republican senators asking them, in fact, requesting that they not support Scott Brown for had a Joint Chiefs of Staff. Unfortunately, we all know what happened with that vote and we're not surprised with the way it went given the current makeup of the US Senate. I'll tell you, [00:49:00] I get in the U.S. Senate, I will definitely align myself with those great U.S. senators that did come out and vote against the nomination of Brown. The appointment of CQ Brown, Cruz, Lee Vance, Hawley, Marshall, Tuberville. I might be forgetting a name or two, but those are some great conservative senators. They see clearly what is going on in this country right now. Brown From everything we've seen from him as head of the Air Force, his cultural Marxism, it's all about race with those people. It's all about gender, with those people. It's all about weakening the United States of America. And that is the last thing that we can have in our United States military. As I know everybody watching this agrees with. And nobody is happier about what is going on than [00:50:00] the communist Chinese. I absolutely believe that communist China must be declared the evil empire, just like Ronald Reagan declared the Soviet Union the evil empire so many years ago. They have made their way through our through the gates, the communist Chinese with their money, their elite capture and everything else in our educational institutions, in our highest political offices, in our media, in our military, in so many business enterprises. Et cetera. They are doing exactly what Sun Tzu educated them on winning a war without firing a shot. We need to we need to disassemble this relationship



between the two entities. They have to be declared an enemy of our country. And we have to do everything possible. And that also includes doing everything possible. And as a U.S senator, I will do everything [00:51:00] possible to fight against the ongoing appointment of these, frankly, cultural Marxists that the Biden administration is bringing into our military. So, Frank, thanks again for having me on. It's a pleasure to speak to you and to everybody watching this telethon.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:51:19] Thank you, sir. It's good to have you with us. And just for the record, I think it was you who had the idea of communicating to your prospective colleagues. I'm delighted that you did send that letter. It's a very important message, and I hope we'll be building upon it. Let me just say that we have a few people who understand better, a point that was just made by Eric Earley, namely the threat we are currently facing from the Chinese Communist Party than our next presenter. His name is Captain James Fanell. He is the former chief of intelligence for the US Pacific Fleet, capping a very distinguished, career, weighted, [00:52:00] unfortunately, by his truth telling about the danger that we are facing from the Chinese to a Navy and to a government that really didn't want to hear about it. He should be the CNO today, in my estimation, but he is doing a very important job outside of government with the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, and we're delighted to have him with us to talk a little bit about his insights into the cultural Marxism and the delight, as Eric Earley said that the Chinese communists are clearly taking from what it's doing to our military to weaken it. Let's go to the videotape with captain.

**Capt. James Fanell, USN (Ret.):** [00:52:41] Frank, thank you for the honor of inviting me to speak to this group of assembled former officers to discuss the topic of how the ideology of woke critical race theory, diversity, equity and inclusivity is affecting the military and how we need to root this out [00:53:00] of our Department of Defense. When I came into the Navy, the Soviet Union was our significant threat, the only major threat that faced the United States. And we used to have a group in the Navy called the Soviet Seapower team, and they used to go around and train sailors in what the Soviet ideology was, communism and what Soviet Navy capabilities were. And for me, it seems that today the Chinese Communist Party and the PRC and their navy is a very significant threat to the United States of America. And what I haven't heard over the last 4 or 5, six years from the leaders, the senior leaders of the Department of Defense, is how they're preparing the department of Defense to prepare and defend against

the Chinese Communist Party. Instead, we hear all kinds of crazy things about investment in other kinds of capabilities that have nothing to do with being able to fight and win a war against the Chinese communists should they decide [00:54:00] to attack us. And so, my feeling is, is that these are the kinds of things that our leaders should be talking about and they shouldn't be talking about or training people about diversity, equity, inclusivity, when we were already the most diverse and equitable and inclusive organization in the entire United States government. So, I would encourage us senators to consider this and to ask these questions of prospective nominees in the department as we go forward. But it's a very corrosive time right now to allow this woke cancer into our force. And we need to get back to war fighting and making that our prime directive. Thank you.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:54:41] Thank you, Captain. We're going to talk next with a man who has a distinguished record of service in the private sector, a very successful venture capitalist. Initially, groups that have been prominent in the news lately, I think it's fair to say, including the Carlyle [00:55:00] Group, but also in the health care space. But these days, he's turned his very considerable energies and intellect to the job of warning about what it will take to save the West. That is the name of his organization in Florida. His name is Kenneth Abramowitz. We're very pleased to have him with us to take stock of the stakes, in fact, for the West at large if our military goes down the tubes. Over to you, sir.

**Ken Abramowitz:** [00:55:30] Thank you very much, Frank, and thank you for all that you do. I wanted to give everybody a 2- or 3-minute update on how things look from my point of view. As the founder of Save the west.com, a website dedicated to saving Western civilization or democracy, and using reiterating the belief in life, liberty and pursuit of happiness for 100% of the population. So, number one, 30s on racism. [00:56:00] One minute on racism. America historically has had a lot of racism challenges. And then about 50 years ago, we went to affirmative action to redress some of these problems. And instead of declaring victory, we doubled down and we went to die, which is basically racist, sexist quotas around ten years ago. And then that and now we're doubling down on Dei through critical race theory, which is reverse racism, which is illegal according to our Constitution. Number two, it's time to move to a colorblind society, as Malcolm Luther King highlighted in his talks. At number three. It's time, as some other people have mentioned, it's time to move to a meritocracy, which is what we used to have, but which we have in professional sports. [00:57:00] Professional sportsmen are

not picked according to anything other than their ability to run and jump and catch. Number four. It's time to encourage and pressure our military to regain its posture of a results oriented winning machine. Again, like a professional sports team, it's nothing more complicated than that. And number five, we have to prepare. We have to focus and prepare on a three-front war. We have to focus on fighting Russia through Ukraine, fighting Iran to stop their nuclear program and fighting China all simultaneously. Well, we're not prepared for a three-front war, and that's what we have to do and focus on. And finally, I would like to mention as a six point. The Chinese and Russia fingerprints are all over this racist nonsense that we're contending with. And every few months I go to YouTube and I listen to my [00:58:00] hero, who I never met, KGB defector Yuri Bezmenov, and he described what the KGB does. And he says, our job is to get you to behave in our self-interest while you think you're behaving in your own self-interest. And all this nonsense as Russia and Chinese fingerprints all over the place to distract us from the ability of fighting a three-front war against Russia, Iran and China, and now access for evil. And final point that Yuri Bezmenov mentioned, he says 90% of the people behind stupid ideas are useful idiots. And so, we're dealing with a lot of useful idiots in the military. 10% are evil. Some of you may know who are in the 10% versus the 90%, but we have to re-educate the useful idiots in the military and in Congress to stop this nonsense. Thank you for your time.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [00:59:00] Useful [00:59:00] idiots abound. At the moment we need to make sure that they are not the dominant factor in the United States Senate, at least with respect to this issue of protecting our military against those who exploit such idiocy most aggressively, namely the Marxists amongst us. We're going to turn next to another of our leaders in the public policy advocacy arena. Her name is Anne Schuchat. She is the immediate past president of the National Federation of Republican Women and has been very, very intensely engaged. I'm happy to say, on behalf of our military and the idea of preventing people who are supporters of this phenomenon of cultural Marxism from being further promoted. And it is her name, and we're delighted to have her with us by video.

**Ann Schockett:** [01:00:00] Hello, [01:00:00] I'm Ann Schockett. I'm a proud American and immediate past president of the National Federation of Republican Women. Thank you so much, Frank Gaffney and Dede Laugesen for putting together a most vital presentation on the dangers we are facing by having woke leadership and practices in our country and in our military. My father, Dr. Burton Salpeter, served on the front lines as a captain, battalion

surgeon under General Patton. Under threats for his own life, he treated the injured and dying. My mother and occupational therapist served as Lieutenant J.G. in the Navy waves, caring for our wounded soldiers at Bethesda Hospital. They believed in our country and instilled that in me. I thank them and countless others protecting us and safeguarding our freedoms. But will this continue to be the case? For many [01:01:00] people in the United States, the military has become an elusive entity of no concern for them since they believe they have no contact with them and their presence has no effect on their lives. Yet that outlook has not always been the case. In the past, citizens understood that it is our military that is trained and tasked to protect our country from direct threats and ensure that regions critical to our country's interests keep stable. Over the past two decades, things have drastically changed in regards to considering serving in the military.

**Ann Schockett:** [01:01:39] Recruitment has reached critically low levels. Americans have a lower confidence in its worth and need. Gallup reported a 74% public confidence in the military in 2018, but that has declined rapidly, especially due to us withdrawal from [01:02:00] Afghanistan. The people who have been advancing to the highest leadership roles in the military have caved to political pressure that gives support to woke practices. According to leaders like former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who graduated from West Point. Quote, The Biden administration has pushed policies and initiatives into our military institutions. This has seriously affected our military's ability to recruit excellent young men and women who wish to defend their country and serve in the proud, storied institutions that rightly reward merit, not left-wing compliance. Secretary Pompeo asserts that the solution to this problem is not to stop criticizing the administration. And cease supporting our warriors. Winning wars and deterring our adversaries demands that we work [01:03:00] to fix failures and bad leadership. Making clear that rewarding or punishing servicemen by race or by group is inconsistent with that national imperative and will harm the world's finest military. Many proud military personnel have been quick to admit that they would not want their children to be part of an institution that calls them out as bad, evil, racist, and dismisses the accomplishments of those who gave their lives to protect their country.

**Ann Schockett:** [01:03:33] In addition to these mounting problems, America has not been doing its part to train enough potential recruits in the latest advances in computer technology to defend us against cyberspace, threats from abroad, such as China and Russia. And sadly, many

of our own elected officials at all levels of government do not fully comprehend or appreciate the stark reality [01:04:00] of what will happen if we do not fortify our military. Many have become, unfortunately, more concerned about their own re-elections and making deals to benefit their communities in the short term, rather than safeguarding the freedoms that we enjoy now and for the long term. I was. Dismayed to see how extensive that has become in the last nomination for a general who espouses woke values and now is in line to be chair of our chief of staff. Our enemies, foreign and domestic, are amazed and delighted the list grows. Friends, America is in crisis and as time goes on and woke, practices become the focus, such as training and critical race theory and gender ideology instead of core military, educational and mental fitness. As DEI becomes more important than merit and as foreign countries provide needed training and support for potential military recruits, [01:05:00] while we stay motionless, we become easy targets. Peace through strength is becoming more and more elusive. Thank you.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [01:05:14] And. I want to turn next to another man who lived the policy of peace through strength, rising through the ranks of the United States Air Force to that of Lieutenant General. His name is Robert Rod Bishop. His last duty station was as the commander of the third Air Force in Europe, and he held a number of other senior posts, both at the joint level and throughout the Air Force. A pilot by training and a man who is these days, the chairman and founder of this organization. We spoke to Ron Scott earlier about stars stand together against racism and radicalism in the services. [01:06:00] We're delighted to have you with us, General. You've been a leader in this fight against Wokeism, as it's called by some. We're delighted to have you with us to talk about your insights about what's happening to the military now. Over to you, sir.

**LTG Rod Bishop, USAF (Ret.):** [01:06:14] Well, thank you so much, Frank, for hosting this very important seminar webinar. As you indicate, we've been at this a pretty long time now over three years. And when we first started down this road, I was loathed to call out the leadership in our military. I would start the podcast or TV radio shows with, you know, these folks are my former wingman, my battle buddies. But somewhere over this last three years, somewhere along the line, it became very clear that they're not listening. A hundred plus interviews. And we see either that they've just completely put us on ignore. They [01:07:00] actually believe in this stuff. Or we're told things like, well, we're teaching critical race theory. So, cadets, for

example, see both sides of the story, or we're not teaching cadets what to think. We're teaching them how to think. Well, I'm sorry. Nothing could be further from the truth. If you're teaching about communism, you'd think you'd mention Lenin. Stalin? If you're teaching about critical race theory, I think you would mention the Frankfurt School, Herbert Marcuse to Derrick Bell, etcetera. But I have not come across one cadet, and I've asked dozens who knows what the Frankfurt School or Herbert Marcuse is. So, I've got three important messages for our senators that I'll get to. But I just want to set this in a little bit more context. Um, no, we are not teaching critical race [01:08:00] theory. We're indoctrinating our military in the tenets, the Marxist tenets.

**LTG Rod Bishop, USAF (Ret.):** [01:08:06] You know, we have slides that say, don't be colorblind. We have closed door sessions where cadets are not allowed to take notes or pictures of slides that say there are multiple genders. That's not teaching cadets how to think. That is teaching cadets and our military members what to think. And it's also in direct conflict with the number one criterion for a successful military op is a number of speakers have indicated before unity, cohesiveness. As one cadet put it to me, this is nothing but identity politics on steroids. Another cadet that I've known for ten years now, he's like my son says, the culture is changing underneath my feet. So, what do you do when you're put on ignore or you and you see [01:09:00] the military that you love and you served weakened internally just like Abraham Lincoln kind of forecast? Well, you look for other ways to get the message across. So, we've engaged in all those media events I've mentioned. We've engaged extensively with Congress. We've built some great teammates, a number of whom are on this venue with us. But we've also urged the leadership, okay, you don't want to listen to us, then listen to the people that we've entrusted to your care. And please, trust and confidence should go up and down the chain of command. Just listen to them. Well, there's not much evidence that they're listening to them either. If they were, they'd hear things like, well, this isn't working.

**LTG Rod Bishop, USAF (Ret.):** [01:09:49] This is just an overemphasis on an immutable, characteristic, immutable body trait. They would hear things like, if I hear leaders of diversity one more time, [01:10:00] I'm going to throw up. They would hear, well, we just keep our heads down and we push through this. We don't like this indoctrination. They would hear I do everything I can to get out of this training. They would hear there is not one pilot in my wing, not squadron in my entire wing that's staying one second past their commitment date. They

would hear from minority cadets If I thought, I'm here because of my color of my skin, I would just be so upset. That would be so demeaning. They would hear from another minority cadet. The majority of us see what's going on here as wrong. We just don't have the courage yet to speak up. Or you'd hear from people on active duty like this retired colonel friend. I know that. Just got a job working in Ops in the Pentagon. He tells me. Yeah. Been here two months. I've seen three D briefs and I'm in ops and I haven't seen one on readiness yet. [01:11:00] So there's so many examples I could share with everyone. Don't take it from me. Go to our website Stars with 2.us. And on the first page there's two links boots on the ground and another link that's now today, 104 pages, giving examples from people in the military of why recruiting and retention is in the tank.

**LTG Rod Bishop, USAF (Ret.):** [01:11:25] So here's my message to the senators. If you would please step back and understand. The roots of what is being taught, the roots, the history, the lineage and intent of critical race theory and Dei has been shared already. Here are all rooted in Marxism. So, unless you want to continue to see recruiting and retention remain in the tank. Please, please use the powers entrusted to you by our Constitution and Article one, section and eight and [01:12:00] do just what? That we see happening in the corporate world and schools, schools across our country. Stop it. Just stop it. Understand that all this emphasis on diversity in our military is just nothing but misdirection. Military is already the most diverse organization in our country. Professionalism. It's a profession that thrives on unity and cohesiveness. It's not emphasis on diversity and differences that are going to make our military stronger. So please use this time that Senator Tuberville has given with his hold to take a closer look at these candidates being brought up for nomination. You would think a military leader that is either wanting to be a flag officer or wants to be a higher rank in the flag officer ranks would know something about the [01:13:00] roots, history, lineage and intent of critical race theory and Dei. They would have to see the negative impact that it's having upon the force.

**LTG Rod Bishop, USAF (Ret.):** [01:13:09] They should realize and please, senators, please realize that this is not just a political issue. This is a cultural issue. So, if you are in line with this culture, then hopefully you could realize that most Americans want a military and our nation deserves a military that is led by the very best, not just qualified officers. So, there are really good provisions, as Elaine Donnelly mentioned, in the NDAA, particularly the House version. But if you have to, for political reasons, put politics ahead of what's best for our country and what's

best of our military. Again, I would hope we could all agree that we want a military based on merit and performance, [01:14:00] not color of skin. And there's three particular provisions, two of which are already in the Senate bill that I would urge senators to support. There's a number of amendments which will increase the quality of candidates and the numbers of candidates being nominated to our academies. There is a provision there that will stand to make standardized test scores mandatory, and there is a provision that that will make a requirement for merit-based treatment across the military. Promotions assignments should be based on merit and performance. So, you put that all together. And I would just say there's a huge, huge difference in outreach to the underrepresented groups in our communities. And outwardly and illegally discriminating. In our military. So please, [01:15:00] senators, please do some homework.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [01:15:03] General Bishop, an extraordinarily important contribution to this program. We appreciate very much your time. We're going to turn next to a man who has also served in uniform, in his case as a United States Marine, among other credentials. He is a Harvard trained attorney. He is also a bishop and has been very active in the conservative political space for decades. His name is Bishop E.W. Jackson. He is at the moment, as I understand it, a candidate for the presidency of the United States. A former candidate for lieutenant governor of Virginia and an extraordinary force for good with his own organization, which is entitled Stand. And we're delighted to have him with us as well. Bishop [Jackson], over to you.

**E.W. Jackson:** [01:15:53] It's always an honor to be with you and the work that you're doing and to see so many of my friends who have spoken up here today. [01:16:00] So let me just say you're right. I actually served in the United States Marine Corps as an enlisted officer, and I served beginning in 1970, which, of course, was coming right out of the 60s, which was, of course, a halcyon period, a period of riots and racial upheaval. And yet I cannot remember a single incident while I was in the Marine Corps of Racial strife. Now, I'm not saying those things have never happened or that they couldn't happen, but even after the 1960s, we were able to serve as a cohesive unit. And remember, the only thing that we were all thinking about was Vietnam, whether we would have to go and having each other's backs if we had to go. Now it turns out I did not get orders to go to Vietnam, but my friends who had joined earlier did. And of course, I had buried some of those friends who suffered from [01:17:00] mustard gas attacks



and other maladies as a result of their time and service and buried some who died in combat. And I'll tell you, I am incensed. I am incensed over what is happening in our military. And by the way, let me just straighten out the record, Frank. I think, you know, you informed me about Brown and I have publicly denounced him and publicly denounced an effort to appoint him as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

**E.W. Jackson:** [01:17:31] So there's more than at least one at least one more two candidates for the presidency who have done that. And, of course, I come at this from a little bit different perspective, and that is a Judeo-Christian perspective. I really believe that our success as a nation, the success of our military, is because we were rooted and grounded in absolute truth. We believe that certain things were true and certain things were false, certain things were right and certain things were wrong. And that we had a transcendent worldview [01:18:00] that we were ultimately accountable to someone above ourselves, above our own desires, our own lusts, our own ambitions. And the military, it seems to me, is the preeminent institution for that kind of selfless service. And I grew in the United States Marine Corps. I say I went at a boy. I came out a man. I went in a kid thinking probably only about myself. I came out realizing I had responsibility to my family, to my country. I mean, all of these things are being lost as a result of this Marxism that has invaded the military. And I stand with you, Frank, and with all of your speakers against this effort. I thought if I became president of the United States, I would close every diversity, equity and inclusion office in the entire government, military and the government of the United States, the civilian government of the United States. But you know, that's not enough, because another president could come along and undo everything you do.

**E.W. Jackson:** [01:18:59] Plus, [01:19:00] you get a culture that starts to have a life of its own. As we found out in the last presidency, a life of its own that goes on regardless of what anybody says, that what's been referred to now as the Deep State. But that's got to be rooted out. It's going to take Congress. It's going to take the United States Senate. It's going to take action at a legislative level to ban this behavior. And certainly, an executive could do something about it because he could make clear that the culture of the military is to be focused on military readiness. I love that one mission. That's it. It's not it's not the color of your skin. It's not. And by the way, a separate from another candidate. I would ban transgenderism in the military. I would I would end it because I really want a constitutional amendment that defines gender as only two categories, male and female. And all this stuff that's going on in our military right now

in our country and all the litigation and all the continual [01:20:00] legal wrangling over this would come to a screeching, grinding halt because to me, all this transgender and gender bending nonsense in the military is a big distraction. Let me end with this. I am a pastor, as you pointed out, and I do have military members who are in my church or passed through my church. And I'll tell you what I'm hearing from them right now.

**E.W. Jackson:** [01:20:23] These long seminars intended to change the way they think about homosexuality, about gender, about race, about everything. One of your former speakers is right. This this is not training. This is indoctrination. They're trying to create a military that is based upon Marxist ideology of collectivism and race and class and all of that, as opposed to a cohesive unit of people determined to fight our wars, to keep our nation secure, to be willing to lay [01:21:00] down their lives for the safety and security of the American people. So, this stuff is very real for me because I have people come to me and say, what do I do? I don't want to go to these seminars. It's a waste of time. And afterwards we all talk about it and say, what are they doing? But these elites have taken over and you are so right. I'm glad that you're doing this right. It is going to take action by the United States Senate, ultimately by the entire Congress, and a president who will sign legislation that will forever ban this kind of distraction, this kind of destructive distraction in our United States military. I'll say again, if by some miracle I were to serve as president of the United States right, I would certainly be calling upon you for foreign policy and military counsel and advice. And I would say any president who is not going to do that was not committed to doing that. It's already disqualified from ever serving in the office.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [01:21:55] Thank you, Bishop. We're going to turn next to another [01:22:00] of our grassroots leaders. Her name is Christine Reagan. She has been for some time the National Grassroots Initiatives coordinator for director, writer for Act for America, a formidable organization advocating on behalf of peace through strength under the leadership of Bridget Gabriel and Christine Reagan. We're delighted to have Christine with us to add her comments at this point.

**Christine Reagan:** [01:22:30] Hi, everybody. What a privilege to be on a panel with such incredible patriot servant leaders. I'm so encouraged today to be on this call with you all. Act for america.org members have sent over 1.2 million emails and phone calls to Congress to stop the promotion of military leaders promoting policy and education, our military and our calling

for an absolute end of race-based policy in the military and every other American institution. [01:23:00] A house divided simply cannot stand. The US military has embraced critical race theories, diversity, equity and inclusion bias program that aligns with Marxist and anti-capitalist ideologies, claiming their aim is to foster a more diverse and inclusive environment which will improve military readiness. The initiative operates under the framework of a suspended constitutional law, which otherwise enforces zero tolerance for discrimination based on various factors such as race, skin color, sexual orientation, creed or religion. We've looked the other way at the rise of cultural Marxism, which has quickly become institutionalized Marxism that is completely incompatible with our constitutional republic. Maintaining military readiness, cohesion and morale hinges on avoiding the backwards demonization of soldiers based on their skin color. Discrimination undermines unity and teamwork, [01:24:00] posing immediate harm to our armed forces. Allowing such discrimination undermines the very fabric of our armed forces in places, their unity at risk. Perpetuating such divisions within the military would erode trust, weaken teamwork, and hinder overall effectiveness. Our soldiers and officers have committed themselves to upholding the Constitution, and as such, they deserve the same constitutional protections they have vowed to defend. Prioritizing unity, equality and merit-based principles is not only essential for a strong and functional military, but also for upholding the core values that our nation stands for. We have allowed our top military leaders to fully implement a Marxist devised weapon designed for maximum division, deconstruction and transformation of our military.

**Christine Reagan:** [01:24:55] As a hyperpartisan, taxpayer funded institution that works [01:25:00] against our US Constitution, against our capitalist system, and the American people. Focusing on a cultural revolution In lieu of providing for our national defense, we must stand together and banned critical race theory and all discriminatory practices that undermine our military strength and rebuild our US military's reputation as the foremost global force to deter potential adversaries like China and Russia. We are currently campaigning in all 50 states across the country to ban DEI from our military. We've witnessed recently a Supreme Court case where race discrimination was involved with student selection at higher learning universities and colleges, including Harvard, Cambridge and others. And the military was set aside because of one [01:26:00] unqualified statement that said that diversity excuse me, diversity is critical to being a strong military and military readiness. We know that that is not the truth. I think everyone that's on this call today, we're here to speak the truth. Marxism. If our military was

training and educating with classes titled Marxism 101, we would be all over it. Now, we have different names for this, but it is Marxism, pure and simple. We need to really recognize this now. We need to uproot it from every institution we can witness with the weakened state of our military that these policies are already having a destructive impact. And we've got to take decisive action, all of us, together, and mobilize the nation to get behind us, to pressure. Senators, join us at [Act for america.org](http://Actforamerica.org) to see our campaigns. And we [01:27:00] hope to see more coalition efforts to mobilize grass roots and everyday Americans. Thank you.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [01:27:06] Thank you. Christine Reagan And most especially, thank you for the great work that you all have been doing to raise these issues and educate all of us about their importance. Our penultimate speaker is my colleague at the Center for Security Policy, Lieutenant Colonel Tommy Waller, another Marine Corps veteran, a man who has served in its elite force reconnaissance unit and commanded its single independent reconnaissance reserve unit until recently forced out of the military over the vaccine mandate. Now retired, he is the president and CEO of our Center for Security Policy and a formidable leader on behalf of his former comrades in arms and, well, our country's national defense. And [01:28:00] we're delighted to have him with us by video. Let's go to Tommy Waller's video now, please.

**LTC Tommy Waller, USMC (Ret.):** [01:28:05] Our elected officials and particularly the US Senate, need to be paying particular attention to the damage done to the military by the vaccine mandate. This damage was done in really two ways. It's a moral injury and a potentially long-lasting medical injury. To explain the moral injury, what our senators should be asking these generals is did they approve any administrative or medical exemptions? And the answer will most likely be yes. The next question should be, did they approve any religious accommodations? And the answer will most likely be no, because we know that all of the services had blanket denials for requests for religious accommodation. Not only did that inflict a moral injury upon the service members, upon the chaplains, the entire chain of command, but it was actually a violation of the law. In fact, a federal court ruled that it was [01:29:00] a violation of the law in the case of the Navy SEALs versus Lloyd Austin. So that's one piece of it. The second is the, again, potentially long-lasting medical injury. I'm in touch with doctors in the military right now that talk about this surge in all types of different medical issues following the vaccine mandate. We know for a fact that vaccines cause myocarditis which can be fatal. We know that some service members are actually even being discharged now for that condition.

**LTC Tommy Waller, USMC (Ret.):** [01:29:29] And in one case, a service member is seeking VA disability benefits for this myocarditis. And the VA is saying, no, it's not service connected. So, what these generals should be asked is, is number one, will they ensure that the medical providers in the military underneath their chain of command actually look at and investigate whether or not medical issues could have stemmed from the vaccine mandate? Secondly, if there are documented [01:30:00] medical issues that came from the vaccines, will they ensure that those are put into the service records for our military service members so that they can be treated while they're on active duty in the reserves or even as a veteran? And finally, will they seek truth and transparency when it comes to the data, the military's data, the medical data that we know is in the defense medical epidemiological database or deemed this data needs to be analyzed and there needs to be truth and transparency about it from before the vaccines through now. And I would suggest to the senators that if the general officers that are asked these questions about both the moral and medical injuries associated with the mandate that they forced upon their subordinates, if the senators are unsatisfied with those answers, then those generals have no business being confirmed. In fact, they might ought to instead be investigated.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [01:30:54] Thank you, Colonel Waller. Finally, I'm very proud to have with us here in person [01:31:00] the driving force behind many important grassroots efforts, notably in his native state of Michigan, where he's the president of Stand Up Michigan, but also as the leader of a group of grassroots activists across the country called frontliners, Ron Armstrong has been a formidable champion of freedom. He was one of the most articulate, thoughtful and important figures of our time in this fight for liberty. And he understands extremely well what's at stake if, in fact, we lose the United States armed forces as a force for good and protecting our liberty. And we're delighted to close out this telethon with Ron Armstrong's comments. Ron, welcome.

**Ron Armstrong:** [01:31:56] Thank you, Frank. You know, we put this together so that [01:32:00] we could give you the tools, the information necessary for you to take action. For you to be able to connect with your local officials, the organizations that you work with, the people that are in your family and your community. But certainly, the senators that have been making the decisions that were recently made that have continued the Marxist trajectory of our country in

regards to our military. I wanted to share with you, you know, well, first of all, we've heard from over 20 people today. You've heard from generals from. All of the services from the Marines and from the Army and from the Air Force. You've heard of people from the CIA. You've heard from national leaders, organizational leaders, and specifically you've heard from grassroots leaders, people who represent you and me. And whether you're a senator or a staff member of a senator that might be watching this, you need to horse watch this. You need to understand that the [01:33:00] people of America are very concerned about what is happening in our military. I wanted to share with you a quote, first of all, from Ronald Reagan, who said, we know only too well that war comes not when the forces of freedom are strong, but when they are weak. This is the time. The tempts, the tyrants. We look at this and think that our enemies are only from abroad.

**Ron Armstrong:** [01:33:27] But we often try and express to you that our enemies are both foreign and domestic. We have many people within our own country that seeks a Marxist ideology and a destruction of our Constitution and our country. They seek to destroy that because of what it stands for, because of those unalienable rights and the things that we want to preserve. America's military and soldiers have never been identified as man or woman. A black or white. [01:34:00] Of sexual orientation or nationality. They have always been identified as soldiers and Americans. This effort here is not about a political persuasion. It's not about Republican or Democrat. This is about Americanism. It is about patriotism. And it is about an understanding that we have as we listen in. These grassroots people that you heard from who are listening to the people across America, who have young people who are of age to serve. This is not because we lack resolve or commitment to our country. It's not a lack of patriotism that exists. It is a withholding of the parents and the people themselves who are not willing to commit to getting involved and serving in a military that is going to judge them based on those criteria. Those litmus test litmus tests. You heard from several people that said if they knew when they joined that this is how [01:35:00] they were going to be treated, they would have never joined or they would get out.

**Ron Armstrong:** [01:35:02] Look, this is not how we move forward as a nation. I believe that many of the senators believe that this is just another election. This is just another budget, just another cycle. It is not. America is on the brink of destruction. And I will leave you with this quote. From Abraham Lincoln who said America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we

lose our freedoms, it will be because we have destroyed ourselves from within. Let that not happen on our watch. Let that not happen in our time. Let us rise up not as Republicans or Democrats or color of our skin or nationality or religion, but as Americans. We can change the trajectory [01:36:00] of our nation. We can offer. The life, the liberty and the pursuit of happiness for future generations. But we must take action now. And I ask that you would take the number on the screen, take the video of this entire incredible recording that was put together, by the way, and just a matter of days. And we would ask you to share it with everyone that you know. Because America is indeed. At stake Our sovereignty. The traditions that we hold so dearly. We thank you for your time. We appreciate it. And I'll turn it back over to Frank for some final comments.

**Frank Gaffney (M.C.):** [01:36:41] Thank you, Ron. A perfect ending. Let me simply say thank you to all of those who have participated in this remarkable program. As Ron said, it came together just out of a sense of the urgency of this moment and the willingness of people who are busy. They have very important [01:37:00] responsibilities to throw in, to raise the alarm with you most immediately, but also with the people who are supposed to represent you. And I wanted to just simply close for my part by saying thank you to you for taking this information on board and for, I hope, heeding this strong appeal from every one of our speakers. Most especially what Ron just said. And on my own behalf as well, we need you to communicate with the people who are supposed to be representing you. Yes. In the United States Senate, because they are poised to consider the nominations of several hundred additional officers for senior positions in our military. And if they don't do better at the due diligence [01:38:00] that is required, if they're not performing the job that the Constitution gives them of quality control officers. On these kinds of nominations and appointments. Then the trajectory, as Ron put it, towards the Marxist takedown of our military and its success in destroying our other institutions and ultimately the Constitution itself and the republic based upon it.