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POTENTIAL HITS

NEGATIVE

Sexist and Misogynistic
Gibbs ran an anti-woman website where he wrote that men are smarter than women because women are too emotional. He promoted taking away women's right to vote and the idea that women going to colleges was a quote "proven failure". He also said he opposed the idea that women serving in the military letting women into military academies was quote “unacceptable” and said women should stay at home to raise kids instead of working. He also said women should stay at home to raise kids instead of working. And he denied that women were ever paid less than men for doing the same work. Gibbs also praised a plan to repeal the Equal Pay Act, meaning women could legally have their pay cut to less than what men make. And he praised a plan to force women to stay in violent marriages and take away their right to seek a divorce. The plan Gibbs backed said "authority will be returned to fathers" and taken away from mothers.

Long History of Online Sexism
Gibbs had a high school website that linked to “The Anti-Feminist Page,” which included a petition to repeal the 19th Amendment. His website also promoted “The Chauvinist Corner” and promoted The National Organization for Men, a men’s rights organization. Among other things, that organization sought to combat “the tyranny of the false accusations movement … include[ing] false charges of rape, false charges of domestic violence, false charges of child molestation, false charges based on so-called ‘repressed memories’ and false paternity charges.”[1]

Gibbs also had a college website called the “Society for the Critique of Feminism.” The website sought to combat the “misconceptions” spread by feminists, including that patriarchy was bad, that women had been historically oppressed and that there were no differences between men and women. Gibbs’ website garnered attention in anti-feminist circles online, with the Father’s Manifesto (operated by ChristianParty.net) encouraging readers to join the group, and content from the site (along with Gibbs’ contact info) circulated in soc.men, alt.mens-rights, and alt.feminism.

On his website, Gibbs argued that women’s suffrage was bad for American (because women vote for socialistic government increases) and it was not unjust to deny women the vote; he implied that the patriarchy was both natural and a good thing, writing, ““every great society has been based on patriarchy”; argued that most women were biologically incapable of abstract logical thought; and that women were biologically better suited to take care of children; he argued that women eroded workplace productivity in “masculine” environments with their “chemistry” and threat of sexual harassment complaints; and he argued that women are incapable of governing because of their “differing mental characteristics,” based upon his reading of the Bible. (Gibbs’ site has been excluded from the Internet Archive, suggesting that he himself may have sought to hide the content from the public.)

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[1] “Short and Long Term Goals,” National Organization For Men; Internet Archive, 4/29/1997

Even in the years after college, Gibbs had a blog with highly offensive, sexist content. Gibbs suggested that women in Saudi Arabia were no worse off than American women, how had "widespread STDs" and "low self-esteem." Gibbs also blamed the "feminist influence" for killing the sense of "being ladylike" in American women; and suggested that American women were "manly" and "aggressive." And he suggested he might go to Colombia to "find a wife one day" and repeteadly commented on the heigh of women in different countries he was visiting, saying that countries with shorter women gave him a "huge advantage" since he is short.

Gibbs regularly posted in online newsgroups in the late 1990s and early 2000. In one post, he wrote that he didn't believe in "feminization of the military"; and argued that having women in the military was "devastating" and an "impossible idea." He also showed interest in various conspiracy theories, including that Atlantean culture seeded all other ancient cultures, and that Egypt's pyramids were much older and not used for burial or treasure as academics assert.

Gibbs also repeatedly praised and linked to a website called The Chauvinist Corner multiple times. The site included lots of misogynistic content, including articles such as "Are Women Sex Objects?" (a definitive yes), and "The Fragile Female" ("Women are too fragile to take care of themselves.")

Offensive Rhetoric, Inflammatory Opinions, and Wild Conspiracies

John Gibbs has made a name for himself with his offensive rhetoric online and his inflammatory opinions. He described the modern Democratic Party's characteristics as "Islam, gender-bending, anti-police." He also claimed that Marina Abramovic was at the center of satanic rituals held by the Democratic Party, and later refused to apologize for the comments, calling it "creepy stuff." And he claimed that John Podesta was a cannibalistic Satan worshipper, also refusing to apologize for those comments, saying, "I don't really see anything to apologize for."

Gibbs also defended some of the most offensive comments from people such as Steve King, who had expressed support for far-right Dutch politician Geert Wilders; and for alt-right figure Ricky Vaughn, who was expelled from Twitter over anti-Semitic content.

Gibbs also has expressed some somewhat surprising stances, including as recently as during his current campaign for Congress, where he will be involved in the foreign policy decisions of the nation. Gibbs said at an April 2022 campaign event that the country had been headed "in a negative direction" for a century, dating back to our involvement in World War I: "the creation of the Federal Reserve, creation of the federal income tax. The way in which we got involved in World War One, which was not beneficial in many ways, we could have done it much better. Those events I think transformed so much in our country in a negative direction. And we're still paying the price today for things we picked up back then."[2]

Racist and Anti-Semitic Content

Gibbs praised and linked to a website called The Chauvinist Corner multiple times. The website was operated by Alpin MacLaren, who is also a white nationalist who employed racist statistics to call for

[2] "John Gibbs at GOP Meeting Caro, Mi." John Gibbs for Congress, 4/24/2022

segregation. Gibbs also linked to The Fathers' Manifesto, which included racist and anti-Semitic content, though in December 2000, Gibbs removed several links from his own website that linked to that site, saying that he did so because they "contained anti-Semetic and racist content." Years later, Gibbs was criticized for having a "history of conspiratorial tweets" and for having "defended [an] anti-Semitic Twitter account."

Extreme MAGA Republican

John Gibbs is another extreme MAGA Republican. Gibbs has closely aligned himself with Trump, writing numerous articles in 2016 praising Trump during his first run for office; Trump would later repay the favor by appointing Gibbs to a position in his administration, and later sought to appoint him Director of the Office of Personnel Management. Gibbs had a seat on stage at a Trump fundraiser at Mar-a-Lago in February 2022; and has called Trump the "de facto leader of the Republican Party." Trump, in response, endorsed Gibbs, as did Ben Carson and the American Principles Project, among others. And Gibbs has regularly made contribution to Trump's presidential campaign committee.

A campaign committee associated with Gibbs actually paid Mar-A-Lago Club over $100,000 for catering and use of the venue for a March 2022 fundraiser. Gibbs also received a $5,8000 contribution from Virginia State Senator Amanda Chase. Chase attended January 6th rallies ahead of the insurrection, calling herself and the rioters "patriots" and noting the date could be the start of a "revolution." She was later censured on a 24-9 vote by her fellow state senators for her January 6th involvement. Chase later stated that "the insurrection is actually the deep state with the politicians working against the people to overthrow our government."

Extreme on Abortion

Gibbs not only wants to ban abortion without exceptions for rape, incest, and when the woman's life is at risk - he also praised the idea of banning birth control. And he supports the end of Roe v. Wade which could put Michigan nurses and doctors in jail for up to four years for performing abortions.

Opposed Medicare and Social Security

Gibbs praised a plan to terminate Social Security and Medicare, taking retirement benefits away that seniors have earned, and to kick seniors out of nursing homes and take away their Medicaid coverage. And in 2016, he called the Affordable Care Act a "disaster" and said he wanted to "get rid of Obamacare and replace it." [3]

Anti-Public Education

Gibbs supported a plan to completely eliminate all public schools. He told an anti-public school activist to quote "keep up the good work", after they released a plan saying quote "public education will be banned".

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[3] "black voters and the rent is too damn high." BoldTV, Facebook, 11/4/2016

Extreme on Guns
At an April 2022 campaign event, Gibbs recounted how he had proposed arming every woman in America in order to "protect women from rape, assault, robbery, domestic violence" during a mock presidential debate in college. He also joked that if you disagreed with him, you were a misogynist, which "triggered" and "offended" him. Gibbs said, "I want every woman in America to have concealed carry. If you want to protect women from rape, assault, robbery, domestic violence, if you want to protect women's lives, you will need every woman in America to to have concealed carry. Reduce violence, serious crime. I said, frankly, if you disagree, that means that you're a misogynistic, and you have a problem with women, and now I'm triggered, and I'm offended by that, so why don't you answer for that?"[4]

Child Abuse
Gibbs praised a manifesto that said too many children are falsely claiming they are sexually abused and called for undoing legal protections for victims of rape and molestation.

Election Conspiracies
John Gibbs is a believer in the Big Lie and other election conspiracies and unfounded claims of voter fraud. Gibbs donated twice to the Save America Joint Fundraising Committee, the "fund-raising operation created by Donald J. Trump after his loss in the 2020 election as he was soliciting millions of dollars by baselessly asserting that the results had been marred by widespread voting fraud."[5] Gibbs also has compared the January 6th hearings to the Gestapo and called them a "political witch hunt" while also refusing to condemn the rioters that invaded the Capitol.

In July 2022, he said he wanted to win the Republican primary by enough to "beat the cheating." He said, "What I want to do, two weeks from now, is win by a large enough margin that we beat the cheating. And God willing, I believe we are on track to do that." And Gibbs has argued that voter fraud is prevalent in the United States. He also stated that the 2020 election was fraudulent, saying, "I think when you look at the results of the 2020 election, there are anomalies in there, to put it very lightly, that are simply mathematically impossible."[6] And he has claimed that there was evidence that Trump won the 2020 presidential election; and suggested that it was incomprehensible that Trump lost the 2020 election. And he said he believed the 2020 election was stolen, saying, "Don't blame the messenger."

ADDITIONAL FLAGS

Connections to Peter Thiel
Gibbs reported earning $31,000 from Thiel Capital in 2021 in salary. Gibbs also received a total of $2,150 from two Thiel Capital employees, in late 2021.

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[4] "John Gibbs at GOP Meeting Caro, Mi." John Gibbs for Congress, 4/24/2022
[5] "Trump's Post-Election Fund-Raising Comes Under Scrutiny by Justice Dept.." The New York Times, 9/8/2022
[6] "Peter Meijer, John Gibbs at odds over Trump, baseless election fraud claims" Brian McVicar, MLive, 06/27/2022

According to Crunchbase data, Thiel Capital invested in 28 by Evie, a "femtech company" that provided women with fitness and health advice aligning with their self-reported menstrual cycle.[7][8] The company was founded in 2020 and was based in Miami. Thiel Capital was a lead investor in the seed round announced in August 2022.[9]

28 by Evie was launched by *Evie*, a conservative women's magazine that had called abortion "anti-woman" and claimed that birth control pills were highly unsafe.[10][11] As a result, the magazine's decision to launch a period tracking app following the overturn of Roe v. Wade sparked controversy, specifically over its privacy concerns.[12] The app's privacy policy explicitly stated that it would turn over user data to police in response to a "court order, law or legal process."[13]

Research Note: we cannot confirm Gibbs' direct involvement in this particular investment.

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[7] "28 by Evie" Financials, Crunchbase, accessed 9/9/2022
[8] "28, A New Cycle-Based Wellness Company, Launches With $3.2M In Funding" Brittany Martinez, Evie Magazine, 9/1/2022
[9] "28 by Evie" Financials, Crunchbase, accessed 9/9/2022
[10] "Abortion Is An Anti-Woman Issue That Has Nothing To Do With Bodily Autonomy Or Reproductive Freedom, Despite What You've Been Told" Gina Florio, Evie, 5/3/2022
[11] "'The Pill' Is Destroying Our Bodies And Everyone Is Ignoring It For Money" Mary Margaret Olohan, Evie, 2/20/2019
[12] "Surveillance Titan Peter Thiel Invests Millions in New Anti-Feminist Menstrual Tracking App" Kylie Cheung, Jezebel, 9/6/2022
[13] "Privacy Policy" 28 by Evie, 9/7/2022

PERSONAL

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

Name:	John M. Gibbs II
DOB:	3/20/1979
Birthplace:	Lansing, MI

Summary

John M. Gibbs II was born on 3/20/1979 in Lansing, Michigan to John Gibbs and Mary Gibbs. Gibbs grew up in Lansing, and attended Waverly High School, a public high school in Lansing. After graduating, he enrolled at Stanford University, where he earned a B.S. in computer science in 2001. After college, Gibbs worked a number of jobs as a software engineer, first at Symantec (previously known as Recourse Technologies), and later at Palm, Inc., and then Apple, all located in Silicon Valley, in California. Beginning in 2008 and continuing to 2015, Gibbs worked at WorldVenture, a company based in Tokyo.

In 2016 and 2017, Gibbs wrote a number of op-eds for the Federalist, a conservative online magazine launched in 2013, most of which praised Donald Trump and took aim at Democrats and progressives. By mid-2017, Gibbs had been made Senior Advisor in the Office of the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, working for former presidential candidate Ben Carson. In early 2020, he was made Assistant Secretary (Acting) for Community Planning and Development at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In mid-2020, President Trump nominated Gibbs to be director of the Office of Personnel Management. However, although a hearing was held on his nomination in September 2020, no vote was taken, and Gibbs did not take on that role.

Since Trump left the White House, Gibbs has reported earning income from the American Cornerstone Institute, a conservative group associated with Ben Carson; and from Thiel Capital, an investment firm founded by Peter Thiel. In November 2021, Gibbs launched a campaign for Congress in Michigan's 3rd Congressional District, as a Republican; and in August 2022, he defeated incumbent Rep. Peter Meijer in the Republican primary.

TIMELINE

Year	Event
1979	**March 20:** Gibbs was born in Lansing, Michigan.
1997	Gibbs graduated from Waverly High School, in Lansing, Michigan.
2001	Gibbs graduated from Stanford University with a B.S. in computer science.
	Gibbs began working as a software engineer at Symantec, in Redwood City, CA. (The company was previously known as Recourse Technologies.)
2004	Gibbs began working as a software engineer at Palm, Inc, in Sunnyvale, CA.
2007	Gibbs began working as a software development engineer at Apple, in Cupertino, CA.
2008	**July:** Gibbs began working as a team lead and tech strategist at WorldVenture in Tokyo, Japan.
2016	Gibbs earned an MPA from Harvard University's Kennedy School.
2017	**May:** Gibbs began working as a Senior Advisor in the Office of the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
2020	**July 20:** The Trump administration announced Gibbs' nomination to be director of the Office of Personnel Management:
	September 20: The Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee held a hearing on Gibbs' nomination to be director of OPM.
	December 18: President Trump announced the appointment of Gibbs to the President's Advisory 1776 Commission.
2021	**January 3:** Gibbs' nomination to be director of OPM was returned. (I.e., Gibbs was not confirmed and did not take the position.

2022	**November:** Gibbs announced his candidacy for Congress in Michigan's 3rd Congressional District, as a Republican, challenging incumbent Republican Peter Meijer.
	August: Gibbs defeated Peter Meijer in the Republican primary for Michigan's 3rd Congressional District.

EDUCATION

WAVERLY HIGH SCHOOL ('97)

Summary
Gibbs attended Waverly High School in Lansing, Michigan. He graduated in 1997.

Activities
While at Waverly, Gibbs played with the MSU Jazz Band II.[14]

Student website
At Waverly, Gibbs maintained a personal website through an MSU student account. That website is discussed further in the Digital Footprint section.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY ('01)

B.S. in Computer Science
Gibbs earned a Bachelor of Science in computer science from Stanford University in 2001, according to his LinkedIn profile:

> Activities and societies: Stanford Japan Exchange Club, Stanford Kyoto Center for Technology and Innovation (SCTI), Stanford Jazz Orchestra, Stanford Review (student newspaper)Activities and societies: Stanford Japan Exchange Club, Stanford Kyoto Center for Technology and Innovation (SCTI), Stanford Jazz Orchestra, Stanford Review (student newspaper)
> Topics studied: Technology, Ethics, and Public Policy; Cryptography & Cybersecurity; Logic & Automated Reasoning; Programming Languages; Artificial Intelligence; Human-Computer Interface Design; Complexity Theory in Computational Problems; Japanese Language and East Asian Cultures; Political Economy of Japan

Student website
At Stanford, Gibbs maintained a personal website (and homepage for the Society for the Critique of Feminism) through his student account. That website is discussed further in the Digital Footprint section.

Published works
At Stanford, Gibbs was a columnist for the Stanford Review (a conservative-leaning student paper founded by Peter Thiel). He also had a guest column published in the Stanford Daily student newspaper.

PUBLISHED WORKS

Research Note: *All published works described here are reproduced in the Appendix.*

Gibbs criticized the Green Party in a Stanford Daily guest column
On November 8, 2000, the Stanford Daily published a guest column by John Gibbs (described as a senior Computer Science major reachable at john1@stanford.edu). In his column, Gibbs criticized the Green

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[14] "Music," msu.edu/user/gibbsjoh/music; Internet Archive, 6/11/2001

Party's philosophy – which he characterized as a "'people vs. corporations' paradigm" – for its resemblance to Marxism. He pointed to multiple Green policy stances, including increased environmental regulations, nationalization of large businesses, and a ceiling on personal income.[15]

THE STANFORD DAILY Wednesday, November 8, 2000 ◆ A5

CAMPUS VIEWPOINT

Nader's Green Party is socialism dressed in new clothes

By JOHN GIBBS
GUEST COLUMNIST

Ralph Nader and the Green Party have been heralded as a fresh new alternative to the ever-similar Democrats and Republicans. However, Green Party ideals are neither new or fresh, but little more than a '90s version of Marxism.

According to Ralph Nader and the Greens, reality is nothing but a struggle between the people and "corporations." Corporations and holders of wealth are the primary evil, as they attempt to subvert the democratic process, while "the people" acting as civic servants, such as environmentalists, civil rights activists and feminists, fight for social justice and all things good and right.

It is important for people to realize the important parallels between the Green philosophy and its philosophical predecessor, Marxism. The "people vs. corporations" paradigm should sound eerily familiar to those who have studied the philosophy of Marx. Both pit reality as a struggle between the common man and the bourgeoisie. Both propose government management as a solution and assume that government possesses the wisdom to tell people how they should live. In the end, both ultimately show a grave misunderstanding of both economics and human nature.

Consider the disastrous effects Marxism has wreaked in the 20th century. It has caused the wholesale slaughter of millions under Stalin, the systematic starvation of countless millions in China under a state-controlled agricultural system, the repression of the most basic religious rights in the People's Republic and the complete destruction of economic progress and quality of life through excessive government regulation and control of national economies. It is clear that Socialism, or the broader idea that it is the role of the government to manage as many parts of a society as possible, is a path that should not be pursued.

We should always be carefully watching to make sure we are not slowly drifting down that path. Full-fledged socialism would never sell in America; people rightfully understand that it is evil and would reject it outright. However, the Green Party pushes the envelope as far as possible, offering people socialism dressed up in a new package to appeal to a '90s (yes, this is still the '90s) audience.

The following are some key elements of the Green Party platform and give ample evidence that the Green Party is Socialist in nature:

Maximum income: Build into the progressive income tax a 100 percent tax on all income over ten times the minimum wage($12.50).

Federal chartering of interstate corporations.

Periodic review of corporate charters: A public corporate charter review process for each corporation above $20 million in assets every 20 years to see if it is serving the public interest according to social and ecological as well as financial criteria.

Democratic conversion of big business: Mandatory break-up and conversion to democratic worker, consumer and / or public ownership on a human scale of the largest 500 U.S. industrial and commercial corporations that account for about 10 percent of employees, 50 percent of profits, 70 percent of sales and 90 percent of manufacturing assets.

One of the Green Party's "Ten Key Values" is "Ecological Wisdom," which in practice translates into volumes of restrictive new environmental regulations and red tape which would force consumers and businesses to adopt costly, inefficient technologies which some government bureaucrat deems to be "environmentally safe."

These proposals include nearly all of the classical Marxist traits: redistribution of wealth, nationalization and / or penalization of large businesses and government oversight of most parts of the economy, so it is difficult to argue that the Green Party does not have a Marxist foundation.

What is difficult, however, is explaining why anyone would support such ideas in this day and age, given their utter and complete failure on the world stage throughout this century. The economic implications are disturbing enough: nationalizing the top 500 companies, the top 200 banks and forcing all others to pay a steep minimum wage while observing ultra-expensive, draconian environmental mandates would be a stab in the stomach for our economic health, without even considering the ethical considerations.

What right does the government have to tell any individual or organization how to operate? In a free society each man operates according to his own philosophy, not according to how the government tells him to operate. With Greens in office, the government will be dictating everything down to the very type of toilet paper or staples you could buy.

There has never been a successful, competitive, nationalized economy. Wealth has never been created on a large scale in nations with mandatory income laws, or where people are penalized for accumulating wealth. The wealth and prosperity of the United States was not created by a state-controlled economy, in which successful businesses were penalized and nationalized, but by a free market ruled only by what people wish to purchase.

These facts clearly show that the Green Party's ideas are not only morally wrong, but economically disastrous. The history of state-controlled economies and Marxist countries reinforces this truth.

Many people voted Green because they were understandably tired of the two major parties. Many of them probably did not read the Green Party platform and learn about its appalling plans for controlling our future. But however tired one may be, voting for Marxism cannot be justified. People must understand the true foundation of the Green Party so that America doesn't end up choosing socialism out of apathy.

John Gibbs is a senior majoring in computer science. E-mail him at john1@stanford.edu.

[15] "Nader's Green Party is socialism dressed in new clothes." John Gibbs, Stanford Daily Archives, 11/8/2000

HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL ('16)

MPA

Gibbs earned an MPA from Harvard Kennedy School in 2016, according to his LinkedIn profile:

> Topics studied: Politics and election campaigns; Communications and media training for leaders; Policy writing for decision makers; Writing op-ed columns; Behavioral psychology and public policy; Privacy, technology, and national security; Leading and improving organizations; International trade; The financing of startups and entrepreneurial ventures

Academic writing

According to the Trump White Houe, Gibbs "wrote academically on the application of behavioral economics to policymaking."[16]

A John Gibbs with an MPA from Harvard Kennedy School is listed as the co-author of an article/chapter in a book titled "The Business, Policy, and Economics of Neurosurgery," published in October 2018.[17] Chapter 27 of the publication, written by "John Gibbs, MPA, and Bharat Guthikonda, MD," is titled "Behavioral Economics."[18] While we were unable to confirm that this is the same John Gibbs, Gibbs does note on his LinkedIn that he studied "Behavioral psychology and public policy" in earning his MPA.

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[16] "Trump staffer Gibbs launches campaign for Congress in district held by Meijer." The Detroit News, 11/12/2021

[17] "The Business, Policy, and Economics of Neurosurgery." Scribd, 10/8/2018

[18] "Behavioral Economics." Researchgate, September 2018

EARLY CAREER

SYMANTEC

Software Engineer

According to his LinkedIn profile, Gibbs was a software engineer at Symantec in Redwood City, CA from 2001 to 2004:

> Working as part of a three-person team, I created software for our ManHunt Intrusion Detection System solution that allowed it to interface with third-party products, increasing our sales reach into firms using competitor products.

PALM, INC.

Software Engineer

According to his LinkedIn profile, Gibbs was a software engineer at Palm, Inc. from 2004 to 2007 in Sunnyvale, CA:

> Worked within a four-person team to design and implement the phone application on Microsoft Windows Mobile Palm Treo smartphones.

APPLE

Software Development Engineer

According to his LinkedIn profile, Gibbs was a software development engineer at Apple from 2007 to 2008 in Cupertino, CA:

> Contributed to the on-time release of the first version of the iPhone by developing software to test the syncing of structured iPhone data (contacts, calendars, and bookmarks) with Microsoft Windows computers, working closely with engineers to triage and solve issues.

WORLDVENTURE

Team Lead and Tech Strategist

According to his LinkedIn profile, Gibbs was a team lead and tech strategist at WorldVenture in Tokyo, Japan, from July 2008 to May 2015:

> Worked with Japanese NPOs to create mobile outreach strategies, online social community building, and interactive multimedia, focused on delivering content specifically tailored to Japanese culture. Developed custom strategies for constituents to increase online participation. Led and managed our Tokyo-based Innovative Ministries Team, a group focused on bringing hope to Japanese society using music, volunteer activities, and technology. On-screen media analyst, together with Japanese panelists, as a tech expert analyzing Apple and other technology products.

PERSONAL LEGAL RECORDS

CRIMINAL RECORDS

No records found
No criminal records for Gibbs were found.

CIVIL RECORDS

No records found
No civil records for Gibbs were found.

TRAFFIC RECORDS

No records found
No traffic records for Gibbs were found.

DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE ACCOUNTS

OVERVIEW

During our search, we identified online accounts, email addresses, and usernames that were apparently or definitely controlled by Gibbs personally. (This does not include campaign accounts.)

Account	User	Notes
Facebook	johngibbs2001	
Twitter	RealJohnGibbs	Private. (Archived various times)
Twitter	JG07	Private. (Archived 2008)
LinkedIn	johngibbs2001	
ICQ	2729039	
IRC	Lupin-	
IRC	JonnyFive	

FACEBOOK

Personal Facebook account
Gibbs' personal Facebook account is available here.

Campaign Facebook account
Gibbs' campaign Facebook account is available here.

TWITTER

Personal Twitter account
Gibbs' personal Twitter account is available @realJohnGibbs. The account is protected. As of September 2022, the account had 4,872 tweets, 950 followers, and was following 42 accounts. It was created in May 2016.

Former personal Twitter account
Gibbs previously had a Twitter account available at @JG07. The account is protected. As of September 2022, the account had 434 tweets, 132 followers, and was following 207 accounts. It was created in July 2008.

Campaign Twitter account
Gibb's campaign Twitter account is available @votejohngibbs. As of September 2022, the account had 517 tweets, 35.5k followers, and was following 94 accounts. It was created in November 2021.

INSTAGRAM

Campaign Instagram account
Gibbs' campaign Instagram account is available here. As of September 2022, the account had 224 posts, 2,252 followers, and was following 8 accounts.

YOUTUBE

No account found
No personal or campaign YouTube account for Gibbs was found.

LINKEDIN

Professional account
Gibbs' LinkedIn account is available here. (Alternately, here.)

OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA

Campaign Gettr account
Gibbs' campaign Gettr account is available @VoteJohnGibbs. As of September 2022, the account was following 14 other accounts and had 5,996 followers.

Campaign Truth Social account
Gibbs' campaign Truth Social account is available @RealJohnGibbs. As of September 2022, the account had 459 followers and was following 5 accounts.

EMAIL

Email	Notes
jgibbs@scnc.waverly.k12.mi.us	High school email.
gibbsjoh@msu.edu	High school and college email. Also @pilot.msu.edu
john1@stanford.edu	College email. Seen with "nospam" and "leland.stanford" variants.
yatsu@geocities.com	Seen with "nospam" variants.
john@johngibbsproject.org	Associated with Facebook and LinkedIn accounts (per Spokeo).
john@johngibbs.info	Associated with Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn accounts (per Spokeo).

TECHNICAL EXPLANATIONS FOR CONNECTING PSEUDONYMS

Overview

It can be assumed that Congressional candidate John Gibbs is behind any content associated with gibbsjoh@msu.edu, gibbsjoh@pilot.msu.edu, john1@stanford.edu, or yatsu@geocities.com (or any iterations that insert variants of "nospam").

Depending on the time period and location, Gibbs may also be behind the name "Yatsu" without corroborating contact information. Gibbs also used the name "American Dream" on at least two occasions in late 1998.

JOHN GIBBS IS GIBBSJOH@MSU.EDU

Summary

Congressional candidate John Gibbs can be assumed to control the email address gibbsjoh@msu.edu (and its earlier @pilot.msu.edu variant) in all contexts and at all relevant times.

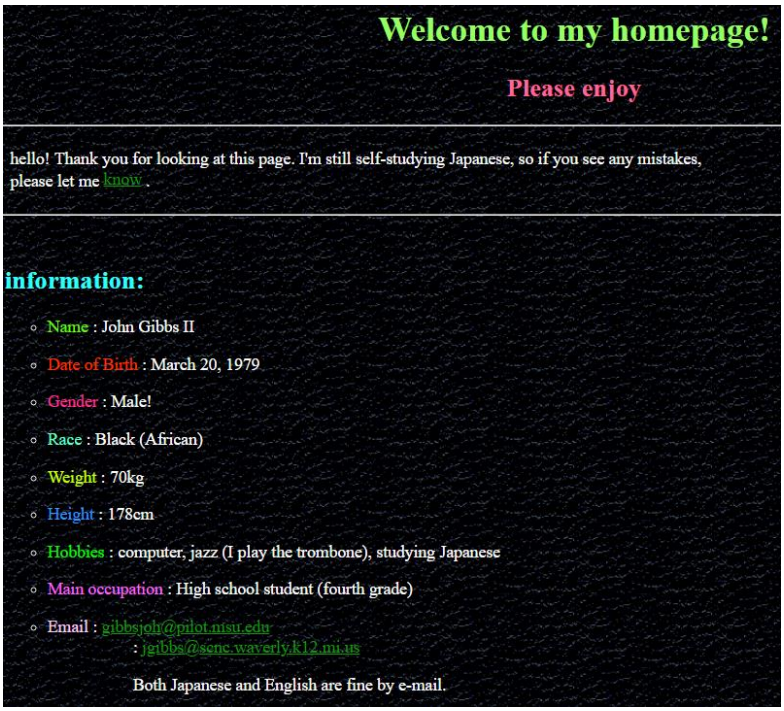
A webpage hosted by the "gibbsjoh" MSU student account had numerous personal details about Gibbs.

Michigan State University allowed students with university accounts to access email and host multi-page personal websites from a URL specific to their account. The personal website hosted at "msu.edu/user/gibbsjoh/" posted personal details that match those of John Gibbs:

- The user states they are John Gibbs II, a Black high school senior in Lansing who was studying Japanese and computer science.
- The user states they were accepted to Stanford University to major in Computer Science and possibly Japanese.

(Note, Gibbs did not attend MSU, but says on this website that he played in their jazz band.)

(Translated from Japanese-language subpage)



Welcome to my homepage!

Please enjoy

hello! Thank you for looking at this page. I'm still self-studying Japanese, so if you see any mistakes, please let me know .

information:

- Name : John Gibbs II
- Date of Birth : March 20, 1979
- Gender : Male!
- Race : Black (African)
- Weight : 70kg
- Height : 178cm
- Hobbies : computer, jazz (I play the trombone), studying Japanese
- Main occupation : High school student (fourth grade)
- Email : gibbsjoh@pilot.msu.edu
  : jgibbs@senc.waverly.k12.mi.us

Both Japanese and English are fine by e-mail.

The website lists that Gibbs can be reached at gibbsjoh@pilot.msu.edu.
The Japanese-language subpage of Gibb's website (reachable from Gibbs's "doormat") gives two contact emails, including gibbsjoh@pilot.msu.edu.

JOHN GIBBS IS JOHN1@STANFORD.EDU

Summary
Congressional candidate John Gibbs can be assumed to control the email address john1@stanford.edu at in all contexts and at all relevant times.

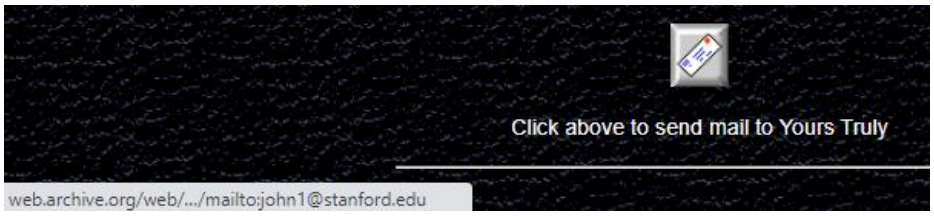
Gibbs graduated from Stanford University with a B.S. in Computer Science in 2001.
There are multiple sources showing that Gibbs graduated from Stanford in 2001 with a B.S. in Computer Science. For example, Gibbs' LinkedIn profile states this.

Stanford University
B.S. Computer Science
1997 - 2001

Activities and societies: Stanford Japan Exchange Club, Stanford Kyoto Center for Technology and Innovation (SCTI), Stanford Jazz Orchestra, Stanford Review (student newspaper)

Topics studied: Technology, Ethics, and Public Policy; Cryptography & Cybersecurity; Logic & Automated Reasoning; Programming Languages; Artificial Intelligence; Human-Computer Interface Design; Complexity Theory in Computational Problems; Japanese Language and East Asian Cultures; Political Economy of Japan

Gibbs's high school website shows john1@stanford.edu as a contact email.
Gibbs's "About Me" page on his gibbsjoh MSU page has a link to contact him. The linked e-mail address is john1@stanford.edu.



An online post by a "John Gibbs" included both the MSU and Stanford contact emails.
In October 1997, a "John Gibbs" posted to the alt.comp.hardware.pc-homebuilt newsgroup asking how to open a tower computer case. His email signature included both gibbsjoh@pilot.msu.edu and john1@stanford.edu.

John Gibbs

to

I know this may sound trivial, but how do I open a full tower case?

John Gibbs
ICQ UIN: 2729039
john1@stanford.edu
gibbsjoh@pilot.msu.edu/~gibbsjoh/
finger: john1@leland.stanford.edu

A senior Computer Science major named John Gibbs listed his email as john1@stanford.edu in 2000.
On November 8, 2000, the Stanford Daily published a guest column by John Gibbs, a "senior majoring in computer science." He invited readers to "E-mail him at john1@stanford.edu."[19]

John Gibbs is a senior majoring in computer science. E-mail him at john1@stanford.edu.

Photos of Gibbs in college were uploaded under his student ID, john1.
Stanford's Computer Science department still hosts a webpage apparently associated with Gibbs's "john1" account. The page has several photos of Gibbs, including post-college photos of Gibbs working at Recourse Technologies and Symantec.

JOHN GIBBS IS "YATSU"

Summary
Congressional candidate John Gibbs used the name "Yatsu" in some online spaces in the late 1990s. In some instances, this is clear based on account usage; in other instances, it is likely based on context.

"Yatsu" repeatedly posted messages on Google Groups using Gibbs's MSU account

[19] "Nader's Green Party is socialism dressed in new clothes," John Gibbs, Stanford Daily, 11/08/2000

Google Groups maintains an archive of posts in major newsgroups dating back decades. The contact detail for a user is not inherently visible on their post; however, replies to their post will often include a contact email and/or ID number from the original post.

There are multiple examples where Yatsu's posts were tagged with Gibbs's MSU user account, as seen in a reply:

- December 1997: "Yatsu <*yatsu@nospam.geocities.com"> wrote in message <01bd1112$a17dc660$500d0923@gibbsjoh.user.msu.edu>"
- January 1997: "Yatsu <*yatsu@nospam.geocities.com"> wrote in message <01bd16ef$139a0e20$740e0923@gibbsjoh.user.msu.edu>"
- March 1998: "Yatsu <*yatsu@nospam.geocities.com"> wrote in article <01bd5556$7e275fe0$8d0f0923@gibbsjoh.user.msu.edu>"
- July 1998: "Yatsu <*yatsu@nospam.geocities.com"> wrote in message <01bdadf8$8e76ffe0$82080923@gibbsjoh.user.msu.edu>"

Based on the above, Gibbs can be tied to any instance of "yatsu@geocities.com"
In all cases above, the email address Yatsu used in connection with the gibbsjoh MSU account was "yatsu@nospam.geocities.com." This means that, even without the MSU account attached, it can be assumed that Gibbs is posting as Yatsu when "yatsu@geocities.com" is used.

(Note, "nospam" is something users add to email addresses in public forums to prevent their email address from being collected through scraping. Gibbs often reminded others to remove "nospam" before contacting him. He also used "nospamoni" and "sendnospam." He also used this technique when posting from his Stanford account, i.e. "john1@nospam.stanford.edu.")

Yatsu has also provided personal details that match Gibbs's personal details
Additionally, Yatsu and Gibbs share personal biographical elements that further substantiate the connection, even when that digital footprint wasn't available.

- Like Gibbs, posts from "Yastu" around the same time were sometimes tagged as coming from Stanford.
- Yatsu identified as nonwhite.
- Yatsu made multiple references to Michigan.
- Yatsu and Gibbs have similar interests. There are roughly 30 different newsgroups where Gibbs and Yatsu both participated, focusing on flight simulator games, military technology, and politics.

There are also multiple instances of newsgroup conversations where both Gibbs and Yatsu posted. In some instances, it seems clear that they are meant to be the same person.

In this thread, after "John Gibbs" argued with "WmWallace!", "Yatsu" takes over the argument. WmWallace then asked Gibbs by name what "msu" stood for.

Yatsu

to

Let it go? The bottom line is that the CIA has been proven to be involved in dirty business since the 1950's. From mob bosses to South American cartels to Iranian terrorists, the CIA has helped the best of em.
And if someone honestly believes that the CIA hasn't been involved in more lying than Pinnochio with a nose the size of New York, I think they are a little strange. I don't think this is you, though...I've finally got the idea that you are just joking, about the CIA and all. OK, so it took a while, but I finally got it.
I mean, this is a guy that "really" (but really jokingly) thinks Oliver North is a great man. Enough said.

WmWallace! <calv...@hotmail.com> wrote in article <PsAp1.35$sh.1...@firenze.visi.net>...

•••

WmWallace!

to

Nope, you missed it--not joking. North is a great man. The CIA is a patriotic, dedicated group of men and women striving to collect/protect the interests of the US 24/7, that I am proud to have been a part of at one time.
WmWallace!
GIBBS are your from Memphis State University or Mississippi State University?

Yatsu <*ya...@nospam.geocities.com"> wrote in message <01bdac85$a56799e0$8208...@gibbsjoh.user.msu.edu>...

In another instance, Yatsu responded to a racist post. After a response from the racist, "John Gibbs" then responded, building on Yatsu's argument as if it had been his own.

John Gibbs

to

Newsgroups: alt.politics.nationalism.black
Date: Sunday, July 12, 1998 9:52 PM
Subject: Re: Thoughts...

>>> 1) On the SAT whites must score much higher than blacks to compete for
>the same scholarships since blacks are given preference.
>
>>Also, you are forgetting the historical context. People like you complain
>about "blacks don't do anything, they
>>just complain". Well, giving more black students a chance to go to college
>will help to reduce poverty among
>>blacks,and will to give the poorer,inner-city kids role models so that
they
>may have something else to turn to
>>besides crime, and will therefore serve to improve the condition of
blacks.
>Isn't this what we all want?
>
>How do you teach ANYONE, white or black to strive for higher goals if all
>you do is give them what they feel they are owed?
>And as for role-models, what do you call Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen,
>Eddie Murphy, Ken Griffey Jr., Colin Powell, etc. etc. etc?

This is not about giving someone "what they feel they are owed". This is about setting right something that was set wrong long ago, but is still affecting us today.
As far as role models are concerned, do you think athletes are adequate? I doubt it. I am talking about scientists, businessmen, lawyers, etc. There are not enough of these. And, I am not talking about the multi-million dollar celebs on TV, I mean role models in each neighborhood. A role model that a kid can know personally that has made a success of himself.

JOHN GIBBS IS "AMERICAN DREAM"

Summary
Congressional candidate John Gibbs used the name “American Dream” in Google Groups in December 1998.

“American Dream” posted messages on Google Groups using Gibbs’s MSU account
Using the same method explained above for Yatsu, some posts by “American Dream” on Google Groups can be tied back to Gibbs through use of the gibbsjoh MSU account. (No contact email was used for these posts.)

- December 1998: “American Dream wrote in message <01be3250$1e428140$71090923@gibbsjoh.user.msu.edu>”
- December 1998: “American Dream wrote in message <01be344f$5cc18640$71090923@gibbsjoh.user.msu.edu>"

WEBSITES

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DOMAIN REGISTRATIONS

Summary

We found six standalone web domains with clear links to Gibbs. Two of the domains, JohnGibbsProject.org and JohnGibbs.info (see sections below with more details), were created years ago (in 2007 and 2008), but remain active/live, though they are mostly blank. Both domains include a link to a blog that is no longer active/live, but which was previously used by Gibbs and which is available via the Web Archive. The other four domains were created in October and November 2011; one his Gibbs' campaign website, and the other three all redirect users to his campaign website.

Gibbs' web domains

Domain	Created	Updated	Status	Destination	Registrar
johngibbsproject.org	3/11/2007	¾/2022	Active	JohnGibbsProject.org	Tucows Domains Inc.
johngibbs.info	6/6/2008	6/4/2022	Active	JohnGibbs.info	Tucows Domains Inc.
johngibbsforcongress.com	10/4/2021	10/4/2021	Redirect	VoteJohnGibbs.com	Google LLC
gibbsforcongress.com	10/4/2021	10/4/2021	Redirect	VoteJohnGibbs.com	Google LLC
gibbscongress.com	10/4/2021	10/4/2021	Redirect	VoteJohnGibbs.com	Google LLC
votejohngibbs.com	11/3/2021	11/3/2021	Active	VoteJohnGibbs.com	Google LLC

One additional domain, JohnGibbs.com, was created in 2000 and last updated in 2022, but both the current version and archived versions of the site are all blank. It is unclear if this domain is associated with Gibbs in any way. We also found an additional 14 web domains created in October, November, and December 2021, all of which are either blank or dead, and which are variations on Gibbs' name, along with "congress" and "vote" and "2022." It is possible that Gibbs registered these domains as well, but we are unable to confirm that; it is also possible that other individuals or groups registered the domains to "sit" on them or use them for other purposes, though they included no content as of September 2022.

Potential Gibbs web domains

Domain	Created	Updated	Status	Destination	Registrar
johngibbs.com	1/2/2000	8/30/2022	Blank	JohnGibbs.com	GoDaddy.com, LLC
gibbs4congress.com	10/8/2021	10/8/2021	Blank	Gibbs4Congress.com	GoDaddy.com, LLC
votegibbscongress.com	10/8/2021	10/8/2021	Blank	VoteGibbsCongress.com	GoDaddy.com, LLC
johngibbs4congress.com	10/8/2021	10/8/2021	Blank	JohnGibbs4Congress.com	GoDaddy.com, LLC
johngibbs4congress.org	10/8/2021	6/5/2022	Blank	JohnGibbs4Congress.org	GoDaddy.com, LLC
johngibbsforcongress.org	10/8/2021	6/5/2022	Blank	JohnGibbsforCongress.org	GoDaddy.com, LLC
gibbscongress.org	10/8/2021	6/5/2022	Blank	GibbsCongress.org	GoDaddy.com, LLC
johngibbs2022.com	11/14/2021	11/14/2021	Blank	JohnGibbs2022.com	GoDaddy.com, LLC
johngibbs.us	12/7/2021	12/12/2021	Dead	JohnGibbs.us	Google LLC
johngibbs.net	12/7/2021	12/7/2021	Dead	JohnGibbs.net	Google LLC
johngibbs.org	12/7/2021	4/22/2022	Dead	JohnGibbs.org	Google LLC

votejohngibbs.org	12/7/2021	4/15/2022	Dead	VoteJohnGibbs.org	Google LLC
votejohngibbs.net	12/7/2021	12/7/2021	Dead	VoteJohnGibbs.net	Google LLC
votejohngibbs.info	12/7/2021	4/15/2022	Dead	VoteJohnGibbs.info	Google Inc.
votejohngibbs.us	12/7/2021	12/12/2021	Dead	VoteJohnGibbs.us	Google LLC

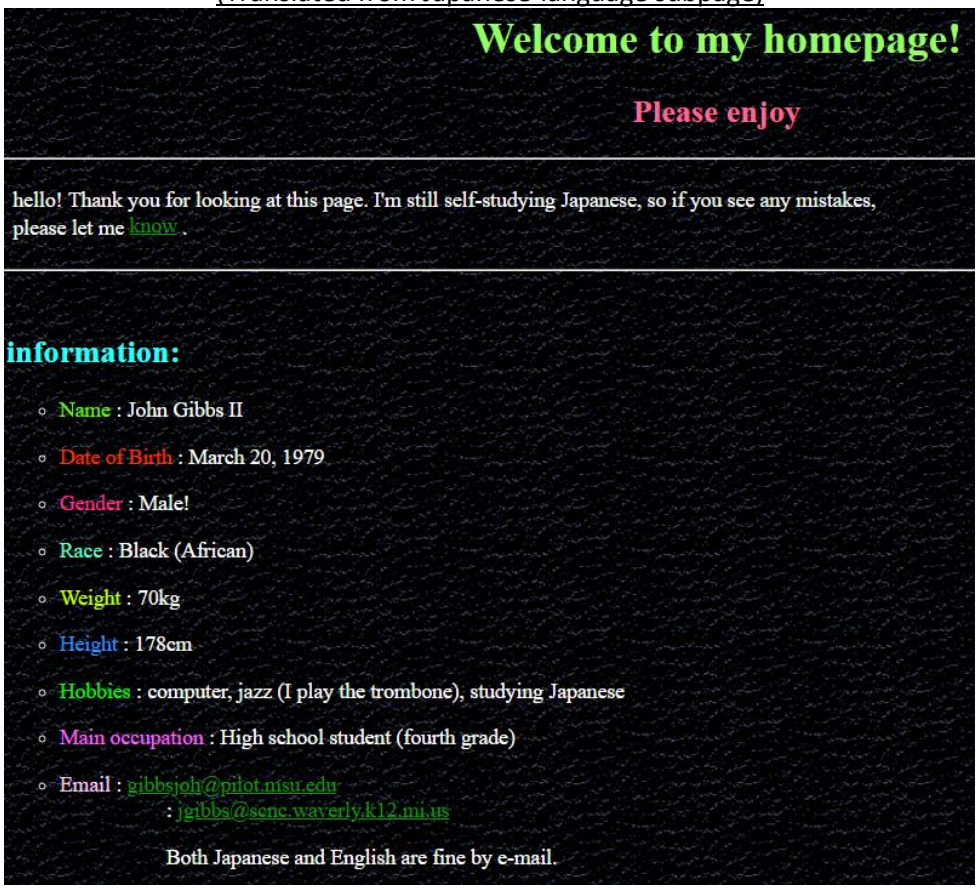
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WEBSITE

OVERVIEW

Summary

While a student at Waverly High School, Gibbs had access to a student account at Michigan State University. (This could be due to a partnership with the high school or his participation in MSU's Jazz Band II.) He used that account to host a personal website. The website was last updated in July 1997, shortly after he graduated.

(Translated from Japanese-language subpage)



Welcome to my homepage!

Please enjoy

hello! Thank you for looking at this page. I'm still self-studying Japanese, so if you see any mistakes, please let me know .

information:

- Name : John Gibbs II
- Date of Birth : March 20, 1979
- Gender : Male!
- Race : Black (African)
- Weight : 70kg
- Height : 178cm
- Hobbies : computer, jazz (I play the trombone), studying Japanese
- Main occupation : High school student (fourth grade)
- Email : gibbsjoh@pilot.msu.edu
  : jgibbs@senc.waverly.k12.mi.us

  Both Japanese and English are fine by e-mail.

Gibbs promoted "The Anti-Feminist Page"

Gibbs's website had a page for recommended links. His list included "The Anti-Feminist Page," a collection of antifeminism resources. They include a petition to repeal the 19th Amendment.

Gibbs promoted "The Chauvinist Corner" blog

Gibbs's website had a page for recommended links. His list included "al31415926's Homepage," also known as "The Chauvinist Corner." They include a petition to repeal the 19th Amendment.

Gibbs promoted men's rights organization on his MSU page

On Gibbs's homepage, he placed a prominent link to The National Organization for Men.

As of 1997, the organization called for "revers[ing] destructive social trends of recent decades" that "demonized the male image and marginalized men's roles." This included a plan to submit a "Status of Men's Rights" report to the United Nations "documenting the tyranny of the false accusations movement[…] includ[ing] false charges of rape, false charges of domestic violence, false charges of child molestation, false charges based on so-called 'repressed memories' and false paternity charges."[20]

[20] "Short and Long Term Goals," National Organization For Men; Internet Archive, 4/29/1997

STANFORD STUDENT WEBSITE (SCF)

Research Note: *SCF's content is summarized in this section, but full pastes of major content are available in the Appendix.*

OVERVIEW

Summary

As a Stanford student, Gibbs was able to host a personal website tied to his user account. While he did use the page to host some Japan photos and a reading list, the website mostly functioned as a homepage for the "Society for the Critique of Feminism."

Gibbs appears to have been the sole organizer for SCF. He wrote in an October 2000 email that he "run[s] an web site which is critical of feminism" and linked to the SCF homepage. The bottom of the SCF homepage also stated that "Every word on this page copyright John Gibbs. May not be reused anywhere without the author's express consent."

Mission

The purpose of the Society was to challenge various "misconceptions" spread by feminists, including that patriarchy was bad, that women had been historically oppressed and that there were no differences between men and women.

> The Society for the Critique of Feminism is a think tank that would like to have open debate on many of the conclusions that we have come to accept regarding gender issues; it believes that serious misconceptions have spread as a result of the good intentions of the feminist movement, and that a critique of many of the conclusions of the established feminist movement will be beneficial for everyone.
>
> Among other things, we would like to challenge the notion that:
>
> - men are animalistic oppressors bent on denying opportunities to women.
> - women have been historically oppressed.
> - a patriarchal society is inherently wrong.
> - the more women in the workplace, the better.
> - women receive unequal pay for equal work.
> - career women are superior to homemakers.
> - women should be a part of the combat forces.
> - day care centers, instead of mothers, should be responsible for caring for children.
> - there are no differences between men and women.
> - i.e. masculine and feminine are simply social constructions
> - women are "less dependent" than they have been in the past.
>
> Our challenges to these commonly held notions are not based on dogma, but are instead based on an interest in coming closer to the truth about gender relations. We are not sexist and do not believe in the inherent superiority of one gender over the other.

The SCF garnered attention in anti-feminist circles

Despite being a student-run site, the Society was acknowledged by other anti-feminist pages:

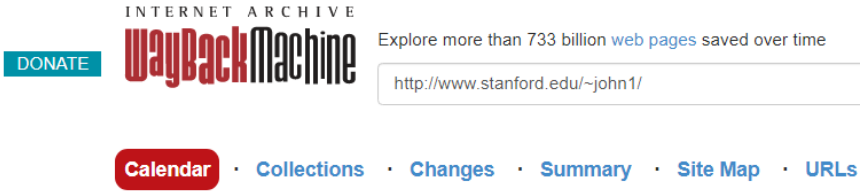
- The site for the Father's Manifesto (operated by ChristianParty.net), in both its current and archived form, encouraged readers to "Join the Society for the Critique of Feminism

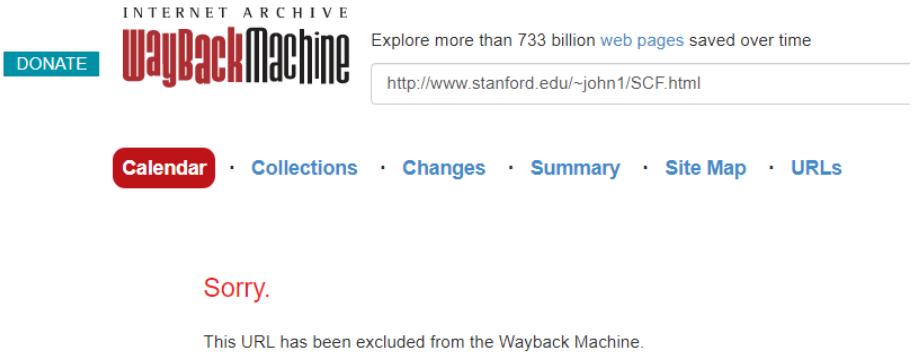
http://www.stanford.edu/~john1/SCF.html"

- As of 2001, Network Critiques of Feminism included SCF at the top of its "Domains, Magazines, Publishers" link section.
- The SCF's homepage content and contact information for Gibbs was circulated in soc.men, alt.mens-rights, and alt.feminism.

Additionally, SCF was cited in the bibliography for a presentation made at a conference in 2001 in Czech titled "The impact of feminism on male-female relationships" (according to Google Translate).

The SCF's website has been excluded from the Internet Archive
Gibbs's Stanford student website, including the SCF page, has since been excluded from the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine. This suggests Gibbs himself may have requested it be hidden. (It is still available through an archive maintained by Stanford University.)





NOTABLE CONTENT

Gibbs argued women's suffrage was bad for American (because women vote for socialistic government increases) and it was not unjust to deny women the vote
In September 2000, Gibbs added a section to the SCF homepage addressing women's suffrage and whether women should have the right to vote.

The passage (which appears to be written by Gibbs and largely inspired by the Fathers' Manifesto's "federal flops") argued that "the smallest government is the best government" and "increasing the size and scope of government is unequivocally bad." Additionally, "women tend to vote more 'socialist' than

men, for larger and more intrusive government" and passed unconstitutional laws over the opposition of men, including "welfare, the banning of school prayer, sexual harassment laws, and draconian drunk driving laws (which kill more than they save lives)." Since women's suffrage was responsible for increasing the size and scope of government, "we conclude that the United States has suffered as a result of women's suffrage."[21]

Gibbs also said the argument that "it is hypocritical or unjust" to not let women vote was "obviously not true," since the Founding Fathers didn't feel this way and those under 18 were unable to vote despite being a large portion of the population.

> ***Research Note:*** *An earlier version of the passage linked to the Fathers' Manifesto's page, "The 19th Amendment & the Totalitarian State," which Gibbs called a "great summary of such laws that have been passed as a result of women's suffrage." He also said that those under 21 were unable to vote.*

Gibbs implied that patriarchy was natural and good

The SCF homepage included "issues to raise," about patriarchy. In this section, Gibbs argued that patriarchy must be more than a societal construct because "approximately 100% of societies throughout time have been and are patriarchy," despite "a 50% chance that a society 'chooses' to be patriarchal." He questioned why it was "implausible that 'traditional' gender roles are natural, not societal, constructs designed to make life as livable as possible."

Gibbs also questioned why patriarchy was seen as "bad." He argued that "every great society has been based on patriarchy" and that "the capitalistic economic model, which has proven itself unequivocally to be the most effective in history, is intrinsically masculine and therefore patriarchal."

Gibbs argued that vast majority of women were biologically incapable of abstract logical thought

On his SCF homepage, Gibbs addressed the question, "Are men smarter than women?" Gibbs argued that women could match men in "academic" intelligence, but not in "the ability think logically about broad and abstract ideas in order to deduce a suitable conclusion, without emotional reasoning."

Gibbs said there was a "likely difference in abstract logical ability between the sexes" due to "strictly biological" reasons, including perhaps the non-trivial gender differences in chemical composition of the brain. (Gibbs noted this didn't necessarily mean "that 100% of women are not capable of abstract logical thought, and that 100% of men are," just a general explanation that "applies to the vast majority of people." He offered a clear counter-example: "men who do not have the ability to think logically [and] end up supporting feminism and other irrational ideologies.")

Gibbs also pointed to this difference in explaining feminism. He argued that "all of the conclusions of feminism are deduced by emotional reasoning" and "essentially all arguments against the critique of feminism are based on emotion."

Gibbs argued that women were biologically better suited to take care of children

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[21] https://wayback.archive-it.org/17234/20011006181952/http://www.stanford.edu/~john1/SCF.html

On his SCF homepage, Gibbs addressed the question, "Why is it that women should be the ones to take care of the children? Can't men do it equally as well?" He argued that, given how evolution works, there must be some benefit from biological differences between men and women and their physical characteristics made them better suited for different roles. Like in the animal kingdom, women had physical characteristics and personality traits better suited for nurturing and rearing children, while men were better suited to serve as hunter or provider. (Gibbs noted that fathers should still be involved in raising children; it just wasn't their "primary task.")

> Women have smaller waists, broader hips, breasts, higher-pitched voices, and in general are more sensitive and nurturing than men (see links below on the differences between men and women if you have trouble with this last fact). Men have wider shoulders, stronger muscles, deeper, commanding voices, and in general are more competitive and aggressive than women. It seems clear then that the former, the female species, were the ones selected by nature to rear children. Broader hips for child birth, breasts for feeding, and more sensitive and nurturing phyches for comforting complete the equation for the female species as child-nurturer. This should come as no surprise, since nearly every other female species in nature has the same responsibilities. Likewise, the broad shoulders, strong muscles, and aggressive phyches of men make men ideal for the role of hunter and provider. Again, this should come as no surprise, being that the vast majority of male species in the animal kingdom have the same responsibilities as the human male.

Gibbs argued women eroded workplace productivity in "masculine" environments with their "chemistry" and threat of sexual harassment complaints

On his SCF homepage, Gibbs addressed the question, "Why is it good for women to work?" Gibbs argued that women had been "wrongly duped into believing that they must become market producers, not family women or child-raisers, in order to have self-worth," even if working might bring them less happiness. He also argued that having women in a masculine environment could "reduce business cohesiveness and productivity," as well as force men to "bend over backwards" to avoid spurious sexual harassment allegations. He concluded that, since no one benefited from an increased presence of women in the workplace, "there is no factual basis on which to claim that it is better to have more women in the workplace."

> And clearly, having more women in the workplace does not benefit men, it only strains them. In the post-feminist workplace, men must bend over backwards to make sure that they do not inadvertently offend any woman who might happen to hear a joke or comment uttered in humor and harmlessness. Numerous sexual harassment laws are introduced, which spawn a barrage of sexual harassment cases of frivolous proportions, wasting the time and energy of the courts and legal system, and taxpayer dollars (sidenote: the author's sister works in the sexual harassment complaints office of a local government bureau, and attests to the fact that the majority of the cases are frivolous). Businesses must make a concerted effort to hire and promote women who may or may not be up to par with their male counterparts. In addition, the chemistry of having women in a masculine environment may reduce business cohesiveness and productivity from what it might have been otherwise (this is especially true of the military, although by no means limited to it). Needless to say all these things subtract from a team's effort to produce efficiently.

Gibbs argued that America should observe the Bible's clear mandate for patriarchy and that women were incapable of governing due to their "differing mental characteristics" from men

Prior to September 2000, Gibbs added an essay to the SCF page titled, "Does Christianity support patriarchy?"

In his essay, Gibbs argued that the Bible teaches that women are not to hold positions of power. While "the reason is not expressly mentioned," he argued that "it must be due to the nature of women (i.e. their differing mental characteristics)" and how "women do not posess the characteristics necessary to govern." He provided multiple passages from the Bible that demonstrated "clear and unambiguous support of Patriarchy," and noted that "perhaps the most compelling Biblical evidence" was the Garden of Eden; Gibbs suggested that "Perhaps Satan picked Eve because he realized that women are more succeptable to believing dangerous ideologies."

Gibbs also argued that the Bible's consistent and unambiguous orders to practice patriarchy were not outdated but instead "universal and to be heeded to without fail." He further asked how America – founded in Christianity – could reject these mandates while accepting other commandments that appeared less frequently.

> If it is not an issue for us to accept the validity of the Ten Commandments, which are only mentioned twice in the Bible, or other commandments and mandates, such as "love thy neighbor as thy love oneself", which are stated just once, how can we question the validity of the headship of man over woman, which is mentioned countless times in non-symbolic, direct language, and which is so basic to our human condition?

"The Feminist Challenge"
In December 2000, Gibbs added a "Feminist Challenge" to his page. The challenge was simply to name any benefit of feminism so that it could be disproven.

> **The Feminist Challenge**
> Please feel free to take part in the feminist challenge! The challenge is this:
> List one, just one, benefit or advantage that you believe feminism has produced. We will then show why there is truly no advantage.
> End of challenge. E-mail answers to me.

Gibbs removed Fathers' Manifesto links from his site for racism and anti-Semitism
Gibbs maintained a log of changes to his site. In December 2000, he logged that he "removed three links from the page as the site they linked to contained anti-Semetic and racist content." The three links were all from Fathers' Manifesto:

- "The 19th Amendment & the Totalitarian State" (linked twice)
- "US Spends $7.3 Trillion, is DEAD LAST in TIMSS"

JOHNGIBBSPROJECT.ORG / JOHNGIBBS.INFO

OVERVIEW

Summary

Starting in 2007, Gibbs began blogging at his own site, JohnGibbsProject.org; he later moved his content to JohnGibbs.info.

NOTABLE CONTENT

Suggested that women in Saudi Arabia were no worse off than American women

In June 2007, Gibbs posted about an article that appeared in the Los Angeles Times about the position of women in Saudi Arabia. Gibbs commented on the article, suggested that women in the United States were no better off than those in Saudi Arabia:

> We are a country that has a 40% divorce rate, more than 1.2 million abortions per year, widespread STDs (most of which are more prevalent in women), a rate of about 40-50% adultery, and a birthrate so low we are barely at replacement levels. Millions of our women are on anti-depressants, are seeing therapists, and have low self-esteem. Are we really in a position to lecture anyone else on what's best for women?
>
> In Saudi Arabia, A View From Behind The Veil
>
> Enter the aforementioned Los Angeles Times article, where an American woman journalist on assignment in Saudi Arabia laments about the position of women in that country. Enjoy or disagree.

Blamed "feminist influence" for killing the sense of "being ladylike" in American women

In May 2007, Gibbs posted about his impressions of London, England, and British people, writing one bullet point about British women and how they "look better and seem less manly/aggressive than ours":

> Overall their women look better and seem less manly/aggressive than ours, because of their demeanor, the way they carry themselves, and how they speak. I guess that old European sense of being ladylike still remains a little, as opposed to the tough frontier attitude and feminist influence we developed here that killed that sense in women. But their young women seem vulgar. I overheard a group of teenage girls on the train talking about getting high, and they were playing their music loudly without respect for anyone around them. And on the bus I heard a pair of teenage girls talking about things not repeatable in this blog. Maybe that's the same as here or worse, I'm not sure.

Wrote that he "may go to Colombia to find a wife one day"

In a March 2007 blog post, Gibbs wrote that he had *not* gone on vacation to Colombia for drugs or "to hook up with women," but that he "may go to Colombia to find a wife one day":

> Why I did not go to Colombia:
>
> Drugs. Although I am not a drug user, I would bet that it is much easier to get drugs in the US than in Colombia, though many more are produced there than here. In Colombia, there's security everywhere
>
> To hook up with women. Someone asked me about prostitution there, assuming I had tried it. (I may go to Colombia to find a wife one day, as many men have had success doing it. But not for anything less, though)

Gibbs also wrote that Colombian women were "noticeably shorter than women in America, which is good if you're not a tall guy. They also dress better and seem to come off as more feminine."

(Gibbs expressed the same sentiment in an April 2007 post about his travels to Hong Kong and Macau, writing, "Being in a place where the women are shorter than me. This instantly gives me a huge advantage. Contrast that with here in the US, where most women are taller than me.")

Expressed a preference for Asian women
Later in the same post, Gibbs wrote, "Most of the women there were shorter than me, which would give me a definite advantage if I lived there. By contrast, most women in the US are taller than me (except Asian women. Maybe that's why I like them so much?)"

Linked to The Russian Women Blog
In April 2007, Gibbs linked to a website called The Russian Women Blog.

OTHER PAGES

STANFORD COMPUTER SCIENCE ALUMNI PAGE

Summary

Gibbs had a webpage on the domain for computer science students at Stanford, located at the following web address:

- www-cs-students.stanford.edu/~john1/

Photos

The domain appears to consist only in photos that Gibbs has posted – of himself, his work, his vacations, and his friends, from around 2003 and 2004, after Gibbs had graduated from college.

- Pictures of me: photos of Gibbs (and friends) in California, including in L.A. and the San Francisco Bay Area.
- My Co-workers: photos of Gibbs, his office, and his coworkers at Symantec, in Redwood City, California; the company previously went by Recourse Technologies
- Snowboarding at Tahoe: photos of Gibbs and his friends driving to lake Tahoe and snowboarding at Kirkwood; one photo shows Gibbs and his friends in a hot tub.
- Hiking With Grace, Regina, and Patricia: photos of Gibbs and three friends hiking in the San Francisco Bay Area, from 2003.
- Arena Football Pictures - San Jose Sabrecats: photos of an arena football game in San Jose, CA.
- Christmas 2003: photos of Gibbs and his family from Christmas in 2003.

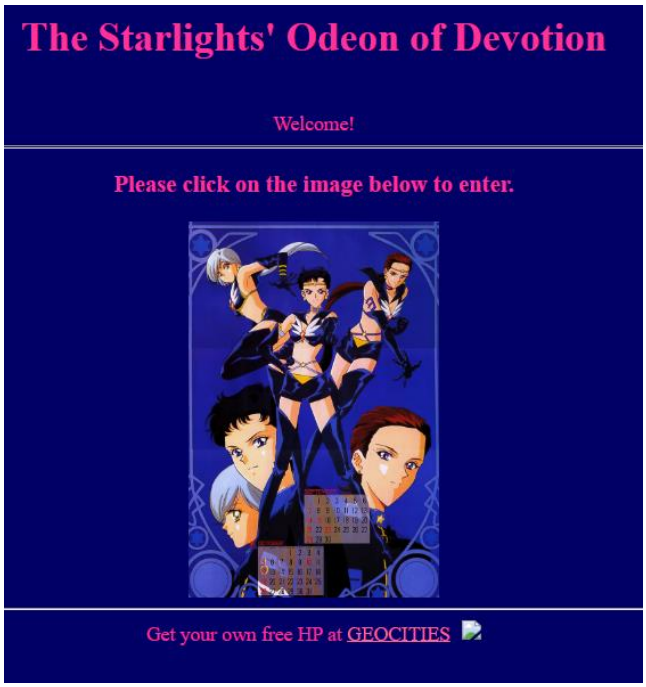
SAILOR MOON FAN PAGE

Gibbs linked to a Sailor Moon fan page when asked for his website

Gibbs (as Yatsu) signed the Chauvinist Corner guestbook twice. While he was most likely familiar with the site through "The Anti-Feminist Page" (which he linked to himself on his personal websites), he listed no reference and instead put "The Anti-Feminist Page" as his website.

> **Name**: Yatsu
> **Website**: Anti-Feminist Page
> **From**: Lansing, MI
>
> Word on my brother. Preach the word. I agree with you on your points...you should work on advertising the page so more people can see. Nicely done. Good points.

Instead of linking to The Anti-Feminist Page, he linked to a Sailor Moon GeoCities fan page – "The Starlights' Odeon of Devotion" – both times. The site has some innocuous Sailor Moon content. The site's forum and guestbook are not available through archives, including other GeoCities mirrors (e.g. Datacellar, Oocities, Restorativland). There is nothing on the site itself that indicates a connection to Gibbs.


The Starlights' Odeon of Devotion
Welcome!
Please click on the image below to enter.
Get your own free HP at GEOCITIES

NEWSGROUPS

Summary

Gibbs was apparently a frequent poster in newsgroups in the late 1990s and early 2000s (i.e. while he was in college at Stanford). In nearly all cases, we have been able to identify posts based on contact email or use of Gibbs's MSU account. (For more information about connecting Gibbs to his usernames, see the "Technical Explanations" under Social Media and Online Accounts.

NOTABLE POSTS

ANTI-FEMINISM

"Yatsu" said he didn't believe in "feminization of the military"

In February 1998, a user posted in sci.military.naval about a Marine plane that had sliced a cable car line and killed 20 people in Italy; the user noted the pattern of recklessness and said it was "yet one more manifestation of a feminized military." "Yatsu" (using Gibbs's MSU account) responded that he, too, didn't "believe in the feminization of the military."

> I agree...I don't believe in the feminization of the military, and I think it's possible that standards might be lowering. I sure hope this trend changes soon.
> I think that this pilot should be courtmarshalled, and should serve time for his reckless, careless flying.

"Yatsu" said servicemember was "male-bashing" for implying women had better attitude and training than men

In April 1998, a user posted in rec.aviation.military.naval about new allegations that Lt. Kara Hultgreen – a naval pilot who died in a 1994 crash – had not been qualified and that superiors knew before the crash. After one user responded that gender wasn't relevant (compared to attitude and training) and his "preferred pilot for SAR missions is female," "Yatsu" criticized him of "male-bashing" for assuming women had better attitude and training.

> *> BTW, my prefered pilot for SAR missions is female. I think pilot skill is not a matter of gender, but of attitude and training.*
>
> You don't think pilot skill is a matter of gender, but you prefer a female pilot? I guess you're automatically assuming women have better "attitudes and training"?
>
> I hate male-bashing.
>
> ***Research Note:*** *In this instance, no contact information was listed for "Yatsu," meaning we're assuming it is the same Yatsu based on subject matter, location, and time period.*

"American Dream" called women in military "devastating" and an "impossible idea"

In December 1998, a user posted in rec.aviation.military about a reported milestone for the first female pilots to put bombs on target in war. "American Dream" (using Gibbs's MSU account) responded by recommending the book *Women in the Military: Flirting with Disaster*. American Dream said it

documented the “devastating effects” of women in military; he also said it was time to “dispense with the impossible idea of an androgynous military.”[22]

> I would recommend "Women in the Military: Flirting with Disaster", by Brian Mitchell
> It is a good examination of the devastating effects that women in the ranks have on the military readiness of the US. It's about time we dispense with the impossible idea of an androgynous military...

“American Dream” said women were ill-suited for military and could (only partially) blend in by “kill[ing]” their feminine side and becoming masculine, an act of “perversion” and “self-destruction”
In December 1998, a user posted in alt.military.retired about how women in military training were held to a lower standard than men, garnering a response about the death of Lt. Kara Hultgreen. The user “American Dream” (using Gibbs’s MSU account) chimed in to criticize feminists for “shoving” women into the armed forces, some of whom were unqualified and the rest upsetting military “cohesiveness and readiness.” He also suggested that women could only partially adapt by “kill[ing] the feminine part of themselves and become masculine women, an act which in itself is a perversion and is self-destruction.”[23]

> This is indeed a sad situation,
> That short-sighted social architects (feminists) who believe that they have some cosmic ability to see what is best for the military, are now playing some kind of game by seeing how many women they can shove in the forces. Nevermind that a number of these women, as mentioned in the post below, are not qualified for their positions. In addition, even the presence of those women who pass qualifying tests can have negative effects on cohesiveness and readiness, by introducing the male-female physical/psychological dichotomy into the military environment: obviously this is an unnecessary characteristic that can only dampen the war effort, introducing a tangle of problems such as abuse, fraternization, pregnancy, and the lowering of standards for women, which leads to hostility from males who must perform at higher standards to attain the same position, just to name a few. Furthermore, even those women who have partially succeeded in blending with the military environment (partially, because it can never be done fully), have had to kill the feminine part of themselves and become masculine women, an act which in itself is a perversion and is self-destruction.
> Again, the book "Women in the Military: Flirting with Disaster", by Brian Mitchell, is highly recommended for those interested in this subject.

When challenged, American Dream asserted he was “not a crackpot” and that gender differences are real enough that society has long been built around them. Physical and aggressive men were suited for military service, “women, because of the characteristics that come with being a mother (among other things), are perhaps not best fit for this task.”

> *> What kind of romatizied neo-Victorian crackpot are you??*

> I am not a crackpot, thank you. And allow me to point out the popular feminist tactic of name-calling; this is a measure used to discredit the opponent instead of engaging in an adult debate.

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[22] https://groups.google.com/g/rec.aviation.military/c/ouLA3uQAizk/m/yDaO-OqBapgJ
[23] https://groups.google.com/g/alt.military.retired/c/pUjUaWaG3Eo/m/McZ6VvQXu0YJ

> *> Despite the collective spew of multitudes of gender role defenders, gender-based behaviour is still largely socially driven, rather than some inherent characteristic. Sweet and cuddly domestic daddies and bloody warrior maidens are not "unnatural" merely awkward for the society.*
>
> Biological differences in men and woman are real, and many social customs take advantage of these differences for the best benefit. In every society in the world dating as far back as we know and until the present day, there has been a certain pattern that has been followed (pertaining to men and women), meaning that there has to be something more to the nature of men and women than "social conditioning". Social customs build on these biological facts for the best benefit; the idea of women and men and the military follows from this. The idea is that men are best suited for the military because of physical strength and aggressiveness (among other things), and that women, because of the characteristics that come with being a mother (among other things), are perhaps not best fit for this task. There is nothing wrong with this; I do not believe that women are inferior or less because of these differences, it simply means different.
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> And, can you name another military in the world that is in a mad rush to push women into the forces? If I recall correctly, Israel tried this, but then ran into a host of problems and realized that it was a sham, so they ditched the effort. I predict that the United States will come to the same conclusion, even if we have to learn the hard way.

CONSPIRACIES

Gibbs suggested Atlantean culture seeded all other ancient cultures, and that Egypt's pyramids were much older and not used for burial or treasure as academics assert

In July 1998, a user posted in soc.culture.african about "Africans in America Before Columbus." Another user ridiculed the post (and used racial slurs). Gibbs said that user should post evidence "that disputes that of Ivan Van Sertima" rather than post hate.[24] (Ivan Van Sertima was a professor who promoted theories that Central and South American culture was derived from ancient African visitors, including instructions on how to build pyramids.)

> Instead of posting a very ignorant and hate-filled repy, provide factual evidence that disputes that of Ivan Van Sertima. Until you research and gain historical evidence that can dispute this well-research theory, keep quiet.

In September 1998, Gibbs posted in soc.history.ancient to ask what others thought "of the idea that the remains of Atlantis, which could have existed at about 10,000 BC, could be buried underneath the North Polar ice cap?"[25]

Several days later, Gibbs posted again in soc.history.ancient to thank people for their responses and ask about the similarities in ancient civilizations – specifically the shared use of astrologically-aligned pyramid structures. He suggested Atlantis could be the "dominant root culture from which the Egyptians, South Americans, and South Asians (among others) gathered many of their characteristics." He also suggested Egypt's pyramids were built in 10,500 BCE (rather than 3,000-2,000 BCE) and that there was no evidence they served as tombs or treasure chambers.[26]

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[24] https://groups.google.com/g/soc.culture.african/c/eBNoPv8PGfw/m/l0t8rCoEIxgJ
[25] https://groups.google.com/g/soc.history.ancient/c/u7uuQFGvXEM/m/jqZl5lVsvh0J
[26] https://groups.google.com/g/soc.history.ancient/c/nNmhH6jCNAo/m/lJ5PxRa6_xwJ

> Thanks for all of the responses about Atlantis; they proved to be an interesting read.
> Now I have another somewhat related question, regarding some similarities between old (I'm not sure if I should say 'ancient') civilizations. For starters, does anyone find it interesting that many societies around the world, who were supposedly separated by unreacheable distances and time, all used pyramids? i.e. Egypt (whose pyramids may or may not have been built by Egyptians), South America, and Southern Asia (feel free to add more). Secondly, why is it that many of these pyramids seem to be aligned after astrological patterns?
> This feature is apparent in Egyptian, Thai, and Maya pyramids; none of these societies have been shown to have any contact with each other, yet all three place their pyramids in the positions of particular star patterns, in a very precise manner. Do you think that these cultural similarities are just a grand coincidence, or do you, like me, think that there is some kind of root culture that these traits originated from? For instance, consider the following: If one goes to Japan, the people speak Japanese, practice Japanese customs, but yet wear western style clothing and build western-style buildings. The same could be said for a wide array of nations around the world; that is, they have many traits of their own culture, but they all share common traits that originated in the dominant, western culture. I think this idea could be applied to ancient cultures (thus my previous question regarding Atlantis) I think it is a possibility that Altantis could have been this dominant root culture from which the Egyptians, South Americans, and South Asians (among others) gathered many of their characteristics. If one does not buy the Atlantis idea, how can these similarities be explained? Isn't it mathmatically improbable that such unrelated socities would develop so similarly?
> Also, does anyone share the idea that the Egyptian pyramids were built at around 10,500 BC? In light of the fact that there is no evidence to show that the pyramids were used as tombs or treasure chambers, what was their use?

Research Note: *Gibbs has worked for Dr. Ben Carson, who had numerous unusual and incorrect beliefs about the pyramids, including that they were used for purposes other than burial or treasure.*[27]

Gibbs was skeptical of TWA 800 explosion explanation, also said O.J. Simpson trial was correctly decided

In July 1998, Gibbs participated in a newsgroup discussion (sci.military.naval) about the origins of the TWA 800 explosion. Throughout, Gibbs' argument was that the truth was unknowable and that the government's findings warranted at least a little skepticism. In one post, Gibbs said that he didn't know whether or not O.J. Simpson killed his wife, but that the jury made the correct decision based on the evidence available.[28]

> I don't think the OJ verdict was wrong. I think that the jury made the correct decision with their verdict because either 1) there was not enough evidence to prove beyond reasonable doubt that O.J. did it, or 2) The prosecution failed to remove all reasonable doubt of O.J.'s guilt from the objective jury by not properly making use of the evidence and witnesses called to the stand. Although I don't know for sure, I personally believe in the first: there were just too many if's and holes to remove reasonable doubt of guilt.

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[27] https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/nov/05/fact-check-ben-carson-claim-pyramids-store-grain
[28] https://groups.google.com/g/sci.military.naval/c/pYx8PdvL4uY/m/wHYZiY9wGOsJ

I also think that saying "the jury would have acquited O.J. no matter what" is more unreasonable/skeptical than suspecting that a wire spark didn't blow up TWA 800. What basis do you have for thinking that?
No matter how much people want to think that he is guilty, either 1) there was just not enough evidence to show so, or 2) the prosecution failed to prove so based on the evidence. Get over it people.

None of us was there at the entire trial, but the jury was. Therefore, they are much more qualified to speak on his innocence or guilt, as shown from the proceedings. I have no reason to believe that they would purposely make the wrong decision (if they did, proove it), so I will believe that either the prosecution did not proove beyone *reasonable doubt* that O.J. was guilty, or that the evidence against him was simply lacking. What reason is there to be skeptical of the decision?

In your own words, you should accept the decision handed down by the jury as a result of their well-thought, painstaking deliberation as right, just as you say I should do with the NTSB.

I agree with Kambic on one point, though. We will never know whether or not OJ *really * did it. Only God, O.J., and perhaps someone else, will know that information. I think perhaps the same is true for TWA 800.

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Research Notes: *For some table entries, the poster's name was "John Gibbs" or "Yatsu" in a plausible time period and group name, but didn't have contact information to fully confirm identity. All written hits have confirmable contact details. Some posts are duplicated across multiple newsgroups.*

Relevant Newsgroups

Group	# of Threads
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	41
rec.aviation.military	32
alt.politics.nationalism.black	12
rec.aviation.military.naval	10
alt.sys.pc-clone.dell	9
rec.aviation.homebuilt	7
3dfx.products	6
rec.aviation.simulators	4
alt.fan.rush-limbaugh	4
alt.politics.clinton	3
alt.politics.org.cia	3
soc.culture.african	3
3dfx.products.voodoo2	3
sci.military.naval	3
alt.comp.hardware.pc-homebuilt	2

soc.culture.japan	2
alt.politics.org.fbi	2
soc.history.ancient	2
alt.culture.african.american.issues	2
rec.music.bluenote	2
redhat.networking.general	2
alt.military	1
alt.education	1
alt.games.wing-commander	1
alt.military.retired	1
comp.databases.paradox	1
comp.graphics.api.opengl	1
comp.programming	1
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.action	1
rec.games.computer.quake.misc	1
rec.audio.tech	1
sci.lang.japan	1
alt.folklore.military	1
alt.os.linux	1
alt.mens-rights*	0
alt.feminism*	0
soc.men*	0

**Checked just in case. SCF was mentioned in mens-rights, but no posting activity by Gibs.*

Known Threads

group	Posting as	StartDate	Thread Title
sci.lang.japan	John Gibbs	1/19/1996	Yellow monkey argument
alt.sys.pc-clone.dell	John Gibbs	6/7/1996	Zip drive or Syquest EZ?
rec.games.computer.quake.misc	John Gibbs	12/24/1996	BSP Files
alt.sys.pc-clone.dell	John Gibbs	8/8/1997	help !!!! matrox millenium
alt.sys.pc-clone.dell	John Gibbs	8/8/1997	Dimension XPS 233
alt.sys.pc-clone.dell	John Gibbs	8/11/1997	AGP Motherboards / Pentium II enhanced chipset
alt.games.wing-commander	John Gibbs	8/17/1997	WC 1 + WC 2 revisited
alt.sys.pc-clone.dell	Yatsu	8/21/1997	Dell needs gut check (computer magazine cheezing)
alt.sys.pc-clone.dell	John Gibbs	8/22/1997	I hate Dell's TV ads
alt.sys.pc-clone.dell	John Gibbs	8/25/1997	1000 HS
alt.sys.pc-clone.dell	Yatsu	8/25/1997	440LX Date
alt.sys.pc-clone.dell	John Gibbs	9/11/1997	1000 LS / 1000TX
alt.comp.hardware.pc-homebuilt	John Gibbs	10/24/1997	Opening a case
alt.os.linux	John Gibbs	11/12/1997	Partition Utillity

comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.action	John Gibbs	11/13/1997	UNREAL official release date!
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	John Gibbs	11/24/1997	F-22 ADF
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	John Gibbs	11/25/1997	To US F22 ADF Players
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	John Gibbs	11/26/1997	Joystick
3dfx.products	John Gibbs	11/26/1997	voodoo 2
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	12/12/1997	Janes F-15 AVI
rec.aviation.simulators	Yatsu	12/22/1997	new Flight simulators 99
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	12/23/1997	Janes F-15
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	12/25/1997	SU-27 2.0 @ ssionline.com
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	12/26/1997	FS98 add-on planes
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	12/27/1997	MS Sidewinder 3D Pro any good?
rec.aviation.military.naval	Yatsu	12/28/1997	Tomcat vs Eagle
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	12/29/1997	Michigan scenery for FS98?
3dfx.products	Yatsu	12/30/1997	Ouch. Wizard 3D 12 meg is *$399*, not $299.
3dfx.products	Yatsu	12/31/1997	AMD K6+3D Any Competition to Voodoo2 ?
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	1/1/1998	FS4 files in FS98
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	1/1/1998	Janes F-15 Date?
rec.aviation.simulators	Yatsu	1/1/1998	FS98 Rocks And Here IS Why...
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	1/2/1998	FS98 Performance
rec.aviation.simulators	Yatsu	1/3/1998	microsoft.public.simulators newsgroup
rec.aviation.simulators	Yatsu	1/3/1998	FS98...plane pulling up
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	1/4/1998	F14 Retirement
rec.aviation.homebuilt	Yatsu	1/6/1998	Homebuilt Web Pages
rec.aviation.homebuilt	Yatsu	1/6/1998	BD-5J Microjet cost?
rec.aviation.military	Yatsu	1/7/1998	U2 Cost?
3dfx.products	Yatsu	1/10/1998	FS98 and Voodoo2
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	1/10/1998	LB2 - Bug - Tanks running you over on ground during insert/extract
rec.aviation.homebuilt	Yatsu	1/12/1998	Pratt and Whitney website?
rec.aviation.homebuilt	Yatsu	1/12/1998	Jet Engine Cost?
rec.aviation.military	Yatsu	1/13/1998	F-22, F-16, and F-15 maintainance..durability?
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	1/14/1998	F-4 / F-15 Release Dates?
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	1/14/1998	Janes F-15 website...when?
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	1/15/1998	Falcon 4.0 very slow
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	1/15/1998	Janes F15
rec.aviation.homebuilt	Yatsu	1/16/1998	Building a Jet
rec.aviation.military.naval	Yatsu	1/16/1998	Marine Pilots?
alt.comp.hardware.pc-homebuilt	Yatsu	1/17/1998	Socket 7 AGP board?
rec.aviation.military	Yatsu	1/17/1998	US Air Force OTS?
rec.aviation.military	Yatsu	1/18/1998	Top 10 Air Force movies
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	1/19/1998	MS Flight Simulator 2000

rec.aviation.military.naval	Yatsu	1/20/1998	China article
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	1/22/1998	Falcon 4.0 vs Su27 v2: Graphics
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	1/22/1998	Whats with the new SU-27 Pics? were we had?
sci.military.naval	Yatsu	1/22/1998	China....bad vibes?
3dfx.products	Yatsu	1/26/1998	Banshee?
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	1/27/1998	Real Pilots?
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	1/28/1998	Su-27 Flanker 2.0
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	1/29/1998	Janes F-15 site is up!!
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	1/29/1998	Pornographic Game Mag ads
rec.aviation.military.naval	Yatsu	1/29/1998	Anyone interested in the Navy???
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	1/30/1998	Janes F-15 -- Anti-Aliasing
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	2/2/1998	GPS 2.0?
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	2/2/1998	The Unofficial "WJF-15HF/BOCP?" FAQ
rec.aviation.military	Yatsu	2/2/1998	AFSOC
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	2/3/1998	SU-27 v2.0 ?
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	2/5/1998	F-15 doesnt look right...
sci.military.naval	Yatsu	2/5/1998	Marine corps aircraft kills skiers in Italy
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	2/6/1998	Janes F-15E *Looks* right!
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	2/6/1998	M.S. Flight-98
alt.politics.clinton	Yatsu	2/8/1998	Clinton: "The Few The Proud The Dead."
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	2/8/1998	I'm Buying F-15 When it hits the shelf!
sci.military.naval	Yatsu	2/8/1998	Clinton: "The Few The Proud The Dead."
rec.aviation.military	Yatsu	2/22/1998	C-130J
rec.aviation.military.naval	Yatsu	2/22/1998	Code Name: DESERT BLUNDER?
3dfx.products.voodoo2	Yatsu	2/24/1998	Voodoo 2 released too early?
3dfx.products.voodoo2	Yatsu	2/25/1998	Voodoo 2 released too early?
3dfx.products.voodoo2	Yatsu	2/26/1998	Diamond 8mb vs CL 12mb
rec.aviation.military	Yatsu	3/4/1998	Nellis AFB airshow?
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	3/6/1998	New F-15 screenshots going up today
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	3/7/1998	What ARE D.I.D Up To?
rec.aviation.military	Yatsu	3/10/1998	C-17 deliveries?
rec.music.bluenote	Yatsu	3/12/1998	Coltrane's Giant Steps chord changes available?
rec.music.bluenote	Yatsu	3/13/1998	Top 5 troll messages on rmb
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	3/16/1998	Janes F-15 AVI's
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	3/22/1998	F-15 on 3/25?
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	3/24/1998	Andy:F-15 Addon?
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	Yatsu	3/25/1998	Has anyone paid $49.99 for F-15, or only $39.99?
rec.aviation.military	Yatsu	4/6/1998	USAF Eye Requirements?
rec.aviation.military	Yatsu	4/18/1998	Question on F-22
rec.aviation.military.naval	Yatsu	4/19/1998	Lt. Kara Hultgreen's F-14 crash

rec.aviation.military.naval	Yatsu	4/19/1998	Men married to female Naval Aviators
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	John Gibbs	6/18/1998	1942 PAW missions
rec.aviation.homebuilt	Yatsu	6/26/1998	velocity or glassic composite plane
comp.sys.ibm.pc.games.flight-sim	John Gibbs	6/28/1998	Falcon 4 - Belief or facts?
alt.politics.org.fbi	John Gibbs/Yatsu	6/29/1998	Why do cops hate people of color???
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	6/30/1998	U.S. warplane fires on Iraqi radar site
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	7/1/1998	How much for an F-22
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	7/1/1998	S-37/Stealth
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	7/2/1998	CNN retracts Tailwind
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	7/5/1998	How important is drag to climb rate ?
soc.culture.african	John Gibbs	7/5/1998	Black United Fund of Nebraska
alt.politics.nationalism.black	John Gibbs	7/5/1998	Black United Fund of Nebraska
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	7/6/1998	Replacement of KC-135's with KC-10's for USAF?
alt.politics.nationalism.black	John Gibbs	7/7/1998	Do not be deceived
alt.politics.org.cia	John Gibbs	7/8/1998	CIA attacks on civil rights movement
alt.politics.nationalism.black	John Gibbs	7/8/1998	Revolutionary Individual 7/7
alt.politics.nationalism.black	John Gibbs	7/8/1998	Starvation in the Sudan
alt.politics.org.cia	John Gibbs/Yatsu	7/9/1998	USA terrorism
alt.culture.african.american.issues	John Gibbs	7/9/1998	Do not be deceived
alt.fan.rush-limbaugh	John Gibbs/Yatsu	7/10/1998	Marion Barry: What a Loser
alt.politics.clinton	John Gibbs/Yatsu	7/10/1998	Marion Barry: What a Loser
alt.culture.african.american.issues	John Gibbs	7/10/1998	AFRICANS IN AMERICA BEFORE COLUMBUS
soc.culture.african	John Gibbs	7/10/1998	AFRICANS IN AMERICA BEFORE COLUMBUS
alt.politics.nationalism.black	John Gibbs	7/10/1998	AFRICANS IN AMERICA BEFORE COLUMBUS
alt.politics.nationalism.black	John Gibbs/Yatsu	7/11/1998	Thoughts...
alt.fan.rush-limbaugh	Yatsu	7/12/1998	Clintoon's Cartoon Cabinet
alt.politics.clinton	Yatsu	7/12/1998	Clintoon's Cartoon Cabinet
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	7/13/1998	English Prof SOLVES TWA 800
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	7/13/1998	Missile defense capabilities
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	7/13/1998	SR-71 AND XB-70 climb rate ?
alt.politics.nationalism.black	John Gibbs	7/13/1998	The CIA-crack connection
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	7/14/1998	quickie: wild-weasel definition
rec.aviation.military.naval	John Gibbs	7/15/1998	Q about harriers on helo carriers
soc.culture.african	John Gibbs	7/15/1998	Where are the revolutionaries ?
alt.politics.nationalism.black	John Gibbs	7/15/1998	Where are the revolutionaries ?
rec.aviation.military.naval	John Gibbs	7/16/1998	CAS evolving
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	7/17/1998	Russian Navy to Protect Norfolk???
rec.aviation.military.naval	John Gibbs	7/17/1998	Russian Navy to Protect Norfolk???
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	7/19/1998	Selfridge Airshow-Thunderbirds
alt.fan.rush-limbaugh	John Gibbs/Yatsu	7/20/1998	Federal Government: Polical Correctness Run Amok

alt.politics.org.fbi	John Gibbs/Yatsu	7/20/1998	Federal Government: Polical Correctness Run Amok
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	7/20/1998	Strange silence over the Eurofighter!
alt.politics.nationalism.black	John Gibbs	7/20/1998	confederate flag
alt.politics.org.cia	John Gibbs	7/21/1998	"The Magic Show"
rec.aviation.homebuilt	John Gibbs	7/21/1998	Homebuilt jet aircraft?
alt.politics.nationalism.black	John Gibbs	7/21/1998	All racial differences are either genetic (hereditary, inborn) or cult
alt.fan.rush-limbaugh	John Gibbs	7/21/1998	"The Magic Show"
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	7/23/1998	The US - Helping or Hurting World Peace
alt.education	John Gibbs	7/24/1998	Racism and school vouchers
alt.politics.nationalism.black	John Gibbs	7/24/1998	Racism and school vouchers
comp.databases.paradox	John Gibbs	7/28/1998	Restructure in ObjectPAL: adding a column to a table
3dfx.products	John Gibbs	7/29/1998	What's up next for 3dfx
rec.audio.tech	John Gibbs	7/30/1998	PC soundcard with optical digital output?
alt.politics.nationalism.black	John Gibbs	7/30/1998	Blacks kill urban cities
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	8/4/1998	F-22 Raptor (DoD budget)
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	8/4/1998	Next SecAF?
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	8/20/1998	The CIA FUBAR and the Islamist Jihad against the USA
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	8/20/1998	The US bombs Afghanistan, Sudan
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	8/21/1998	Was Bin Laden killed?
rec.aviation.military	John Gibbs	8/26/1998	Hurricane Evac
soc.history.ancient	John Gibbs	9/4/1998	Atlantis
soc.history.ancient	John Gibbs	9/8/1998	Connections between old civilizations
rec.aviation.military	Yatsu	10/11/1998	Un won't bomb Kosovo. NATO will.
rec.aviation.military	American Dream	12/23/1998	Female bombers achieve milestone in Desert Fox
alt.military.retired	American Dream	12/28/1998	Survey Says!!
alt.military	American Dream	12/30/1998	Double Standards in Aviation Training
alt.folklore.military	American Dream	12/30/1998	Double Standards in Aviation Training
soc.culture.japan	John Gibbs	2/12/1999	Japanese e-mail on an English system
redhat.networking.general	John Gibbs	3/22/1999	SOLUTION to NIC Problem
redhat.networking.general	John Gibbs	3/22/1999	FTP Installation not working
comp.graphics.api.opengl	John Gibbs	10/21/2000	OpenGL "objects"
comp.programming	John Gibbs	2/25/2001	Changing and editing user input directly as he types
soc.culture.japan	John Gibbs	2/25/2001	kana-kanji conversion dictionary

ONLINE ANTI-FEMINIST COMMUNITIES

"THE ANTI-FEMINIST PAGE" (1)

OVERVIEW

Summary
"The Anti-Feminist Page" (aka "Anti-Feminism – Discussion and Resources") was an anti-Feminist resource page operated by Jim Kalb.

GIBBS'S INVOLVEMENT

Gibbs linked to the page from his high school website
On his high school website, Gibbs linked to the page.

"THE ANTI-FEMINIST PAGE" (2)

OVERVIEW

Summary
The "Anti-Feminist Page" was a Geocities page dedicated to anti-feminist resources.

GIBBS'S INVOLVEMENT

Gibbs linked to the page from his SCF website
On his SCF homepage, Gibbs linked to the Anti-Feminist Page, describing it as "A page with a listing of books which are critical of feminism, and a link to other web pages critical of feminism."

The Anti-Feminist page linked to the SCF website
The Anti-Feminist Page, as of 2001, advertised "Links to Other Anti-Feminist Websites," including SCF, described as "An upcoming site by a college student."

DOMAIN/NETWORK CRITIQUE OF FEMINISM

OVERVIEW

Summary
Domain Critique of Feminism (DCF) and Network Critique of Feminism (NCF) were two webpages run by Jan Deichmohle, an anti-feminist blogger.

GIBBS'S INVOLVEMENT

"Yatsu" apparently praised DCF site
In 2000, DCF's website had a page for readers to respond to its content. An archived copy of the page shows that, in February 1998, a user whose email started with "yatsu@" sent praise encouraging the site to continue "exposing the fallacies and conceptual failures of feminism." (The page notes reader email addresses and URLs "were partly omitted.")

Please continue the work of exposing the fallacies and conceptual failures of feminism.	**e-mail, 20.2.1998, yatsu@...**

Gibbs linked to pro-patriarchy e-group affiliated with DCF
In December 2000, Gibbs updated his SCF page to include "a link to the patriarchy web discussion group." The Patriarchy group instructed readers to go to the Domain Critique of Feminism website (http://www.gabnet.com/lit/demoh10.htm) for more information.

Members: 216

For more information: http://www.gabnet.com/lit/demoh10.htm

Category: Top : Society : People : Men

NCF linked to Gibbs's SCF page
As of August 2000, another version of Deichmohle's Network Critique of Feminism site linked to Gibbs's SCF page.

Domains, Magazines, Publishers

The Society for the Critique of Feminism

The "*Domain of Patriarchy*".

A site with e-zines about critiques of feminism.

https://web.archive.org/web/20000817004401/http://www.stanford.edu/~john1/SCF.html

THE CHAUVINIST CORNER

OVERVIEW

Summary
The Chauvinist Corner was an anti-feminist website operated by Alpin MacLaren. (MacLaren simply went by "Al" in the 1990s, but his full name was used on an online archive and his collected writings from the site.)

GIBBS'S INVOLVEMENT

"Yatsu" twice praised The Chauvinist Corner for its content
Gibbs's high school website included The Chauvinist Corner among its recommended links. The Chauvinist Corner also had a "Letters Of Support" section for praise from readers. That section shows that Gibbs, as Yatsu, sent positive feedback to the site at least twice. In both cases, the contact email for Yatsu was "yatsu@geocities.com." Yatsu also said he was from Lansing, MI.

Outside of the Internet Archive, Yatsu's comments are still visible (with more metadata) on a live archive of Chauvinist Corner, as well as a single-volume compilation of the Corner's material (here and here). The live version is posted below.

Name: Yatsu
Website: Anti-Feminist Page
Referred by: Just Surfed On In!
From: Lansing, MI
Time: 1997-10-20 21:29:00
Comments: Word on my brother. Preach the word. I agree with you on your points...you should work on advertising the page so more people can see. Nicely done. Good points.
It is great knowing that feminism has not been completely successful in their disinformation campaign! Thanks for dropping in. -Al-

Name: yatsu
Website: Anti-Feminist Page
Referred by: Just Surfed On In!
From: Mars
Time: 1997-12-07 19:30:00
Comments: Bravo, Bravo. Some of your articles *really* hit the spot...exactly the kind of things I want to tell people. Well done, Al.
Welcome back! Thank you for the inspirational comments! I hope that some of the misguided feminists will see the error of their ways before it is too late! -Al-

PROBLEMATIC CONTENT

Content for review

We have not fully reviewed content from The Chauvinist Corner. For reference, live links for articles published there through December 1998 (i.e. when Gibbs last signed the guestbook) are included below. Most of the Corner's content occurred during this period.

- **A Woman's Place**
- **Feminism and Divorce**
- **Female "Soldiers" Can't Defend Themselves**
- **Are Women Sex Objects?**
- **Steffi Graf Defeats Andre Agassi For World Title**
- **Fairness and the Feminist**
- **Sticks and Stones**
- **The Chauvanist Corner's Axioms Of Life**
- **The Theater of the Absurd!**
- **The Equality of the Sexes**
- **Women: The Foundation of Our Society**
- **The Myth of the Two Income Family**
- **The Fragile Female**
- **The Christian Feminist**
- **Do You Believe in Freedom?**
- **A Woman's Right to Choose**
- **What Women Want**
- **Ladies First**
- **The Joy of Sexism**
- **A Woman's Right to Choose**
- **What Women Want**
- **Ladies First**
- **Real Men: The Need for Masculinity**
- **Babes in Film Land**

- **Baseball and Equality**
- **Feminism: a Virtual Reality**
- **The Self Deluded Feminist**
- **Marx and the Feminist**
- **Pick a Better Time**
- **Should We Repeal The 19th Amendment?**
- **I Am Man**
- **Big Brother is a Feminist!**
- **Kids Killing Their Classmates**
- **Boys In School**
- **The Feminist Flowchart**
- **The Perfect Mother?**
- **President Clinton Attacks Feminism!**
- **I'm Not a Feminist. But...**
- **The Real Special Olympics**
- **The Unavoidable Bottom Line**
- **The Feminist In Sports**
- **The Scarlet Letter**
- **The Chauvinist Shakespeare**
- **Just Say, "No!"**
- **The Cruella De Ville of the Feminist Movement**

Alpin MacLaren is also a white nationalist who employed racist statistics to call for segregation
In addition to being an anti-feminist, MacLaren has written for the white nationalist, neo-Nazi organization National Vanguard (and for "White Future," republished by National Vanguard). His writings have a clear White Nationalist viewpoint and he has argued for a return to segregation.

In his June 1999 op-ed, "Civil Wrongs," MacLaren argued that what was "perceived as oppression" before the Civil Rights movement – including wealth inequality, education inquality, housing inequality, segregated services, and even lynchings – was "very little more than simple and necessary restraint." He argued that conditions for Black Americans were worse with these oppressions removed and that there were racial reasons for these inequalities. The only solution, save "a safe, one way trip to Africa for all the Blacks in the United States," would be to "segregate the races and allow each race to live according to its own tendencies and spirit." Some additional points made by MacLaren in the piece:

- Blacks have significantly lower IQ scores than Whites, which explains educational inequality. It also explains income inequality; IQ is tied to earning potential, and White and Black incomes are roughly equal when adjusted for IQ.
- Blacks live in worse neighborhoods due to increased crime, itself attributable from "the lawless nature of the Blacks [being] allowed to express itself freely" after the Civil Rights movement.
- MacLaren didn't "condone" lynchings but argued lynchings were infrequent and paled in comparison to the number of Whites raped and murdered by Blacks each year.
- Segregation wasn't responsible for poor conditions because, post-segregation, Black neighborhoods were still unappealing, including restaurants that were "dumps where no civilized White would want to eat even if allowed to."

His 2006 op-ed, "What's Your Diversity Quotient?", similarly argued that desegregation had been harmful due to a dilution of the White component of society.

You can pick almost any measurable area of our society, other than the technological advances which have been based largely upon the work of the White folks who preceded us, and you will find that our society has moved in a negative direction, closer to chaos, as we have added diversity. Even the merging of the non-Whites who were here before 1965, but who we previously held at arms length through segregation, has led to a great increase in entropy. We are growing more chaotic, more violent, less civilized, less concerned with our neighbor's well being, far less well-educated, and more heavily taxed to pay for diversity's tab. By only altering the White component of our society from 90% to 70% we have wrought a tremendous change for evil in our nation.

[…]

What we have is an intentional and transparent attempt by the Media Overlords to sabotage and replace our extremely successful and powerful White society with an inferior and weak diverse nation. If you doubt this even slightly, you can easily establish the validity of what I am saying with a bit of research. Check the quality of our schools, and the low level of crime in our neighborhoods before diversity was forced (and note also in your research that it was indeed forced, through the military might of the National Guard in some cases) upon our nation. Look at the high level of patriotism, and the unity of purpose, in the citizens of our land at that time.

FATHERS' MANIFESTO

OVERVIEW

Summary

The Fathers' Manifesto was a movement built around a "manifesto" of men's rights (specifically fathers' rights). The movement was organized by the Christian Party, a political party organized around Christian identity.

GIBBS'S INVOLVEMENT

Gibbs praised the Fathers' Manifesto website and linked it on his website

FathersManifesto.net currently hosts archival content from Fathers' Manifesto (though the homepage itself appears to be compromised). One of the pages on the site is list of correspondence received from potential Manifesto signatories, including raw email metadata. That list includes two emails from Gibbs. using his Stanford contact information.

On August 3, 2000, Gibbs emailed Fathers' Manifesto to "say that you have my support" and that he had linked to FathersManifesto.com from his "web site which is critical of feminism." He said the site's content – particularly "perspectives on female judges, education, and false rape charges" – had "caused me to think of anti-feminist ideas in a new light." (Archived snapshots of Gibbs's website show that he did link to the Manifesto site, though he later removed the links over racist and anti-Semitic content.)

> Received: from rmx325-mta.mail.com [165.251.48.53] by nmcst153 via mtad (34FM1.5.01)
> with ESMTP id 013eHcgV10248M25; Thu, 03 Aug 2000 06:21:52 GMT
> Received: from web315-wra.mail.com (web315-wra.mail.com [165.251.33.140])
> by rmx325-mta.mail.com (8.9.3/8.9.3) with SMTP id CAA10986
> for <manifesto@christianparty.net>; Thu, 3 Aug 2000 02:21:51 -0400 (EDT)
> Message-ID: <383866859.965283710423.JavaMail.root@web315-wra.mail.com>
> Date: Thu, 3 Aug 2000 02:21:50 -0400 (EDT)
> From: John Gibbs <john1@stanford.edu>
> To: manifesto@christianparty.net
> Subject: Support
> Mime-Version: 1.0
> Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
> Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
> X-Mailer: mail.com
> X-Originating-IP: 202.239.206.9
>
> Dear Father's manifesto,
> I would just like to say that you have my support. I run an web site which
> is critical of feminism, and I have linked your site. I especially liked
> your perspectives on female judges, education, and false rape charges; it
> caused me to think of anti-feminist ideas in a new light.
> I also see that some people have criticized your use of statistics. I am
> wondering how you answer people who say that you are misusing the numbers.
> Good luck.
>
> http://www.stanford.edu/people/john1/SCF.html
>
> John Gibbs

john1@stanford.edu

On October 23, 2000, Gibbs again emailed Fathers' Manifesto to specifically praise their page, "Twenty Nin Phenomenal Federal Flops," which called for the elimination of numerous federal laws and protections. He encouraged them to "Keep up the good work."
On October 23, 2000, Gibbs again emailed the Manifesto to

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From: John Gibbs <john1@stanford.edu>
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Hello,
I greatly enjoyed your webpage entitled "Twenty Nine Phenomenal Federal
Flops" located at http://fathersmanifesto.com/fedgovfail.htm. However, I
would just like to see the sources of the statistics mentioned on the page.
The reason is that I want to show the page to a friend and he is likely to
completely dismiss everything you are saying as lies unless he sees citations.
Keep up the good work. Thank You.

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FATHER'S MANIFESTO: "TWENTY NINE PHENOMENAL FEDERAL FLOPS"

Summary
Gibbs praised the Father's Manifesto's "Twenty Nine Phenomenal Federal Flops" webpage, writing in October 2000, "I greatly enjoyed your webpage entitled 'Twenty Nine Phenomenal FederalFlops' located at http://fathersmanifesto.com/fedgovfail.htm ... Keep up the good work"; and writing in August 2000, "Dear Father's manifesto, I would just like to say that you have my support."

The current version of the webpage has been retitled "Forty Phenomenal Federal Flops," though it appears to only include 30 "flops." An archived version of the webpage, from 2001, and which Gibbs endorsed in his comments, shows the original 29.

While the list of federal programs covers issues including abortion, the budget, crime, education, food safety, health care, taxes, and more, the document has a distinctly anti-woman, anti-Feminist overarching theme. The page begins by blaming women for enacting a slew of federal policies that have

harmed the nation, and asked, “Did the Nineteenth Amendment convert the US from a republic to a totalitarian state?”:

> Implemented by the female voter, who received the vote with the Nineteenth Amendment in 1921, who became the majority voter in the 1960s, and who constitutes 11.6% more of the vote than the male today.
>
> What has the federal government done for you lately?
>
> Which federal program would survive a simple cost/benefit analysis?
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> Did the Nineteenth Amendment convert the US from a republic to a totalitarian state?
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> Is the US education system so bad that citizens no longer understand the original spirit & intent of the US Constitution?
>
> Demand answers to those questions as well as a cost/benefit analyses of the following 29 phenomenal federal flops!
>
> Join the Society for the Critique of Feminism http://www.stanford.edu/~john1/SCF.html

The archived version of the webpage concluded by listing additional grievances, essentially about women:

> Not one single one of these federal "solutions" made even the slightest improvement in the "problem" they were originally intended to resolve. The expenditure of billions to trillions of dollars was followed by a three fold or ten fold increase in the magnitude of the putative problem.
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> "Equal Protection" Applied to Women But Not Men in 1971.
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> Men Pay 115% of Federal Taxes.
>
> The "Gender Gap".
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> Twenty One Indicators of Systemic Discrimination Against Men.
>
> Anti-Male Bias & Loss of Productivity.
>
> It Takes 14 Male Employees to Compensate for the Negative Productivity of One Female Employee.
>
> Creation of a Totalitarian State.
>
> The tyranny within.
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> Email the Fathers' Manifesto
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> Become a Signatory to the FATHERS' MANIFESTO

ABORTION

Roe v. Wade

9) Abortions, legalized in 1973 to "reduce unwanted pregnancies", followed by a quintupling of the illegitimacy rate, a doubling of the divorce rate, one out of five childbirths in intact families conceived in adultery, and a quadrupling of the rate of fatherlessness from 9% to 37%. Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this federal law, so they will be terminated.

Birth Control

11) The birth control pill , legalized to reduce the demand for abortions, followed by an increase in the number of abortions per year to 1.6 million, a reduction in the marriage and birth rates, and the reduction of the role of men to sperm donors and play toys. Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this federal law.

BUDGET

Debt

18) "The Balanced Budget & Emergency Deficit Control Act" and the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990", passed to reduce deficit spending, followed by even higher deficits and an uncontrollable $5.8 Trillion public debt. Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this federal law, so it will be terminated.

CRIME

Omnibus Crime Act

3) "The War on Crime" and the Omnibus Crime Act signed by Lyndon Johnson in the 1960s was followed by a quadrupling in the incarceration rate, concurrent with a tripling of the murder rate, a decrease in the percent of murders resolved from 92% to 63%, and the unwarranted expenditure of $350 Billion per year to "fight crime". Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this "war", so it will be terminated.

Drunk Driving

4) "The War Against Drinking Drivers", followed by an increase in Motor Vehicle Fatalities from 45,853 in 1975 to 46,900 in 1989, the treatment of a health problem as a criminal problem, 1,624,000 unnecessary and unconstitutional arrests per year, incarceration of 58,700 drinking drivers, many of whom had never even had a ticket nor an accident in the past, the unwarranted expenditure of $18 Billion per year to "fight drunk drivers". Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this "war", so it will be terminated.

Child/Sex Abuse

6) "The War Against Child Abuse", The Mondale Act and CAPTA, were followed by an increase in child abuse, a 28 fold increase in "unsubstantiated" allegations of child sexual abuse, the destruction of tens of millions of families, the false imprisonment of hundreds of thousands of innocent parents, the unwarranted expenditure of $285 Billion per year to "fight child abuse". Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this "war", so it will be terminated.

Death Penalty

21) Capital Punishment, legalized to deter crime, followed by an explosion of crime, an almost tripled murder rate, a ten fold increase in the number of jail and prison inmates, American men becoming one third of the men in the world behind bars, the execution to date of 39 victims now known to be innocent, half the men in prison don't even match the DNA from the crime scene. Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this federal policy, so it will be terminated.

Adultery
24) Adultery, the seventh of the Ten Commandments (right next to "Thou shalt not commit murder"), deemed acceptable by courts, proclaimed by feminists to be practiced by 70% of wives within 5 years of marriage, results in the birth of 20% of children of marriages who are not the biological offspring of the husband, causes more damage and strife to society than murder which is prosecuted. Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this failure by the federal government to adhere to basic moral, legal, constitutional, and social principles.

EDUCATION (HIGHER ED)

Coeducation
29) Coeducational Schools, proven failures, the reason US education quality ranks just slightly ahead of Mozambique and Jordan, more costly than every other education style, the entire reason for the existence and acceptance of feminism, drug use, matriarchy, single mother households, teen pregnancy, illegitimacy, divorce, live-ins, and Oprah, now mandated by a Supreme Court which has made the supreme mistake of failing to revere the vital role of men in society. Destroying the traditions of fine institutions like West Point and Annapolis is unacceptable. Destroying the last two all-male institutions in the US, VMI and the Citadel, is unconscionable, unconstitutional, counterproductive, without redeeming social value, obscene, immoral, anti-Christian, inhumane, unbiblical, anti-Jewish, anti-Muslim, anti-Indian, anti-motherhood, anti-fatherhood, anti-children, and . . . unacceptable. The rationale by which the US Supreme Court twisted the clear and pristine language of the US Constitution to fit a narrow, convoluted, selfish, and destructive agenda is deplorable to all thinking and concerned American citizens.

EDUCATION (K-12)

Department of Education
5) "The War Against Illiteracy" and the creation of the US Department of Education, followed by a 98 point plunge in SAT scores, placement of the US in 27th place out of 31 nations in the IAEP test and dead last in more TIMSS subjects than any other country, the unwarranted federal expenditure of $72 Billion per year "fight illiteracy". The Catholic Church produces morally and academically superior students at a third the cost per student within the borders of the US, and will be given this responsibility 100%. Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this "war", so it will be terminated.

FINANCIAL ISSUES

Pension
13) "The Pension Benefit Guaranty Association", created in 1974 by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, failed to "give more benefits and rights and success in the area of labor management", plunged the percent of the workforce with a pension plan from 39.4% to 24%. Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this federal law, so it will be terminated.

Retirement Accounts
16) "Investment Retirement Accounts" (IRAs), failed to encourage personal savings, combined with pervasive banking laws, destroyed banking privacy, discouraged savings, dropped the savings rate below 2% for the first time in recent history, chased most savings accounts off-shore, reduced total "Personal Savings" to less than a few months interest on the public debt. Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this federal law, so it will be terminated.

Gold
17) "The Gold Standard", dropped in the US in 1973, followed by an 11 fold plunge in the purchasing power of the dollar. Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this federal law, so it will be reinstated.

FOOD SAFETY

FDA
20) "The Food and Drug Administration", created to protect our health, followed by an increase in the average American's body weight by 25 pounds, a reduction in the male sperm count by 48%, a 42% increase in the cancer mortality rate, extremely costly and long delayed drugs, unwarranted restrictions on drug use, an unwarranted annual expenditure of $Billions. Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this federal bureaucracy, so it will be terminated.

GOP/RELIGIOUS ISSUES

Religion
14) School Prayer, outlawed in 1963, displaced by destructive, anti-family, and anti-male feminist ideology. Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this federal law, so school prayer will be reinstated and constitutionally protected and public education will be banned.

HEALTH CARE

Medicare & Medicaid
8) Medicare and Medicaid, became law in 1965, followed by a reduction in the percent of US workers with fully paid health insurance from 91% to 35%, a 30% increase in cancer deaths from 160.8 deaths per 100,000 population to 206, the unwarranted increase in health care expenditures from $14.2 Billion to $355.4 Billion per year, costs twice as much as a percent of GDP than Japan or Australia whose men live 4 years longer. If not for privately funded cardiovascular research which greatly reduced heart disease deaths, the US mortality rate would have increased 6%. Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this federal law, so it will be terminated.

MINORITY ISSUES

Affirmative Action
12) Affirmative Action, intentionally and unconstitutionally discriminatory against men, failed to raise the status of women and minorities, reduced their incomes 66%, forced key US industry off-shore, increased racial and sex-discrimination conflicts, led to the unwarranted expenditure of$800 Billion per year in legal fees and damages to "fight inequality". Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this federal law, so it will be terminated.

Civil Rights
15) "The 1964 Civil Rights Act", failed to benefit blacks, led to an increase in the rate of incarceration of blacks under 30 years of age from 31% to 71%, an increase in their rate of fatherlessness from 29% to 70%, a 65% decrease in their median incomes, put twice as many black men in prison as were slaves during the height of slavery. Men and families and children (particularly blacks) did not benefit in any way from this federal law, so it will be terminated.

Equal Protection

22) The "Equal Protection" clause of the 14th Amendment, misinterpreted so grievously that it invalidates the very constitution it was written to strengthen; misused to loot competent and effective organizations, corporations, industries, and educational institutions; fails to benefit the parasitical minority which seeks its "protection"; destroys the rights and status of the majority. Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this federal misinterpretation of the constitution, so the original spirit and intent of the constitution will be reinstated..

POSTAL SERVICE

USPS

25) The US Postal Service, the most minor federal failure, just recently capable of beating Pony Express's delivery time a century ago, cannot compete with Federal Express and numerous other private carriers of today, millions of Americans have stood in long lines across the country long enough, will be displaced by a competitive bidding process amongst the private companies.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security

10) Social security, a "retirement" fund, predicted by every credible politician to be in bankruptcy before most of those who contributed to it will receive any benefits, which disburses already one third of all funds to those who did not retire and who did not contribute to it in the first place, would not survive the most basic cost/benefit analysis. Men and families and children received far fewer benefits from this federal law than its cost, so it will be terminated.

TAXES

Income Taxes

26) The Graduated Federal Income Tax, requires men to pay from 108% to 117% of all federal taxes, allows women to receive up to $97 Billion in tax credits directly from the IRS, permits women to control $1.8 trillion earned by men with their 11% greater voting population than men. This blatant sex-bias will be terminated.

TRANSPORTATION

Roads

19) "The National Fifty Five Mile Per Hour Speed Limit", followed by a reduction in the rate at which fatalities had been decreasing, left us with a motor vehicle fatality rate (MVFR) 50% higher than Germany with NO speed limits on their autobahns, did not save oil, required the unwarranted expenditure and/or loss to GDP of $650 Billion, reduced the effectiveness of our multi-trillion dollar transportation and interstate highway system by 18%. When the law ended and the speed limit was restored to 65MPH, authorities were "surprised" by an immediate 10% decrease in the MVFR. Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this federal law which fortunately has been terminated.

VETERANS/TROOPS

Vietnam

7) "The War in Vietnam", killed 2 million Vietnamese & 47,629 American men, delivered Vietnam to Communism forever, the unwarranted expenditure of $200 Billion. Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this "war".

WAR ON DRUGS

War on Drugs

2) "The War on Drugs", followed by a 48% increase in drug usage, the treatment of a health problem as a criminal problem, the incarceration of as many as 700,000 drug users, the unwarranted expenditure of $240 Billion per year to "fight drug abuse". Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this "war", so it will be terminated.

WELFARE

Welfare

1) "The War on Poverty", followed by an increase in the "poverty level" from 11.1% to 15.1%, a massive breakdown of families, a quintupling in the illegitimacy rate, the expenditure of more money to "fight poverty" than the stock value of every Fortune 500 Corporation and each acre of U.S. farm land, combined. Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this "war", so it will be terminated.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

Equal Pay

23) "The Equal Pay Act" destroying vital incentives for excellent or overtime work, reduced the quality of work by all employees, reduced but did not equalize pay. Men and families and children did not benefit in any way from this federal law, so it will be terminated.

Divorce

27) Family Law Acts, based on federal models, passed by state legislatures across the nation in the late 1960s, at a time when family breakdown and morality had already reached a crisis level, at a time when these legislatures could have and should have enacted responsible legislation aimed at strengthening the family and weakening the capability of courts to destroy families, instead contributed significantly to the undermining of paternal authority, the doubling of the divorce rate, the acceleration of adultery, the quintupling of the illegitimacy rate, the tripling of the murder rate, the quadrupling of the incarceration rate http://members.easyspace.com/fathers/42usc1983.htm

These family law acts will be instantly repealed, authority will be returned to fathers, commensurate with the responsibilities which always remained with them. Compensation will be paid for damages to their families and children.

Family

28) Current federal "family policy", blatantly anti-family, anti-father, unconstitutional, draconian, economically destructive, costly-- exceeding the wildest dreams of the most despotic Russian dictator, (not a single Russian would put up with this for 2 seconds) renders the US Constitution null and void, and will be terminated..

WEALTH

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

Summary

Gibbs filed a financial disclosure in December 2021 covering that year, as well as an amended one in January 2022 covering the same year. As of early September 2022, he had not filed a report for 2022, though he had filed for an extension, which has since passed.

Gibbs disclosed assets of between $82,000 and $230,000 in 2021. He reported earned income of around $160,000 in 2020 and 2021; and modest unearned income, primarily from dividends. Sources of earned income were the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (2020); and Thiel Capital and American Cornerstone Institute (2021). Gibbs also disclosed one position, as a fellow with American Cornerstone Institute.

ASSETS

Summary

Gibbs disclosed total assets of between $82,005 and $230,000 on his amended financial disclosure covering 2021. Gibbs' largest assets were a checking account with between $50,000 and $100,000; a savings account with between $15,000 and $50,000; and an exchange traded fund (ETF) with between $15,000 and $50,000. He also held stock in another ETF and in Apple, Inc., where he used to work.

Year	Asset	Asset Type	Min. Value	Max. Value
2021	Apple, Inc.	Stocks	$1,001.00	$15,000.00
2021	Checking Account	Bank Account	$50,001.00	$100,000.00
2021	iShares Core S&P 500 ETYF	Stocks	$15,001.00	$50,000.00
2021	Savings	Bank Account	$15,001.00	$50,000.00
2021	SPDR Dow Jones Industrial Average ETF	Stocks	$1,001.00	$15,000.00
			$82,005.00	**$230,000.00**

INCOME

EARNED INCOME

Summary

In 2020, Gibbs reported earning $160,000 in salary from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He reported no other earned income that year.

In 2021, Gibbs reported $22,000 in salary from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; along with $110,000 from the American Cornerstone Institute; and $31,000 from Thiel Capital, bringing his total reported earned income for the year to $163,000, slightly more than he made the previous year.

Year / Type / Source	**Amount**
2020	**$160,000.00**

Salary	**$160,000.00**
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	$160,000.00
2021	**$163,000.00**
Salary	**$163,000.00**
American Cornerstone Institute	$110,000.00
Thiel Capital	$31,000.00
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	$22,000.00

ASSET-BASED INCOME

Summary

Gibbs reported earning between $605 and $3,400 in asset-based income in both 2021 and 2020. His main source of asset-based income was dividends from his Apple stock in ETF holdings.

Asset Type / Income Type / Asset	**Min. Income (2021)**	**Max. Income (2021)**	**Min. Income (2020)**	**Max. Income (2020)**
Bank Account	**$2.00**	**$400.00**	**$2.00**	**$400.00**
Interest	**$2.00**	**$400.00**	**$2.00**	**$400.00**
Checking Account	$1.00	$200.00	$1.00	$200.00
Savings	$1.00	$200.00	$1.00	$200.00
Stocks	**$603.00**	**$3,000.00**	**$603.00**	**$3,000.00**
Dividends	**$603.00**	**$3,000.00**	**$603.00**	**$3,000.00**
Apple, Inc.	$201.00	$1,000.00	$201.00	$1,000.00
iShares Core S&P 500 ETYF	$201.00	$1,000.00	$201.00	$1,000.00
SPDR Dow Jones Industrial Average ETF	$201.00	$1,000.00	$201.00	$1,000.00
Grand Total	**$605.00**	**$3,400.00**	**$605.00**	**$3,400.00**

POSITIONS

Summary

Gibbs reported just one position in his disclosure – as a fellow in 2021 at the American Cornerstone Institute.

Year	Position	Name of Organization
2021	Fellow	American Cornerstone Institute

FILING HISTORY

Summary

Gibbs filed a candidate report in December 2021, followed by an amended report in January 2021, both for calendar year 2021. Gibbs also filed an extension request for his 2022 report in May 2022, pushing his deadline for filing back until 8/13/2022. However, as of 9/8/2022, no report had been filed.

Name	Status	State/District	Type	Year	Date

John Gibbs	Congressional Candidate	MI03	Amendment Report	2021	1/6/2022
John Gibbs	Congressional Candidate	MI03	Candidate Report	2021	12/28/2021
John Gibbs	Congressional Candidate	MI03	Extension Request	2022	5/16/2022

POLITICS

CAMPAIGNS

MI-03 (2022)

Filed to run in the Republican Primary in Michigan's 3rd congressional district against Peter Meijer
In November 2021, Gibbs filed to run in the Republican Primary in Michigan's 3rd congressional district against incumbent Peter Meijer.[29]

Held a fundraiser at Mar-a-Lago
In March 2022, Gibbs held a fundraiser at Mar-a-Lago. Trump attended and spoke to the audience at the club, where tickets to the fundraiser ranged from $1,000 to $5,800.[30]

Meijer accused Democrats of being Gibbs' biggest supporter
In June 2022, Peter Meijer accused Democrats of being Gibbs' biggest supporter. He claimed that Gibbs was being elevated by ads created by Democrats in order to elevate the more controversial candidate to the general election. Meijer cited the ads run against Rep. David Valadao of California as an example of Democrats' attempts to boost far-right candidates to the general election with the strategy of far-right candidates being easier to defeat.[31]

Spent the third largest amount of money at Trump properties out of all candidates
In June 2022, Gibbs had spent the third largest amount of money at Trump properties out of all candidates to receive the former president's endorsement. Trailing only Rep. Kevin McCarthy and Herschel Walker, Gibbs had spent $98,000 at Trump's properties. He led Sarah Huckabee Sanders and Kari Lake in spending.[32]

Said voters were mad at Meijer's impeachment vote because it was an attempt to deny them Trump
In June 2022, Gibbs said that voters in Michigan were mad at Meijer's votes to impeach Trump and establish a committee to investigate the events of January 6th (different from the January 6th committee) as attempts to deny Trump and his brand of politics a return to office. Gibbs explained that the voters he talked too saw Trump as a reformer of the political system who could give the government back to the people:

> I think that's why so many people were hurt by Representative Meijer's impeachment vote as well as the rest of the folks that voted for that impeachment. That's what I hear out there when I talk to the voters. It's just a level of anger that people feel as a result of that.[33]

Falsely claimed Meijer voted to create the January 6th commission
In July 2022, Gibbs falsely claimed Meijer voted to create the January 6th commission. He said that Meijer voted to "create the Adam Schiff-led January Commission."[34] However, Meijer voted against the current January 6th Commission. He had previously voted for an independent, bipartisan commission to investigate the events of January 6th, but that commission was never created.

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[29] "Statement of Candidacy" FEC, 11/03/2021
[30] "Meijer challenger Gibbs to hold fundraiser at Trump's Mar-a-Lago club" Melissa Nann Burke, The Detroit News, 03/29/2022
[31] "Democrats' risky bet: Aid G.O.P. extremists in spring, hoping to beat them in fall" Jonathan Weisman, The New York Times, 06/16/2022
[32] "Trump-endorsed candidates have funneled at least $1.4 million into his businesses" Zach Everson, Forbes, 06/23/2022
[33] "Peter Meijer, John Gibbs at odds over Trump, baseless election fraud claims" Brian McVicar, MLive, 06/27/2022
[34] "John Gibbs falsely claims Peter Meijer voted to create Jan. 6 committee" Clara Hendrickson, PolitiFact, 07/06/2022

Received supportive digital ad campaign funded by the American Principles Project PAC
In July 2022, Gibbs received a supportive digital ad campaign funded by the American Principles Project PAC.[35]

Said people hug him when he tells them he's running against Meijer
In July 2022, Gibbs said people hug him when he tells them he's running against Meijer. He added that people felt betrayed. Gibbs detailed voters' reactions: "When I tell people I'm running against Meijer, who voted for impeachment, people hug me, they'll give me high fives. It is just a really positive reaction, because people felt like they were so betrayed."[36]

Wanted to win the Republican primary by enough to "beat the cheating"
In July 2022, Gibbs wanted to win the Republican primary by enough to "beat the cheating." He said, "What I want to do, two weeks from now, is win by a large enough margin that we beat the cheating. And God willing, I believe we are on track to do that."[37]

Touted his campaigning skills as more essential than money
In July 2022, Gibbs touted his campaigning skills as more essential to victory than money. He explained that money matters in campaigns, but that people were tired of politicians being able to buy elections. He added that he was going to every single township and district to meet voters.

> Money does matter — yes. You need enough money to get your name out there and pay your staff. But it doesn't quite mean what it used to. People are getting sick of money being able to buy elections.
>
> We're hitting the ground every single day. We're going out door knocking. We're going and visiting every single city and township in the district. We are meeting voters. We're putting out yard signs.[38]

Meijer blasted $425,000 DCCC ad campaign intended to boost Gibbs in the primary
In July 2022, Meijer blasted the DCCC for a $425,000 ad campaign intended to boost Gibbs over him in the Republican primary. A campaign spokesperson for Meijer attributed the ad buy to Meijer's strength in a general election.

> The DCCC boosting John Gibbs is clear evidence of who Nancy Pelosi prefers in this race. Democrats don't want to face Peter Meijer in the November election because Peter is the best candidate to represent West Michigan in Congress, and he's the only candidate who will put the interests of the Third District ahead of partisan priorities. We are confident that voters will see through Democrats' political games while Peter remains focused on the issues that matter most to the people he represents.[39]

Shifted questions about DCCC ad buy to his policy stances

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[35] "At the races: Build back something?" Mary Ellen McIntire, Stephanie Akin, & Kate Ackley, Roll Call, 07/14/2022
[36] "Trump endorsee tests Meijer's impeachment vote in Michigan GOP congressional primary" Ben Orner, MLive, 07/18/2022
[37] "Gibbs banking on trump support, grassroots energy in race against DeVos-backed Meijer" Brian McVicar, MLive, 07/22/2022
[38] "Gibbs banking on trump support, grassroots energy in race against DeVos-backed Meijer" Brian McVicar, MLive, 07/22/2022
[39] "DCCC prepares six-figure ad buy against Rep. Peter Meijer" Michaell Ginsberg, Daily Caller, 07/25/2022

In July 2022, Gibbs shifted questions about the DCCC ad buy to his policy stances. He claimed he did not know what Democrats spend money on and instead said he was focusing on issues like gas prices and inflation:

> I have no idea what Democrats spend money on or why. You'll have to ask them. I'm focused on winning my race around the issues people in west Michigan care about, especially urgent problems like high gas prices and inflation, which hurt people of all political persuasions.[40]

Said Americans were unique and had a fundamental right to live

In July 2022, Gibbs said that Americans were unique and had a fundamental right to live. His campaign website touted the America First policy and said the country needed to get away from special interests.

> The American people are precious, unique among the world, and have a fundamental right to exist. Yet for too long our government has put every kind of special interest ahead of what's best for the American people. We must recenter and recalibrate our government so that it is once again responsive to the needs of the majority of the American population.[41]

Questioned Meijer's loyalty to the Republican Party

In August 2022, Gibbs questioned Meijer's loyalty to the Republican Party. He said, "Any leader of any organization has to have a certain number, a certain amount of loyalty from the people that work in an organization."[42]

Refused to say he would accept the primary election results if he lost

In August 2022, Gibbs refused to say he would accept the primary election result if he lost. When asked about his concerns with election integrity and whether he would accept the results, Gibbs said, "We`ll see. We`ll see what it looks like. If it`s -- obviously the elections on the up and up and will -- there`ll be no problems."[43]

Said he didn't know what the DCCC was or was not doing in the primary

In August 2022, Gibbs was asked about the DCCC's involvement in the primary. He responded, "I don't know what they're doing or not doing, it really doesn't matter to me. I think we're ahead anyway."[44]

Defeated Meijer in the Republican primary 52%-48%

In August 2022, Gibbs defeated Meijer 52%-48% in the Republican primary for Michigan's third congressional district.[45]

Said he appealed to independents and "even some Democrats" since conservatives had "actual solutions"

In August 2022, Gibbs discussed his wide electoral appeal, stating, "I appeal to everybody -- conservatives, independents, even some Democrats." He said that Meijer's supporters would ask themselves, "do you want a Democrat who's going to be with all the policies that Biden supports --

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[40] "Why Democrats are running ad to help Trump-backed challenger to Rep. Peter Meijer" Melissa Nann Burke, The Detroit News, 07/26/2022
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there's critical race theory, high gas prices, etc. -- or do you want someone that's going to be on the conservative side of things that has actual solutions that work for everybody."[46]

Felt "really good" about the general election

In August 2022, Gibbs said he felt "really good" about the general election. He added, "I think we ran a really good campaign… We got out. We met lots of people, and I think we're proud of that. We're going to continue doing that. We're going to keep making the rounds in the district and letting people know who I am and letting people know what's at stake this November." [47]

McCarthy flew to Michigan to fundraise for Gibbs

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE

JOHN GIBBS FOR CONGRESS

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Received $2,150 from Thiel Capital employees
Gibbs received $2,150 from two Thiel Capital employees: James Bacon and Alexander Handy.

Politico described Bacon as "Thiel's principal political aid" and noted he "function[ed] less as a gatekeeper and more as a tactician and liaison to campaigns." Bacon was also previously a deputy to former top Trump political aide Johnny McEntee. Handy worked in operations at Thiel Capital.

Recipient	Donor	Date	Amount
John Gibbs For Congress, Inc.	Handy, Alexander	11/15/2021	$250.00
John Gibbs For Congress, Inc.	Bacon, James	12/6/2021	$1,900.00

Received $1,000 from Bail Bond company owner
In March 2022, Gibbs received $1,000 from Meshawn Maddock, the owner of A-1 Bail Bonds.

Reimbursed $5,000 for "campaign expenses"
In December 2021, Gibbs was personally reimbursed $5,000 for unspecified "campaign expenses."

RECEIPTS

Summary
John Gibbs for Congress has received $484,309.28 in receipts, 64.4% of which came from itemized and unitemized individuals

Category	Amount ($)	Amount (%)
Itemized Individuals	$183,304.00	37.85%
Unitemized Individuals	$128,570.57	26.55%
Transfers	$81,234.71	16.77%
Candidate Loans	$53,000.00	10.94%
PACs/Other Committees	$31,200.00	6.44%
Offsets to Operating Expenditures	$5,000.00	1.03%
Candidate Committees	$2,000.00	0.41%
Grand Total	**$484,309.28**	**100.00%**

Itemized Individual Contributions
Gibbs received $311,847.57 in individual donations. 58.8% of these were itemized individual contributions ($184,304).

Top Itemized Individual Donors ($2,000+)	Amount ($)

Rollins, Michele	$5,800.00
Long, Kathleen	$5,800.00
Long, Katherine	$5,800.00
Campbell, Scott	$5,800.00
Mehney, David P.	$5,800.00
Wierda, Emilie D.	$5,800.00
Wierda, Craig	$5,800.00
Long, Charles W.	$5,800.00
Long, Charles	$5,800.00
Bowes, Robert	$5,500.00
Campbell, Heidi	$4,200.00
Peak, Margaret	$3,900.00
Oshea, John	$3,000.00
Clem, Lori A.	$2,900.00
Cunningham, Daniel B.	$2,900.00
Schowalter, Tim	$2,900.00
Hinman, Roy H.	$2,900.00
Byrnes, Collin C.	$2,900.00
Baker, Maj. William G.	$2,900.00
Vankuiken, Norma Jean	$2,500.00
Beecherl, Ernest	$2,000.00
Morris, Glenn	$2,000.00
Gay, Gerry	$2,000.00
Donahue, Maggie	$2,000.00
Williams, Brian	$2,000.00
O'Donnell, Sherry	$2,000.00
Rich, Linda	$2,000.00
Zallie, David	$2,000.00

Candidate Committees

Gibbs has only received contributions from one candidate committee: Patrick Witt for Congress. Witt served as Deputy Chief of Staff in the U.S. Office of Personnel Management from 2020-2021. He ran for Georgia's 10th district but dropped out in March 2022 to run for Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner.

Recipient	Donor	Date	Amount
John Gibbs For Congress, Inc.	Patrick Witt For Congress	12/28/2021	$2,000.00

Other Committees and PACs

Gibbs received $31,200 from other committees and PACs.

Recipient	Donor	Date	Amount
John Gibbs For Congress, Inc.	Madison Project, Inc	12/24/2021	$5,000.00

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John Gibbs For Congress, Inc.	Save America	12/24/2021	$5,000.00
John Gibbs For Congress, Inc.	Jefferson Society	3/1/2022	-$1,100.00
John Gibbs For Congress, Inc.	Jefferson Society	3/1/2022	$1,100.00
John Gibbs For Congress, Inc.	Jefferson Society	3/1/2022	$4,000.00
John Gibbs For Congress, Inc.	Keep Electing New Talent PAC	3/28/2022	$2,900.00
John Gibbs For Congress, Inc.	14th District Republican Committee	5/26/2022	$100.00
John Gibbs For Congress, Inc.	Faith In America PAC	6/17/2022	$2,900.00
John Gibbs For Congress, Inc.	The American Transformation PAC	6/29/2022	$2,900.00
John Gibbs For Congress, Inc.	Dependable Conservative Leadership PAC	6/30/2022	$2,900.00
John Gibbs For Congress, Inc.	Friends Of Conservative Values	6/30/2022	$500.00

Loans and Self-Financing

In December 2021, Gibbs loaned his campaign $53,000 on the final day of the Q4 fundraising period. As of September 2021, the campaign has not paid any of it back to him.

Offsets

In April 2022, Rogue Strategy Group gave Gibbs' campaign $5,000 in offsets to operating expenditures.

DISBURSEMENTS

Summary

Gibbs made $385,259.47 in disbursements, with over a third of expenses put towards fundraising ($141,778.47).

Category > Payee > Purpose	Amount ($)	Amount (%)
Fundraising	**$141,778.47**	**36.80%**
AMERICAN EXPRESS	**$41,174.23**	**29.04%**
CAMPAIGN CREDIT CARD PAYMENT	$41,088.57	99.79%
BANKCARD FEE	$43.90	0.11%
BANK FEE	$35.00	0.09%
SERVICE CHARGE	$6.76	0.02%
JOHN GIBBS GREAT LAKES COMMITTEE	**$35,000.00**	**24.69%**
PREFUNDING FOR JFC EVENT EXPENSES	$35,000.00	100.00%
SIERRA PACIFIC LLC	**$15,000.00**	**10.58%**
FUNDRAISING CONSULTING	$15,000.00	100.00%
BIG RED WALL COMMUNICATIONS	**$13,210.68**	**9.32%**
FUNDRAISING CONSULTING	$13,210.68	100.00%
RTA STRATEGY	**$12,533.60**	**8.84%**
CAMPAIGN FINANCE CONSULTING TREASURY AND DISCLOSURE REPORTING	$5,250.00	41.89%
CAMPAIGN FINANCE CONSULTING, TREASURY AND REPORTING	$3,645.00	29.08%
CAMPAIGN FINANCE CONSULTING TREASURY AND COMPLIANCE	$1,750.00	13.96%
CAMPAIGN FINANCE CONSULTING, TREASURY AND COMPLIANCE	$1,750.00	13.96%
CAMPAIGN OPERATIONS AND CONSULTING	$138.60	1.11%

THE HISTORIC GEORGETOWN	**$4,735.50**	**3.34%**
EVENT SPACE RENTAL	$4,735.50	100.00%
THE DELTAPLEX ARENA & CONFERENCE CENTER	**$4,295.25**	**3.03%**
VENUE RENTAL	$4,295.25	100.00%
ANEDOT	**$4,093.64**	**2.89%**
MERCHANT PROCESSING FEE	$4,093.64	100.00%
FRONTRUNNER LLC	**$2,081.58**	**1.47%**
CAMPAIGN FINANCE SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION	$2,081.58	100.00%
PATRICK WITT FOR CONGRESS	**$2,000.00**	**1.41%**
POLITICAL DONATION	$2,000.00	100.00%
OTTAWA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY	**$1,550.00**	**1.09%**
POLITICAL EVENT SPONSORSHIP	$1,550.00	100.00%
CPAC	**$1,340.00**	**0.95%**
POLITICAL EVENT TICKET	$1,340.00	100.00%
DONORBUREAU	**$1,144.74**	**0.81%**
STATISTICAL MODELING	$1,144.74	100.00%
WINRED TECHNICAL LLC	**$996.77**	**0.70%**
MERCHANT PROCESSING FEE	$996.77	100.00%
MUSKEGON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY	**$615.00**	**0.43%**
SPONSORSHIP	$615.00	100.00%
W W GRAINGER	**$546.32**	**0.39%**
EVENT SUPPLIES	$546.32	100.00%
KENT COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE	**$500.00**	**0.35%**
POLITICAL SPONSORSHIP	$350.00	70.00%
SPONSORSHIP	$150.00	30.00%
GLOBAL PAYMENTS	**$406.16**	**0.29%**
CREDIT CARD FEES	$291.64	71.80%
CREDITCARD PROCESSING FEE	$114.52	28.20%
HSP DIRECT LLC	**$305.00**	**0.22%**
EXPENSE CLEARING	$305.00	100.00%
MICHIGAN GOP	**$250.00**	**0.18%**
EVENT TICKET	$250.00	100.00%
General Consulting/Management	**$76,542.36**	**20.80%**
ROGUE STRATEGY GROUP	**$33,850.00**	**44.46%**
GENERAL STRATEGY CONSULTING	$28,850.00	85.23%
GENERAL POLICY AND STRATEGY CONSULTING	$5,000.00	14.77%
FRASIER, TAYLOR	**$17,056.93**	**22.40%**
CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT	$13,000.00	76.22%
STRATEGY CONSULTING AND CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT	$3,630.21	21.28%
REIMBURSEMENT: MILEAGE	$213.36	1.25%
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COOL ENDEAVORS LLC	**$14,424.80**	**18.94%**
CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT	$10,500.00	72.79%

REIMBURSEMENT	$3,924.80	27.21%
COOL ENDEAVORS, LLC	**$10,368.64**	**13.62%**
CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT	$5,000.00	48.22%
CAMPAIGN OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT	$5,000.00	48.22%
REIMBURSEMENT	$368.64	3.56%
BALANDA, CHRISTIAN	**$4,000.00**	**100.00%**
CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT	$4,000.00	100.00%
USA POLITICAL TOOLS, LLC	**$441.99**	**0.58%**
GENERAL STRATEGY CONSULTING	$441.99	100.00%
Mail	**$48,262.31**	**12.53%**
PLANET DIRECT MAIL	**$17,784.13**	**36.85%**
POSTAGE AND DELIVERY	$17,784.13	100.00%
POSTAGE FOR DIRECT MAIL FUNDRAISING LLC	**$12,506.13**	**25.91%**
POSTAGE AND DELIVERY	$12,506.13	100.00%
MDI IMAGING & MAIL	**$8,193.22**	**16.98%**
PRINTING EXPENSE	$8,193.22	100.00%
FULFILLMENT SOLUTIONS INC.	**$3,000.00**	**6.22%**
POSTAGE AND DELIVERY	$3,000.00	100.00%
WASHINGTON INTELLIGENCE BUREAU	**$2,668.43**	**5.53%**
POSTAGE AND DELIVERY	$2,668.43	100.00%
NOVA LIST	**$2,285.88**	**4.74%**
MAILING LIST RENTAL	$2,285.88	100.00%
RIGHTSIDE LISTS LLC	**$1,247.84**	**2.59%**
LIST RENTAL	$1,226.84	98.32%
MAILING LIST	$21.00	1.68%
SUNRISE DATA SERVICES	**$576.68**	**1.19%**
DATA MAIL LIST PROCESSING	$576.68	100.00%
Digital/Communications	**$47,469.79**	**12.32%**
OLYMPIC MEDIA	**$25,335.61**	**53.37%**
ADVERTISING BUY	$25,335.61	100.00%
USA POLITICAL TOOLS, LLC	**$6,547.00**	**13.79%**
MESSAGING AND DIGITAL ADVERTISING	$4,447.00	67.92%
CAMPAIGN PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY	$1,100.00	16.80%
WEB DESIGN	$1,000.00	15.27%
AMERICAN CONTROLS SOLUTIONS, INC.	**$5,500.00**	**11.59%**
COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING	$5,500.00	100.00%
VERACRUZ	**$5,000.00**	**10.53%**
COMMUNICATIONS CONSULATING	$5,000.00	100.00%
AMERICAN CONTROLS SOLUTIONS INC.	**$3,500.00**	**7.37%**
COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING	$3,500.00	100.00%
AUS COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING	**$1,349.88**	**2.84%**
COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING	$1,349.88	100.00%
REACH RIGHT DIGITAL MARKETING LLC	**$237.30**	**0.50%**

DIGITAL MARKETING	$237.30	100.00%
Field	**$25,798.73**	**6.70%**
USA POLITICAL TOOLS, LLC	**$6,249.21**	**24.22%**
CAMPAIGN COLLATERAL - CLOTHES, SIGNS, STICKERS	$3,949.21	63.20%
DATA	$2,300.00	36.80%
UPRINTING	**$5,731.55**	**22.22%**
CAMPAIGN HANDOUTS	$5,731.55	100.00%
CUSTOM INK	**$3,765.12**	**14.59%**
CUSTOM TSHIRTS	$3,765.12	100.00%
ROGUE STRATEGY GROUP	**$3,459.00**	**13.41%**
CAMPAIGN SIGNS	$3,459.00	100.00%
RUSH ORDER	**$2,924.54**	**11.34%**
CAMPAIGN SHIRTS	$2,924.54	100.00%
CAMPAIGN SIDEKICK	**$1,500.00**	**5.81%**
SUBSCRIPTION	$1,500.00	100.00%
VISTAPRINT	**$884.64**	**3.43%**
PRINTING	$490.09	55.40%
CAMPAIGN HANDOUTS	$244.57	27.65%
CAMPAIGN MATERIALS	$149.98	16.95%
ALPHA GRAPHICS	**$721.58**	**2.80%**
CAMPAIGN HANDOUTS	$721.58	100.00%
MAKESTICKERS	**$363.09**	**1.41%**
CUSTOM STICKERS	$363.09	100.00%
SIGNS 616	**$200.00**	**0.78%**
SIGNS	$200.00	100.00%
Overhead	**$15,737.81**	**4.08%**
APPLE WOODLAND	**$3,177.99**	**20.19%**
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	$3,177.99	100.00%
ROYAL PAR HOTEL	**$2,068.49**	**13.14%**
LODGING	$2,068.49	100.00%
DELTA AIRLINES	**$1,582.80**	**10.06%**
AIRFARE	$1,582.80	100.00%
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON	**$1,361.94**	**8.65%**
LODGING	$1,361.94	100.00%
AVANTI INTERNATIONAL RESORT	**$1,170.60**	**7.44%**
LODGING	$1,170.60	100.00%
QUALITY INN (PALM BEACH)	**$1,010.16**	**6.42%**
LODGING	$1,010.16	100.00%
AMAZON	**$763.42**	**4.85%**
OFFICE EXPENSE	$763.42	100.00%
STAPLES (GRANDVILLE)	**$762.11**	**4.84%**
OFFICE SUPPLIES	$762.11	100.00%
OFFICE MAX/DEPOT (GRANDVILLE)	**$716.62**	**4.55%**

OFFICE SUPPLIES	$716.62	100.00%
AMERICAN AIRLINES	**$580.70**	**3.69%**
AIRFARE	$580.70	100.00%
EXPEDIA	**$519.36**	**3.30%**
LODGING	$519.36	100.00%
FRONTIER AIRLINES	**$472.98**	**3.01%**
AIRFARE	$472.98	100.00%
USA POLITICAL TOOLS LLC	**$383.92**	**2.44%**
TRAVEL FOR EVENT MANAGEMENT	$383.92	100.00%
UNITED AIRLINES	**$343.09**	**2.18%**
AIRFARE	$343.09	100.00%
DOORDASH	**$232.13**	**1.47%**
MEAL	$232.13	100.00%
AMWAY GRAND PLAZA HOTEL	**$218.50**	**1.39%**
LODGING	$218.50	100.00%
ALLEGIANT AIRLINE	**$216.50**	**1.38%**
AIRFARE	$216.50	100.00%
UNITED STATES POST OFFICE (USPS - GRAND RAPIDS)	**$156.50**	**0.99%**
MAIL FORWARDING EXPENSE	$89.50	57.19%
PO BOX RENTAL	$67.00	42.81%
Legal	**$15,270.00**	**3.96%**
COMPASS LEGAL SERVICES, INC.	**$15,270.00**	**50.88%**
LEGAL SERVICES	$15,270.00	100.00%
Research	**$5,800.00**	**1.51%**
BIG DATA POLL	**$5,800.00**	**100.00%**
POLLING	$5,800.00	100.00%
Self	**$5,000.00**	**1.30%**
GIBBS, JOHN	**$5,000.00**	**100.00%**
REIMBURSEMENT FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	$5,000.00	100.00%
Grand Total	**$385,259.47**	**100.00%**

Payments to Self and Family

In December 2021, Gibbs was personally reimbursed $5,000 for unspecified "campaign expenses."

FILING HISTORY

Summary

In November 2021, John Gibbs for Congress, Inc. filed their initial statement of organization. This committee was a Principal Campaign Committee.

They have since amended their statement of organization eight times to list additional joint fundraising committees.

JOHN GIBBS GREAT LAKES COMMITTEE

FLAGS

Paid Mar-A-Lago over $100K for fundraiser
In March and May 2022, the John Gibbs Great Lakes Committee directly paid the Mar-A-Lago Club $103,126.68 for catering and use of the venue for a March 2022 fundraiser. Tickets ranged from $1,000 to $5,800, and Trump attended the event.

Received $37,500 from Seneca family affiliated with chemical manufacturing
In March 2022, Gibbs received $37,500 from members of the Seneca family. Seneca members listed their employment with Aqua ChemPacs, a dissolvable concentrated liquid chemical pack manufacturer, and Brock & Scott, financial and real estate lawyers. Stephen R. Seneca was Aqua ChemPacs' CEO.

In March 2021, Steven G. Seneca was arrested and faced a vehicular homicide charge in connection to the death of Liam Reyes. He also faced one count of child abuse because his 5-year-old daughter was in the car while he was street racing with Reyes; he was driving 136mph in a 45mph before the crash.

Received $5,800 from Amanda Chase
In March 2022, Gibbs received $5,800 from Virginia State Senator Amanda Chase. Chase attended January 6th rallies ahead of the insurrection, calling herself and the rioters "patriots" and noting the date could be the start of a "revolution." She was later censured on a 24-9 vote by her fellow state senators for her January 6th involvement. Chase later stated that "the insurrection is actually the deep state with the politicians working against the people to overthrow our government."

Chase had also been photographed several times with Antonio Lamotta, a QAnon supporter and "Vets for Trump" founder who was arrested after the 2020 election for carrying weapons and over 150 rounds of ammunition without a valid permit, a third-degree felony.

RECEIPTS

Category	Amount ($)	Amount (%)
Itemized Individuals	$258,000.00	88.01%
Transfers	$35,000.00	11.94%
Unitemized Individuals	$141.00	0.05%
Grand Total	**$293,141.00**	**100.00%**

Individual Contributions
The John Gibbs Great Lakes Committee received $258,141 in contributions from individuals. All but $141 came from itemized individual gifts, which made up 88% of the committee's total receipts.

Top Itemized Individual Donors ($2,000+)	Amount ($)
Seneca, Steven G.	$15,800.00
Kennard, Cheryl	$12,600.00
Nelms, Chris	$10,800.00
Seneca, Karen	$10,800.00
Sisk, Jeffrey	$10,800.00

Wong, Angie	$10,000.00
Foster, Jenna	$8,300.00
Kiss, Gary	$8,000.00
Fitzgerald, Stan	$6,800.00
Chiorando, John	$5,800.00
Seneca, Stephen R.	$5,800.00
Buongiorno, Jeffrey	$5,800.00
Morgan, Max	$5,800.00
Goldman, Marc	$5,800.00
Chase, Amanda Freeman	$5,800.00
Snavely, Shayne	$5,800.00
Rozenfeld, Paulina	$5,800.00
Kvitko, Elan	$5,800.00
Shaneson, Adam	$5,400.00
Seneca, Michael A.	$3,400.00
Daley, Megan	$3,400.00
Tunnell, Kezia	$3,000.00
Swaffar, Darlene	$2,900.00
Nehme, Hassan	$2,500.00
Koether, Bernard	$2,200.00
Mostel, Jay	$2,200.00
Henig, Frances	$2,200.00
Mikulewich, Michael J.	$2,000.00
McDonagh, Matt	$2,000.00
Dills, Doug	$2,000.00
Dion, Lauren	$2,000.00
Solomon, Ronald	$2,000.00
Brockie, Craig	$2,000.00
Headley, Sue	$2,000.00
Macpherson, Emery	$2,000.00
Herrera, Jose	$2,000.00
Magel, John	$2,000.00

Committees

In March 2022, John Gibbs Great Lakes Committee received $35,000 from Gibbs' primary committee, John Gibbs for Congress, Inc.

Recipient	Donor	Date	Amount
John Gibbs Great Lakes Committee	John Gibbs For Congress, Inc.	3/14/2022	$35,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Category > Payee > Purpose	Amount ($)	Amount (%)
Solicitation and Fundraising Expenses	**$146,525.96**	**50.93%**
The Mar-A-Lago Club	**$77,720.68**	**53.04%**
Event Venue And Catering	$77,720.68	100.00%
Shaneson Consulting Group	**$38,215.00**	**26.08%**
Fundraising Consulting	$38,215.00	100.00%
Frost Lighting Company Of Florida	**$13,887.53**	**9.48%**
Event Equipment Rental	$13,887.53	100.00%
Anedot	**$11,266.41**	**7.69%**
Merchant Processing	$11,266.41	100.00%
Frontrunner	**$2,009.52**	**1.37%**
Finance Software	$2,009.52	100.00%
WinRed Technical LLC	**$1,892.82**	**1.29%**
Merchant Processing Fees	$1,892.82	100.00%
Michael Hopkins Photography	**$1,534.00**	**1.05%**
Event Photography	$1,534.00	100.00%
Transfers	**$99,041.62**	**34.42%**
John Gibbs For Congress Inc.	**$46,234.71**	**46.68%**
Transfer Of Net Proceeds	$46,234.71	100.00%
John Gibbs For Congress, Inc.	**$35,000.00**	**35.34%**
Refund Of Pro-Rata Transfer To Fund JFC Expenses	$35,000.00	100.00%
Great Lakes Leadership PAC	**$17,806.91**	**17.98%**
Transfer Of Net Proceeds	$10,306.91	57.88%
Distribution Of JFC Proceeds	$7,500.00	42.12%
Campaign Event Expenses	**$28,053.72**	**9.75%**
The Mar-A-Lago Club	**$25,406.35**	**90.56%**
Event Venue And Catering	$25,406.35	100.00%
USA Political Tools LLC	**$2,647.37**	**9.44%**
Event Management	$2,647.37	100.00%
Administrative/Salary/Overhead Expenses	**$7,295.00**	**2.54%**
Shaneson Consulting Group	**$6,195.00**	**84.92%**
Fundraising Consulting	$6,195.00	100.00%
RTA Strategy	**$750.00**	**10.28%**
Campaign Finance Consulting Treasury And Disclosure Reporting	$750.00	100.00%
Compass Legal Services Inc.	**$350.00**	**4.80%**
Legal	$350.00	100.00%
Refunds of Contributions	**$6,800.00**	**2.36%**
Seneca, Steven G	**$5,000.00**	**73.53%**
Partial Refund For Limits	$5,000.00	100.00%
Kennard, Cheryl	**$1,800.00**	**26.47%**
Partial Refund Of Contribution For Limits	$1,800.00	100.00%
Grand Total	**$287,716.30**	**100.00%**

FILING HISTORY

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OTHER COMMITTEES

Summary
Gibbs is also affiliated with the following joint fundraising committees:

CRUZ 25 FOR 22 VICTORY FUND

Committee ID: C00822965
Affiliated Relationship Code: Joint Fundraising Representative

On 8/16/2022, Gibbs was included as one of 25 candidates in Ted Cruz' "Cruz 25 for 22 Victory Fund." In July 2020, Cruz launched a similar joint fundraising committee for the 2020 cycle that "support[ed] 25 Cruz-vetted conservative congressional members and candidates by fundraising at least $100,000 for each."[49]

MAGASEVEN JFC

Committee ID: C00816132
Affiliated Relationship Code: Joint Fundraising Representative

On 8/25/22, Gibbs amended his campaign committee's statement of organization to include MAGASeven JFC as a joint fundraising partner. The committee, created in June 2022, has listed fundraising partners including Eric Greitens' campaign committee and leadership PAC. Other affiliates include Sarah Palin, Harriet Hageman, and Joe Kent. As of September 2022 the committee has only raised $10K and has disbursed nothing other than credit card fees.

NRCC MICHIGAN VICTORY

Committee ID: C00823526
Affiliated Relationship Code: Joint Fundraising Representative

The NRCC Michigan Victory Committee was created on 8/23/2022. No filings are currently available for this committee.

WESTERN MICHIGAN VICTORY FUND

Committee ID: C00782631
Affiliated Relationship Code: Joint Fundraising Representative

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[49] "Sen. Ted Cruz Launches Fund Supporting Conservative Candidates in Texas, Across the Country" Brad Johnson, The Texan, 7/8/2020

The Western Michigan Victory Fund was created on 6/22/2021. Its most recent statement of organization was filed on 9/1/2022. Four committees are participating in this committee: John Gibbs for Congress, Huizenga for Congress, Moolenaar for Congress, and the NRCC.

GIBBS VICTORY COMMITTEE

Committee ID: C00824789
Affiliated Relationship Code: Joint Fundraising Representative

The Gibbs Victory Committee was created on 9/9/2022. Three committees are participating in this committee: John Gibbs for Congress, The Great Lakes Leadership PAC, and the NRCC.

BARRETT-GIBBS VICTORY COMMITTEE

Committee ID: C00824888
Affiliated Relationship Code: Joint Fundraising Representative

The Barrett-Gibbs Victory Committee was created on 9/12/2022. No filings are currently available for this committee.

POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS

PARTIES AND MOVEMENTS

DEMOCRATS

Defined the modern Democratic party's characteristics as "Islam, gender-bending, anti-police"
In March 2016, Gibbs defined the modern Democratic Party's characteristics as "Islam, gender-bending, anti-police." He compared the modern party to the party during the presidency of John F. Kennedy and said, "JFK's Dem Party: Tax cuts, Anti-Commie, strong defense, lunar landing," he wrote. "Today's Dem party: Islam, gender-bending, anti-police, 'u racist!'"[50]

Accused Democrats of believing a prominent, Black conservative was a threat to their narrative
In July 2020, Gibbs accused Democrats of believing a prominent, Black conservative was a threat to their narrative that Republicans are racist. He said, "For them to see a black conservative in a prominent position is a threat to their narrative that Republicans are racist and they all hate black people."[51]

Refused to apologize for comments made about the Democratic party and high-ranking Democrats
In July 2020, Gibbs refused to apologize for comments he made about the Democratic Party and high-ranking Democrats. During his confirmation hearing for Director of the Office of Personnel Management, Sen. Gary Peters asked Gibbs if he regretted his comments, which included xenophobic comments. Gibbs said he only regretted that they became an issue:

> I regret that it's unfortunately become an issue. Like all Americans, I have political opinions that I've expressed in the past. But I'm very proud to say that during my service in the government, I've always led in a nonpartisan manner. I've always treated people fairly and never allowed any type of discrimination.[52]

CPAC

Praised CPAC convention in Orlando as a "beautiful example of Democracy"
In February 2022, Gibbs praised the CPAC convention in Orlando as a "beautiful example of Democracy." He said, "The conference is a beautiful example of Democracy at work because regular people come from all over the country to network and learn how to be part of saving the future."[53]

NATIONAL TREASURY EMPLOYEES UNION

National Treasury Employees Union opposed the nomination of Gibbs to Director of OPM
In September 2020, the National Treasury Employees Union opposed the nomination of Gibbs to be the Director of the Office of Personnel Management. It said Gibbs lacked the experience and temperament to effectively carry out the duties of the Director of the OPM.

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[50] "Trump nominee rejects criticism over tweets" Rob Crilly, The Examiner, 06/30/2020
[51] "Trump nominee rejects criticism over tweets" Rob Crilly, The Examiner, 06/30/2020
[52] "Trump staffer Gibbs launches campaign for Congress in district held by Meijer" Melissa Nann Burke, The Detroit News, 11/12/2021
[53] "Inside the nation's most MAGA political boot camp where budding candidates will do just about anything to score a few seconds with Donald Trump" Kimberly Leonard & Warren Rojas, Business Insider, 02/28/2022

OPM faces numerous challenges and requires a leader that can work collaboratively with employees from all backgrounds and their representatives to meet those challenges and help agencies to attract and retain a talented workforce that reflects the nation it serves. Unfortunately, Mr. Gibbs does not appear to have the background, experience, or temperament to do so.[54]

NATIONAL

ABRAMOVIC, MARINA

Implicated Marina Abramovic as the center of Satanic rituals in the Democratic party
In March 2016, Gibbs implicated Marina Abramovic as the centerpiece of the Democratic Satanic worshipping ritual conspiracy. He claimed that she was at the center of the Satanic rituals and backed up his claim with a reference to her Twitter username. Gibbs said that "Marina Abramovic, woman at the center of #SpiritCooking scandal, has a Twitter handle that ends in 666. You can't make this stuff up."[55]

Refused to apologize for comments implicating Abramovic in Satanic ritual conspiracies
In July 2020, Gibbs refused to apologize for comments he made that implicated Abramovic in conspiracies about Satanic rituals and instead doubled down. He said, "All I said is she has a book called Spirit Cooking, has some weird things in it like she is talking about blood, semen, and urine and different recipes in there for rituals and other events they do," he said. "It's kind of creepy stuff, of her own writing, in her own book."[56]

BIDEN, JOE

Said the Biden Administration had been a complete disaster
In February 2022, Gibbs said that the Biden Administration had been a complete disaster. At a CPAC rally, he hoped Trump would compare the track records of the administrations: "I hope he focuses on how we had a record of success in our administration but in the current administration it has just been an absolute disaster on every front."[57]

CARSON, BEN

Praised Ben Carson
In February 2022, Gibbs praised Ben Carson after it was announced Carson would attend a rally with Gibbs. He said, "Dr. Carson is a very unique individual whose story serves as an inspiration to all of us as to what is possible with hard work and dedication. I am honored to call him a friend, and humbled that he is willing to support my campaign."[58]

DEVOS, BETSY

Signed a letter with other Michigan Republicans asking Trump not to work with the DeVos family

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[54] "NTEU opposes nominee for Office of Personnel Management" Targeted News Service, 09/16/2020
[55] "Senior advisor at HUD spread conspiracy theory that Clinton campaign chairman was Satanist" Andrew Kaczynski, CNN, 03/08/2018
[56] "Trump nominee rejects criticism over tweets" Rob Crilly, The Examiner, 06/30/2020
[57] "Trump is gearing up for a major speech and MAGA-world wants him to bash Biden over Russia's invasion of Ukraine" Kimberly Leonard and Warren Rojas, Business Insider, 02/25/2022
[58] "Ben Carson to speak at rally for Trump-backed candidate seeking to replace Peter Meijer in Congress" Brian McVicar, MLive, 02/04/2022

In July 2022, Gibbs was one of 8 Michigan GOP candidates endorsed by Trump to sign a letter asking the former president not to work with the DeVos family. The letter came after the DeVos family contributed to the campaigns of establishment GOP candidates in the primary campaigns.[59]

FISHER, ADA

Wrote a story about former Republican congressional candidate Ada Fisher

In May 2016, Gibbs wrote a story about former Republican congressional candidate Ada Fisher. He said that she was "the American Story embodied"[60] due to being a Black Republican who was the granddaughter of slaves. Gibbs also praised Fisher's personality and said that "One immediately feels Fisher's passion and depth of experience when speaking with her."[61]

KING, STEVE

Defended former Rep. Steve King's controversial comment

In March 2017, Gibbs defended former Rep. Steve King's controversial comment that was seen as racist and xenophobic. In defense of King's support of far-right Dutch politician Geert Wilders, Gibbs said "Rep. King's comment is a rare show of real courage from a conservative. I'm pleasantly surprised. There is hope. Keep praying #MAGA fam."[62]

PODESTA, JOHN

Made claims that John Podesta was a cannibalistic Satan worshipper

In March 2018, it was reported that Gibbs made claims on Twitter that John Podesta was a cannibalistic Satan worshipper. He used the hashtag #SpiritCooking four times in 2016, which referred to the conspiracy theory that Hillary Clinton and John Podesta were involved in Satanic rituals that involved consuming bodily fluids.[63]

In response to conservative conspiracy theorist Wayne Dupree's assertion that Hillary Clinton was losing the support of Black voters due to Podesta's supposed involvement in such rituals, Gibbs tweeted "True, true, and true. #Trump #SpiritCooking #BlackLivesMatter."[64]

Refused to apologize for tweets about conspiracy theory centered around Podesta

In July 2020, Gibbs refused to apologize for tweets he posted about conspiracy theories centered around Hillary Clinton's former campaign chair John Podesta. He said, "When I look back at this, I don't really see anything to apologize for," he said. "I was a commentator at the time, I was commentating on popular issues at the time."[65]

TRUMP, DONALD

Trump intended to appoint Gibbs as Director of the Office of Personnel Management

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[59] "Trump-endorsed candidates in Michigan ask him 'not to work with Betsy DeVos'" Craig Mauer, The Detroit News, 07/28/2022
[60] "Ada Fisher: An inspiring Black Republican leader" States News Service, 05/20/2016
[61] "Ada Fisher: An inspiring Black Republican leader" States News Service, 05/20/2016
[62] "Republican congressman sparks outrage with tweet supporting Geert Wilders" The Irish News, 03/13/2017
[63] "Senior advisor at HUD spread conspiracy theory that Clinton campaign chairman was Satanist" Andrew Kaczynski, CNN, 03/08/2018
[64] "Senior advisor at HUD spread conspiracy theory that Clinton campaign chairman was Satanist" Andrew Kaczynski, CNN, 03/08/2018
[65] "Trump nominee rejects criticism over tweets" Rob Crilly, The Examiner, 06/30/2020

In July 2020, Trump announced his intent to nominate Gibbs as the Director of the Office of Personnel Management. The intended tenure of the position was a term of four years.[66]

Had a seat on the stage at a Trump fundraiser at Mar-a-Lago
In February 2022, Gibbs attended a Trump fundraiser at Mar-a-Lago and had a seat on the stage with the former president. The fundraiser was for Trump's political action committee, Make America Great Again, Again! Of the event, Gibbs said that "It was excellent."[67]

Labeled Trump the de facto leader of the Republican Party
In July 2022, Gibbs labeled Trump the de facto leader of the Republican Party. He said, "Whether people like to admit it or not out there, President Trump is really kind of the de facto leader of the Republican Party right now."[68]

Claimed Trump called him good-looking
In July 2022, Gibbs claimed Trump called him good-looking. He said Trump made the comment when they first met at Mar-a-Lago and said, "I didn't know that you'd be good looking."[69]

Congratulated by Trump for primary win
In August 2022, Gibbs received a call from Trump congratulating him on winning the primary. Gibbs stated, "Yes sir, your endorsements have a really, really good record." Trump concluded by remarking, "I'll see you soon. I'm very proud of you. That's a great job."[70]

VAUGHAN, RICKY

Defended alt-right figure Ricky Vaughn after his expulsion from Twitter
In March 2018, it was reported that in 2016 Gibbs had defended alt-right figure Ricky Vaughn after Vaughn's expulsion from Twitter. After Vaughn, who regularly tweeted antisemitic comments, was suspended, Gibbs tweeted "#Twitter down big today because they banned Ricky? #FreeRicky."[71]

ENDORSEMENTS

2022

Endorsed by Ben Carson
In November 2021, Gibbs was endorsed by Ben Carson. Carson, Gibb's former boss at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, tweeted his support for Gibbs:

> John Gibbs is the type of person we need in Congress. He's pragmatic, compassionate & firm in his beliefs which are driven by God & duty to country. John served under me for 4 years at HUD and was an outstanding leader who can get things done.[72]

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[66] "President Donald J. Trump announces intent to nominate individual to key administration post July 20 2020" States News Service, 06/20/2020
[67] "Tlaib to deliver response to Biden's State of the Union address. But for which party?" Melissa Nann Burke & Craig Mauger, 02/27/2022
[68] "Trump endorsee tests Meijer's impeachment vote in Michigan GOP congressional primary" Ben Orner, MLive, 07/18/2022
[69] "Trump's revenge tour over Michigan Republican's impeachment vote endangers a GOP House seat" Manu Raju & Alex Rogers, CNN Wire, 07/26/2022
[70] "Video shows Trump congratulate Gibbs on primary win over Congressman Meijer" Joel Bissell, Grand Rapids Press, 8/3/2022
[71] "Senior advisor at HUD spread conspiracy theory that Clinton campaign chairman was Satanist" Andrew Kaczynski, CNN, 03/08/2018
[72] "Trump staffer Gibbs launches campaign for Congress in district held by Meijer" Melissa Nann Burke, The Detroit New, 11/12/2021

Endorsed by Donald Trump

In November 2021, Gibbs was endorsed by Donald Trump.

> John Gibbs is running against RINO Congressman Peter Meijer in Michigan's 3rd District. Meyer has been a terrible representative of the Republican Party and beyond. John Gibbs is a fabulous talent who loves the State, our Military, and our Vets.[73]

Endorsed by American Principles Project as a "true conservative champion"

In August 2022, the American Principles Project released a statement congratulating Gibbs on winning the primary and endorsed him. APP praised Gibbs as a conservative leader and signer of APP's Big Family Pledge, and President Terry Schilling stated:

> The Big Family earned a massive win tonight in Michigan's 3rd district. Peter Meijer was one of the chief sell-out Republicans in Congress, most notably betraying families with his support for a bill that would put boys in girls' sports and private spaces. Even as other GOP members dropped off the legislation recently due to its likely radical impacts, Meijer has still refused to change course.
>
> But tonight, voters in Michigan sent a message to other sell-out Republicans like Meijer: if you abandon us, you will be unelected. Now, voters will have the opportunity to send a true conservative champion, John Gibbs, to Congress in November who will fight on their behalf. APP fully endorses Gibbs' candidacy, and we look forward to him joining the growing ranks of pro-family lawmakers in Washington next year.[74]

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[73] "Trump endorses primary opponent to Michigan Republican who voted for impeachment earlier this year" Paul LeBlanc, CNN, 11/15/2021

[74] "American Principles Project Cheers Defeat of 'Sell-Out Republican' Rep. Meijer in Michigan Primary" Press Release, American Principles Project, 8/4/2022

PERSONAL POLITICAL ACTIVITY

PERSONAL POLITICAL DONATIONS

Summary

Gibbs has given a total of $1,300 to state candidates, in Michigan, Massachusetts, and Kansas, all of it between 2018 and 2020 to Republicans (or, in one case, a nonpartisan candidate). At the federal level, Gibbs made a few small contributions to Trump's 2016 campaign; and made more regular contributions to his 2020 campaign. He also gave to Parick Witt, a Republican candidate for Congress. In 2021 and 2022, he has given to the Save America Joint Fundraising Committee, the Trump PAC created after his 2020 election loss.

STATE AND LOCAL

Candidate Committees

Committee	State	Office	Party	Contributor	Date	Amount
KRIS KOBACH	KS	Governor	R	JOHN GIBBS	8/1/2018	$100.00
FRNDS FOR CHRISTINE E BARNES FOR REP	MI	State Representative	R	JOHN GIBBS	12/6/2019	$100.00
HEATHER HAMILTON	MA	County Commissioner	-	JOHN GIBBS	1/15/2020	$100.00
COMMITTEE TO ELECT GINA JOHNSEN	MI	State Representative	R	JOHN GIBBS	10/1/2020	$175.00
COMMITTEE TO ELECT GINA JOHNSEN	MI	State Representative	R	JOHN GIBBS	10/24/2020	$825.00
						$1,300.00

Parties

None found.

PACs

None found.

FEDERAL

Candidate Committees

Committee	Contributor	Party	Date	Amount
DONALD J. TRUMP FOR PRESIDENT, INC.	GIBBS, JOHN	Republican	8/6/2016	$12.00
DONALD J. TRUMP FOR PRESIDENT, INC.	GIBBS, JOHN	Republican	8/8/2016	$17.60
DONALD J. TRUMP FOR PRESIDENT, INC.	GIBBS, JOHN	Republican	8/11/2016	$13.60
TRUMP MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN COMMITTEE	GIBBS, JOHN	Republican	12/2/2019	$30.00
TRUMP MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN COMMITTEE	GIBBS, JOHN	Republican	1/2/2020	$30.00
TRUMP MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN COMMITTEE	GIBBS, JOHN	Republican	2/2/2020	$30.00
TRUMP MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN COMMITTEE	GIBBS, JOHN	Republican	3/2/2020	$30.00
TRUMP MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN COMMITTEE	GIBBS, JOHN	Republican	4/2/2020	$30.00
TRUMP MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN COMMITTEE	GIBBS, JOHN	Republican	5/2/2020	$30.00
TRUMP MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN COMMITTEE	GIBBS, JOHN	Republican	6/2/2020	$30.00
TRUMP MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN COMMITTEE	GIBBS, JOHN	Republican	7/2/2020	$30.00
TRUMP MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN COMMITTEE	GIBBS, JOHN	Republican	8/2/2020	$30.00

TRUMP MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN COMMITTEE	GIBBS, JOHN	Republican	9/2/2020	$30.00
PATRICK WITT FOR CONGRESS	GIBBS, JOHN	Republican	11/30/2021	$500.00
				$843.20

PACs

Committee	Contributor	Party	Date	Amount
SAVE AMERICA JOINT FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE	GIBBS, JOHN	Republican	9/1/2021	$76.00
SAVE AMERICA JOINT FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE	GIBBS, JOHN	Republican	2/11/2022	$80.00
				$156.00

Parties

None found.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

ADVISORY 1776 COMMISSION

OVERVIEW

Appointment

On 12/18/2020, President Trump announced the appointment of Gibbs, along with 17 other individuals, to the President's Advisory 1776 Commission.[75]

[75] "President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Appoint Individuals to Key Administration Posts." TrumpWhiteHouse.archives.gov, 12/18/2020

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

OVERVIEW

Senior Advisor in the Office of the Secretary

According to his LinkedIn profile, Gibbs was Senior Advisor in the Office of the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development from May 2017 to March 2020:

> As a political appointee, advise the Secretary on core policy issues to implement President Trump and Secretary Carson's agenda, with a focus on making the best use of taxpayer dollars to reduce government dependency and increase self-sufficiency and economic empowerment among HUD beneficiaries. Conduct in-depth policy analysis while working closely with the White House and other federal agencies to build consensus and manage execution of efforts.

Assistant Secretary (Acting) for Community Planning and Development

According to his LinkedIn profile, Gibbs was Assistant Secretary (Acting) for Community Planning and Development at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development from March 2020 to January 2021:

> As Assistant Secretary (Acting) for the Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) at HUD, oversee more than 700 staff and an annual budget of $8 billion in HUD federal funds for the Community Development Block Grant program, HOME Investment Partnerships, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building, Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) encompassing homelessness and other special needs populations, and the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program which funds the rebuilding of communities impacted by major disasters.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

OVERVIEW

Nomination

On 7/20/2020, the Trump administration announced Gibbs' nomination to be director of the Office of Personnel Management:[76]

> John Gibbs has been an appointee at the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for more than three years, and currently serves as Acting Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, where he oversees an annual budget of $8 billion for programs addressing homelessness, community development, and disaster relief. He recently led the successful deployment of more than $9 billion in CARES Act funds in response to coronavirus.
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> Prior to his service at HUD, Mr. Gibbs led non-profit teams in Japan. Using his fluency in Japanese, he trained non-profits on how to reach the vulnerable using technology, and deployed homeless outreach strategies for Japanese churches.
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> Before that, Mr. Gibbs was a software engineer in Silicon Valley, where he worked for Symantec, Palm, and Apple, playing a key role in the development of landmark technology products including industry-leading intrusion detection software, and the very first version of the iPhone.
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> Mr. Gibbs hails from Lansing, Michigan, and is a published author, having written academically on the application of Behavioral Economics to policymaking. He holds a B.S. in Computer Science from Stanford University, and a Master in Public Administration from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.

On 7/21/2020, Gibb's nomination was sent to the Senate for confirmation.[77]

Hearing

On 9/9/2020, the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs held a hearing on the nominations of Gibbs, John H. Barger, Christopher B. Burnham, and Frank Dunlevy. During the hearing, Gibbs was questioned about past remarks he had made "regarding Muslim Americans," which led to the Muslim Public Affairs Council expressing concerns about his nomination. Gibbs also was questioned about the "very incendiary tweets" he had sent. Sen. Mitt Romney questioned Gibbs for having "fostered or promoted some relatively extreme, if not bizarre or nonsensical conspiracy theories, including the idea that leaders of the Democratic Party had participated in satanic rituals of some kind." And another senator questioned Gibbs' "offensive anti-Muslim and anti-Semitic rhetoric."[78]

Nomination returned

On 1/3/2021, Gibbs' nomination was returned by the Senate to the President.[79]

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[76] "President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Nominate Individual to Key Administration Post." TrumpWhiteHoue.archives.gov, 7/20/2020
[77] "Seven Nominations Sent to the Senate." TrumpWhiteHoue.archives.gov, 7/21/2020
[78] "S.Hrg. 116-495 — NOMINATIONS OF JOHN GIBBS, HON. JOHN M. BARGER, HON. CHRISTOPHER B. BURNHAM, AND FRANK DUNLEVY." Congress.gov, 9/9/2020
[79] "PN2103 — John Gibbs — Office of Personnel Management." Congress.gov, 1/3/2021

ORGANIZATIONS

THIEL CAPITAL

Summary

Gibbs disclosed receiving a $31,000 salary from Thiel Capital, billionaire and right-wing activist Peter Thiel's investment firm.

RECENT INVESTMENTS

Summary

Thiel Capital has invested in a number of companies since 2021, the year that Gibbs reported receiving a $31,000 salary from Thiel Capital.

Angiex

According to Crunchbase data, Thiel Capital invested in Angiex, a biotherapeutics company based in Cambridge, MA focused on vascular-targeted technology for cancer therapy. [80] Thiel Capital was a Series A lead investor in 2017.[81][82] Crunchbase also lists Thiel Capital as being invested in the company's Series B financing round, which was announced in April 2021. [83]

Crunchbase Screenshot

Investors

Number of Lead Investors
2

Number of Investors
3

Angiex is funded by 3 investors. Thiel Capital and Presight Capital are the most recent investors.

Which investors participated in the most funding rounds? SHOW

Investor Name	Lead Investor	Funding Round	Partners
Thiel Capital	–	Series B - Angiex	–
Presight Capital	Yes	Series B - Angiex	Fabian Hansen
Presight Capital	Yes	Venture Round - Angiex	Fabian Hansen
Thiel Capital	Yes	Series A - Angiex	–
MassChallenge	–	Non Equity Assistance - Angiex	–

atai Life Sciences

[80] "Angiex Completes $3 million Seed Preferred Financing to Advance Its Vascular Approach to Cancer Therapy" Press Release, Angiex, 7/27/2017
[81] "Angiex" Financials, Crunchbase, accessed 9/9/2022
[82] "Angiex Completes $3 million Seed Preferred Financing to Advance Its Vascular Approach to Cancer Therapy" Press Release, Angiex, 7/27/2017
[83] "Angiex" Financials, Crunchbase, accessed 9/9/2022

According to Crunchbase data, Thiel Capital invested in atai Life Sciences, a biopharmaceutical company based in Germany focused on drug development programs for mental health disorders.[84] They were an investor during the convertible note round announced in April 2020, an investor in the November 2020 Series C round, and a lead investor in the March 2021 Series D round.[85][86]

Crunchbase Screenshots

Overview

Organization Name ATAI Life Sciences	Announced Date Apr 27, 2020
Closed On Date Jul 20, 2020	Funding Type Convertible Note
Money Raised $25M	

Investors

Number of Investors	Number of Partner Investors
10	2

Investor Name	Partners
What If Ventures	Stephen Hays
Thor Bjorgolfsson	–
Thiel Capital	Jason Camm

Thiel Capital has made 26 investments. Their most recent investment was on Aug 23, 2022, when 28 by Evie raised $3.2M.

How many investments has this organization made over time? SHOW

Which industries has this organization most actively invested in? SHOW

unced Date	Organization Name	Lead Investor	Funding Round
Aug 23, 2022	28 by Evie	Yes	Seed Round - 28 by Evie
Jul 13, 2022	Inflection Points	–	Seed Round - Inflection Points
Feb 4, 2022	Regent	Yes	Venture Round - Regent
Nov 12, 2021	Mynaric	Yes	Post-IPO Equity - Mynaric
Jun 1, 2021	Ex-human	–	Pre Seed Round - Ex-human
May 11, 2021	Bullish Global	Yes	Venture Round - Bullish Global
Apr 9, 2021	Angiex	–	Series B - Angiex
Mar 3, 2021	ATAI Life Sciences	Yes	Series D - ATAI Life Sciences
Dec 4, 2020	Rational Vaccines	–	Series A - Rational Vaccines
Nov 24, 2020	ATAI Life Sciences	–	Series C - ATAI Life Sciences

Bullish Global

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[84] "Our Programs" atai Life Sciences, accessed 9/9/2022
[85] "Thiel Capital" Investments, Crunchbase, accessed 9/9/2022
[86] "Convertible Note - ATAI Life Sciences" Crunchbase, accessed 9/9/2022

According to Crunchbase data, Thiel Capital invested in Bullish Global, a blockchain-based cryptocurrency exchange. They were a lead investor in the venture round announced in May 2021.[87] In May 2022, Peter Thiel was announced as a senior advisor for the company.[88]

Crunchbase Screenshot

Investors

Number of Lead Investors: 2

Number of Investors: 10

Bullish Global is funded by 10 investors. infinitas capital group and Christian Angermayer are the most recent investors.

Which investors participated in the most funding rounds? SHOW

Investor Name	Lead Investor	Funding Round	Partners
infinitas capital group	–	Venture Round - Bullish Global	–
Christian Angermayer	–	Venture Round - Bullish Global	–
Korify Capital AG	–	Venture Round - Bullish Global	–
Alan Howard	–	Venture Round - Bullish Global	–
Thiel Capital	Yes	Venture Round - Bullish Global	Peter Thiel
Nomura	–	Venture Round - Bullish Global	Jez Mohideen

Ex-human

According to Crunchbase data, Thiel Capital invested in Ex-human, also known as Botify AI.[89] The company created a "Digital Human Platform that allows anyone to create interactive AI Humans supporting hyper-realistic conversations."[90] Thiel Capital was an investor in the pre-seed round announced in June 2021.[91]

Botify AI allowed users to chat with "engaging and emotion-driven" AI versions of famous figures like Elon Musk, Jesus, and Cinderella.[92] Ex-human offered customizable versions of the services to companies, noting that the technology could be leveraged for chatbots, virtual influencers, gaming, and dating coaching.[93]

Crunchbase Screenshot

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[87] "Bullish Global" Financials, Crunchbase, accessed 9/9/2022
[88] "Block.one and prominent investors launch Bullish Global with $10B in funding, and announce the 2021 launch of new cryptocurrency exchange, Bullish" Press Release, Bullish Global, 5/11/2021
[89] "Ex-human" Financials, Crunchbase, accessed 9/9/2022
[90] "Ex-human" Summary, Crunchbase, accessed 9/9/2022
[91] "Ex-human" Financials, Crunchbase, accessed 9/9/2022
[92] https://exh.ai/#home
[93] https://exh.ai/#home

Investors

Number of Investors
4

Ex-human is funded by 4 investors. MetaVision International and Cory Levy are the most recent investors.

Which investors participated in the most funding rounds? SHOW

Investor Name	Lead Investor	Funding Round	Partners
MetaVision International	–	Seed Round - Ex-human	–
Cory Levy	–	Pre Seed Round - Ex-human	–
Justin Mateen	–	Pre Seed Round - Ex-human	–
Thiel Capital	–	Pre Seed Round - Ex-human	–

Mynaric

According to Crunchbase data, Thiel Capital invested in Mynaric, a public laser communications company based in Germany. [94] The company built wireless laser communication systems needed for aerospace communication networks like satellite constellations.[95] Thiel Capital was a lead investor in the Post-IPO Equity round announced in November 2021. [96]

Crunchbase Screenshot

Investors

Number of Lead Investors
4

Number of Investors
8

Mynaric is funded by 8 investors. L3 Harris Technologies and Justin Mateen are the most recent investors.

Which investors participated in the most funding rounds? SHOW

Investor Name	Lead Investor	Funding Round	Partners
L3 Harris Technologies	Yes	Post-IPO Equity - Mynaric	Daniel Gittsovich
Justin Mateen	–	Post-IPO Equity - Mynaric	Justin Mateen
Apeiron Investment Group	–	Post-IPO Equity - Mynaric	Christian Angermayer
ARK Investment Management	Yes	Post-IPO Equity - Mynaric	Catherine Wood
Thiel Capital	Yes	Post-IPO Equity - Mynaric	Peter Thiel
TA Capital	–	Post-IPO Equity - Mynaric	–
Auden	Yes	Venture Round - Mynaric	–
Mohammad Hans Dastmaltchi	–	Seed Round - Mynaric	–

[94] "Mynaric" Financials, Crunchbase, accessed 9/9/2022
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[96] "Thiel Capital" Investments, Crunchbase, accessed 9/9/2022

Regent

According to Crunchbase data, Thiel Capital invested in Regent, a company developing electric flying passenger boats known as seagliders.[97][98] Thiel Capital was an investor in the pre-seed round announced in February 2022. [99]

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Investor Name	Lead Investor	Funding Round	Partners
Mesa Air Group	–	Venture Round - Regent	Jonathan G. Ornstein
Toba Capital	–	Venture Round - Regent	–
JAM Fund	Yes	Venture Round - Regent	–
Olive Tree Capital	–	Venture Round - Regent	–
Thiel Capital	Yes	Venture Round - Regent	Peter Thiel
VU Venture Partners	–	Funding Round - Regent	–
Asymmetry Ventures	–	Seed Round - Regent	–
Kohala Ventures	–	Seed Round - Regent	–

Inflection Points

According to Crunchbase data, Thiel Capital invested in Inflection Points, a bitcoin and crypto training company.[100][101] Thiel Capital was an investor in the seed round announced in July 2022. [102]

Inflection Points was founded by blockchain and cryptocurrency influencer Anthony Pompliano. In addition to a prominent social media presence, Pompliano hosted a podcast that included discussions on social topics ranging from critiques of modern feminism to how "woke people are destroying America."[103][104][105] In August 2022, Pompliano released a podcast episode recorded in May 2021 with controversial figure Andrew Tate.[106] Tate gained a sizable following on social media for his violent and misogynistic remarks; his home in Romania was also raided as part of a human-trafficking investigation.[107]

Crunchbase Screenshot

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[105] "Woke People Are Destroying America | Mike Solana | Full Interview" Anthony Pompliano, YouTube, 8/4/2022
[106] "Andrew Tate Endorses Bitcoin, Saying Money Is 'Trash'" Robert D. Knight, BeInCrypto, 8/4/2022
[107] "TikTok and Meta ban self-described misogynist Andrew Tate" Brittany Shammas, Washington Post, 8/21/2022

Investors

Number of Investors
10

Inflection Points is funded by 10 investors. Rose Park Advisors and Brenton Saunders are the most recent investors.

Which investors participated in the most funding rounds? SHOW

Investor Name	Lead Investor	Funding Round	Partners
Rose Park Advisors	–	Seed Round - Inflection Points	–
Brenton Saunders	–	Seed Round - Inflection Points	–
Colin Anderson	–	Seed Round - Inflection Points	–
XYZ Fund	–	Seed Round - Inflection Points	–
Matteo Franceschetti	–	Seed Round - Inflection Points	–
Marc Roberts	–	Seed Round - Inflection Points	–
Thiel Capital	–	Seed Round - Inflection Points	–
Third Prime	–	Seed Round - Inflection Points	–
Blockchange Ventures	–	Seed Round - Inflection Points	–

28 by Evie

According to Crunchbase data, Thiel Capital invested in 28 by Evie, a "femtech company" that provided women with fitness and health advice aligning with their self-reported menstrual cycle.[108][109] The company was founded in 2020 and was based in Miami. Thiel Capital was a lead investor in the seed round announced in August 2022. [110]

28 by Evie was launched by *Evie*, a conservative women's magazine that had called abortion "anti-woman" and claimed that birth control pills were highly unsafe.[111][112] As a result, the magazine's decision to launch a period tracking app following the overturn of Roe v. Wade sparked controversy, specifically over its privacy concerns.[113] The app's privacy policy explicitly stated that it would turn over user data to police in response to a "court order, law or legal process."[114]

Crunchbase Screenshot

[108] "28 by Evie" Financials, Crunchbase, accessed 9/9/2022
[109] "28, A New Cycle-Based Wellness Company, Launches With $3.2M In Funding" Brittany Martinez, Evie Magazine, 9/1/2022
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[112] "'The Pill' Is Destroying Our Bodies And Everyone Is Ignoring It For Money" Mary Margaret Olohan, Evie, 2/20/2019
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[114] "Privacy Policy" 28 by Evie, 9/7/2022

Investors

Number of Lead Investors
1

Number of Investors
3

28 by Evie is funded by 3 investors. Learn Capital and Thiel Capital are the most recent investors.

Which investors participated in the most funding rounds? SHOW

Investor Name	Lead Investor	Funding Round	Partners
Learn Capital	–	Seed Round - 28 by Evie	–
Thiel Capital	Yes	Seed Round - 28 by Evie	–
Steel Perlot	–	Seed Round - 28 by Evie	–

OTHER NOTABLE INVESTMENTS

THIEL CAPITAL

Research Note: *We do not have a record of Gibbs' involvement with Thiel Capital before 2021*

Immunochina Pharmaceuticals

According to Crunchbase data, Peter Thiel and Thiel Capital invested in Immunochina Pharmaceuticals, a Chinese pharmaceutical company based in Beijing.[115] As of January 2019, Immunochina was developing blood cancer treatments and targeting China's domestic market.[116]

Thiel Capital was a Series A investor in 2016.[117] Crunchbase also lists Thiel Capital as being invested in the company's Series B financing round, which was announced in November 2017. Additionally, Peter Thiel was listed as being invested in the Series C investing round, which closed in January 2019.[118]

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[116] "Immunochina raises $20M for blood cancer CAR-T," Phil Taylor, Fierce Biotech, 1/22/2019
[117] http://www.immunochina.com/en/index.php/Home/gywm/gywm2.html
[118] "Immunochina." About, Crunchbase, Accessed 05/02/2022

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Investor Name	Lead Investor	Funding Round	Partners
GF Qianhe Investment	–	Series D - Immunochina	–
Yajie Shanghui	–	Series D - Immunochina	–
China Life Private Equity Investment	Yes	Series D - Immunochina	–
SDIC Venture Capital	–	Series D - Immunochina	–
China-Belgium Direct Equity Investment Fund	Yes	Series C - Immunochina	–
Sherpa Venture Capital	Yes	Series C - Immunochina	–
Shougang Fund	Yes	Series C - Immunochina	–
Peter Thiel	Yes	Series C - Immunochina	–
Qingzhe Capital	Yes	Series C - Immunochina	–
Legend Capital	Yes	Series B - Immunochina	–
Thiel Capital	–	Series B - Immunochina	–
ShengJing360	–	Series B - Immunochina	–

Rational Vaccines

In 2017, Thiel Capital invested in the company Rational Vaccines, which was working to develop pre-clinical stage, live-attenuated herpes simplex virus vaccines.[119] Thiel's related investment fund, the Founders Fund, appears to have invested previously.[120] In 2017, the company and its backers' faced criticism for attempting to conduct human trials of their vaccine overseas in order to evade requirements from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.[121]

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Investor Name	Lead Investor	Funding Round	Partners
Founders Fund	–	Series A - Rational Vaccines	–
AAF Management Ltd.	–	Series A - Rational Vaccines	–
Presight Capital	Yes	Series A - Rational Vaccines	–
Thiel Capital	–	Series A - Rational Vaccines	–

[119] "Rational Vaccines." About, Crunchbase, Accessed 05/02/2022

[120] "PayPal co-founder expected to invest in herpes vaccine maker in Springfield." Dean Wilson, The State Journal-Register, 04/19/2017

[121] "Offshore Human Testing Of Herpes Vaccine Stokes Debate Over U.S. Safety Rules." Marisa Taylor, Kaiser Health News, 08/28/2017

FOUNDERS FUND

Research Note: *Gibbs is not directly connected to Founders Fund's operations.*

Anduril Industries

In June 2018, Anduril Industries, a defense product company that builds technology for military agencies and border surveillance, announced a Series A funding round that the Thiel-backed Founders Fund invested in, as well as a later Series B fundraising round.[122] The company won a federal contract award in 2022 worth $1 billion to provide counter-drone technology to U.S. Special Operations Command.[123]

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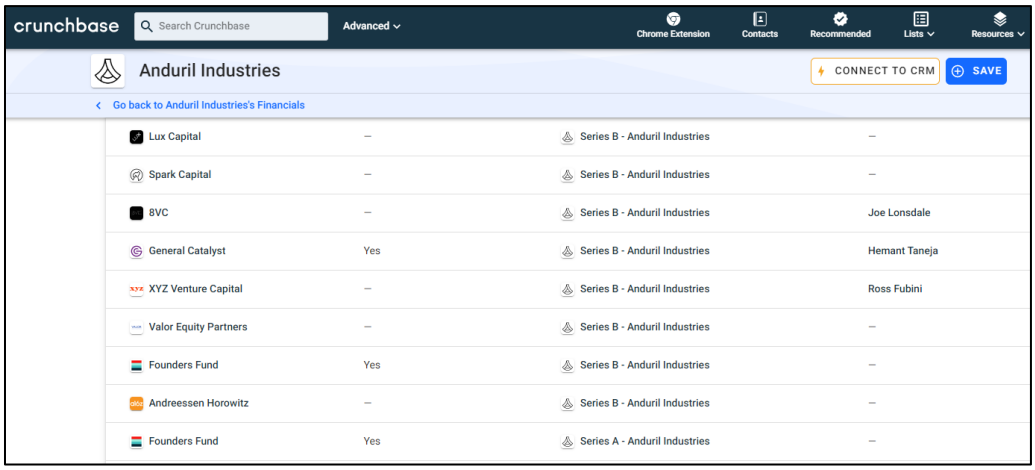

Lux Capital	–	Series B - Anduril Industries	–
Spark Capital	–	Series B - Anduril Industries	–
8VC	–	Series B - Anduril Industries	Joe Lonsdale
General Catalyst	Yes	Series B - Anduril Industries	Hemant Taneja
XYZ Venture Capital	–	Series B - Anduril Industries	Ross Fubini
Valor Equity Partners	–	Series B - Anduril Industries	–
Founders Fund	Yes	Series B - Anduril Industries	–
Andreessen Horowitz	–	Series B - Anduril Industries	–
Founders Fund	Yes	Series A - Anduril Industries	–

Cyabra

In October 2021, Cyabra, an Israeli company that sought to stop disinformation online using machine learning and artificial intelligence, announced a Series A fundraising round, which the Thiel-backed Founders Fund invested in. The startup has partnered with the U.S. State Department to help identify disinformation.[124]

Crunchbase Screenshot

[122] "Anduril Industries." About, Crunchbase, Accessed 05/02/2022
[123] "Anduril to lead counter-drone integration work in $1B deal." Jen Judson, Defense News, 01/24/2022
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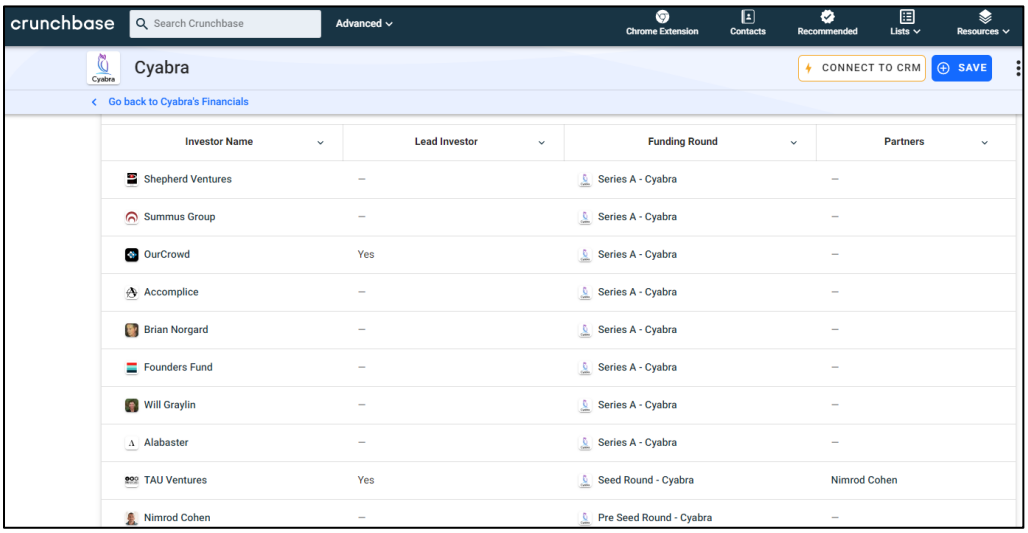

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Investor Name	Lead Investor	Funding Round	Partners
Shepherd Ventures	–	Series A - Cyabra	–
Summus Group	–	Series A - Cyabra	–
OurCrowd	Yes	Series A - Cyabra	–
Accomplice	–	Series A - Cyabra	–
Brian Norgard	–	Series A - Cyabra	–
Founders Fund	–	Series A - Cyabra	–
Will Graylin	–	Series A - Cyabra	–
Alabaster	–	Series A - Cyabra	–
TAU Ventures	Yes	Seed Round - Cyabra	Nimrod Cohen
Nimrod Cohen	–	Pre Seed Round - Cyabra	–

DoNotPay

In 2018, the Thiel Foundation gave Thiel Fellowship to the creator of DoNotPay, an online program that was initially designed in 2015 to provide free legal services to users.[125] The creator, Joshua Browder, had created the app after dealing with a large volume of parking tickets that he felt could be dealt with through automation.[126] The app was updated in 2017 to help migrants automatically claim asylum in the U.S., U.K. and Canada for free, which Browder said took on added importance due to political changes in the United States, an apparent reference to the election of Donald Trump.[127][128][129][130] In 2019, a funding round for the service was closed that included the Thiel-backed investment fund The Founders Fund.[131]

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[130] "Founders Fund's Investments." Founders Fund, Crunchbase, Accessed 05/02/2022
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JAM Fund	–	Series B - DoNotPay	Justin Mateen
Coatue	Yes	Series A - DoNotPay	–
Founders Fund	–	Series A - DoNotPay	–
Felicis Ventures	–	Series A - DoNotPay	–
Andreessen Horowitz	–	Series A - DoNotPay	–
Day One Ventures	–	Series A - DoNotPay	–
Felicis Ventures	Yes	Seed Round - DoNotPay	Niki Pezeshki
Coatue	–	Seed Round - DoNotPay	–
Index Ventures	–	Seed Round - DoNotPay	–
Global Founders Capital	–	Seed Round - DoNotPay	–
Highland Capital Partners	–	Seed Round - DoNotPay	–
Founders Fund	–	Seed Round - DoNotPay	–

Sava

In September 2018, Sava, a "leading E-commerce brand for premium Cannabis consumers.," announced a seed funding round which would include an investment from the Thiel-related Founders Fund.[132]

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Investor Name	Lead Investor	Funding Round	Partners
Big Rock	Yes	Seed Round - Sava	–
Founders Fund	No	Seed Round - Sava	–
Treehouse Global Ventures	No	Seed Round - Sava	–
Arcview Collective Fund	No	Seed Round - Sava	–
ARCADIAN Fund	Yes	Seed Round - Sava	–

VALAR VENTURES

Research Note: *Gibbs is not directly connected to Valar, as the entity spun off from Thiel Capital in 2014.*

[132] "Sava." About, Crunchbase, Accessed 05/02/2022

Valar invested in MAJORITY app, which provided banking services to migrants
Thiel-related investment fund Valar Ventures invested in MAJORITY, a banking platform specifically targeted at providing financial services to migrants in the U.S. without needing a Social Security Number.[133][134] Valar Venture's investment[135] was announced as part of the company's Series A funding round, along with the app's new feature that allowed users to create a bank account with a social security number.

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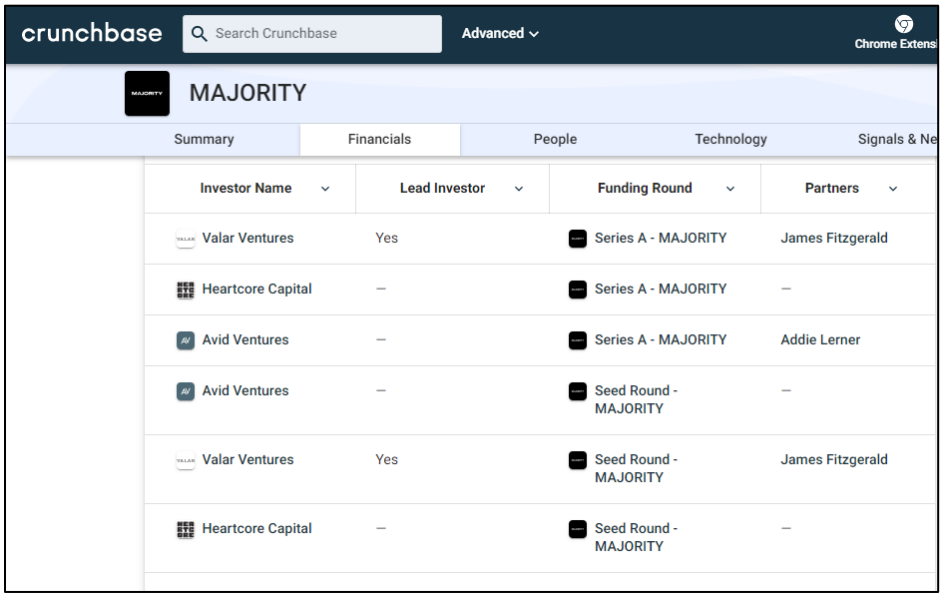

Investor Name	Lead Investor	Funding Round	Partners
Valar Ventures	Yes	Series A - MAJORITY	James Fitzgerald
Heartcore Capital	–	Series A - MAJORITY	–
Avid Ventures	–	Series A - MAJORITY	Addie Lerner
Avid Ventures	–	Seed Round - MAJORITY	–
Valar Ventures	Yes	Seed Round - MAJORITY	James Fitzgerald
Heartcore Capital	–	Seed Round - MAJORITY	–

OTHER NOTES

Thiel Capital hired corrupt Austrian chancellor last year
In December 2021, it was reported that former Austrian chancellor Sebastian Kurz would beginning working for Thiel Capital as a global strategist in 2022. Kurz had resigned his position and all other political posts amid an investigation into whether public funds were used to commission manipulated polling to influence his prospects within the conservative Austrian People's Party.[136]

(Kurz's far-right ties are also problematic. In 2017, he formed a coalition government with the Freedom Party, which was founded by neo-Nazis.[137])

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[136] "Austria's ex-chancellor Kurz to work for Thiel Capital – reports," Reuteres, 12/30/2021
[137] "Austria's Young Chancellor Sebastian Kurz Is Bringing the Far-Right Into the Mainstream," Simon Shuster, Time, 11/29/2018

AMERICAN CORNERSTONE INSTITUTE

OVERVIEW

Background

The American Cornerstone Institute was conservative think tank founded by Dr. Ben Carson in February 2021. In the formal announcement of the organization, Carson stated that the American Cornerstone Institute would strive to promote civil discourse, individual and religious liberties, and effective and efficient government.[138] The ACI focused on what it labeled as its four cornerstones: faith, liberty, community, and life.

The ACI uses its website and social media platforms to promote conservative ideals published in its podcasts, interviews, and opinion pieces. In addition, the ACI created two programs: The More Perfect Union Project and the Little Patriots. The former encouraged Americans to live how the Declaration of Independence intended while the latter sought to educate children on conservative ideals through free school curriculum and children's books.

Gibbs' role

In September 2021, Gibbs was named the American Cornerstone Institute's first Foster Friess Fellow.[139] He moderated two talks posted on the ACI website.

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[138] "The story behind ACI" The American Cornerstone Institute

[139] "The American Cornerstone Institute introduces John Gibbs as its first Foster Friess Fellow" The American Cornerstone Institute, 09/09/2021

ISSUES

ABORTION

ROE V. WADE

Opposed all exceptions for abortion

In May 2022, Gibbs opposed all exceptions for abortion. He stated that there should be no exceptions for rape and incest and said "There are many great Americans all around the country who were actually conceive from rape, and they're doing great things."[140]

Gibbs also opposed exceptions to save the life of the mother. He believed that it was rare for abortion to be the only way to save a mother's life and claimed "It's definitely not true that the only solution in this case is abortion."[141]

[140] "How abortion could affect Michigan swing races for U.S. House this fall" Melissa Nann Burke, The Detroit News, 05/24/2022
[141] "How abortion could affect Michigan swing races for U.S. House this fall" Melissa Nann Burke, The Detroit News, 05/24/2022

BUDGET

BALANCED BUDGET

Opposed $1.5 trillion bipartisan spending bill

In June 2022, Gibbs, opposed the $1.5 trillion bipartisan spending bill, which funded the government through 2022 and sent aid to Ukraine. He said, "We've really got to look at spending. We've really got to look at how we roll back some of the unnecessary spending to get a grip on this inflation problem."[142]

[142] "Peter Meijer, John Gibbs at odds over Trump, baseless election fraud claims" Brian McVicar, MLive, 06/27/2022

BUSINESS

REGULATION

Wanted to decrease regulations to increase competition in businesses

In July 2022, Gibbs wanted to decrease regulations to increase competition in businesses. He believed this would elevate the quality of products while lowering prices. Gibbs said, "Finally, we must ensure that we have vibrant free enterprise where every industry has robust competition which brings higher quality products and lower prices."[143]

[143] "Peter Meijer, Trump-backed challenger compete in Aug. 2 GOP primary for West Michigan congressional seat" Brian McVicar, MLive, 07/15/2022

COVID-19

CARES ACT

Granted waivers regarding the new rules surrounding Community Development Block Grant program
In August 2020, Gibbs granted waivers regarding the new rules surrounding the Community Development Block Grant program created by the CARES Act. He also released new, relaxed requirements for extensions and new grants. Some changes were the addition of 90 days to apply for new CDBG grants and a one-year extension to spend previously allotted grants.[144]

[144] "FR-6226-N-01 waivers, alternative requirements and extensions for Community Development Block Grant disaster recovery grantees" Impact News Service, 08/19/2020

EDUCATION (K-12)

CURRICULUM

Called Critical Race Theory a scheme

In July 2022, Gibbs called Critical Race Theory a scheme and stated it was hateful and divisive. He said, "Ideologies such as Critical Race Theory and similar schemes, which seek to demonize and blame all White Americans for all the ills of our past, are unfair, hateful, divisive, and often illegal."[145]

[145] "Peter Meijer, Trump-backed challenger compete in Aug. 2 GOP primary for West Michigan congressional seat" Brian McVicar, MLive, 07/15/2022

ENERGY

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

Supported American energy independence

In July 2022, Gibbs supported a return to American energy independence. He cited Trump's energy policies as an effective method to reduce gas prices and inflation overall.

> Whether it's the price of gas, the price of groceries, or empty shelves, inflation is making everything more expensive and less available for Americans, unbearably driving up the cost of living. We must return to the American energy independence pioneered by President Trump, which saved Americans millions at the gas pump, and we must end the reckless inflation eating away at Americans' hard-earned paychecks.[146]

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Opposed the Green New Deal

In July 2022, Gibbs opposed the Green New Deal. He saw it as a political move that did not help the environment. Gibbs said that American traditions would be eliminated if it was pushed through.

> Key American traditions such as farming, hunting, fishing, camping, find their setting in nature. This is in jeopardy if our open spaces are eroded. Yet many on the left are using environmental concerns as a false pretext to carry out political agendas such as the disastrous Green New Deal.[147]

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[146] "Peter Meijer, Trump-backed challenger compete in Aug. 2 GOP primary for West Michigan congressional seat" Brian McVicar, MLive, 07/15/2022

[147] "Peter Meijer, Trump-backed challenger compete in Aug. 2 GOP primary for West Michigan congressional seat" Brian McVicar, MLive, 07/15/2022

ENVIRONMENT

LAND CONSERVATION

Believed land should be conserved by reducing farmland consolidation and food supply contamination

In July 2022, Gibbs believed land should be conserved by reducing the consolidation of American farmland and the contamination of the food supply. He brushed aside other methods of protecting the environment but stated that large-scale immigration was a major detriment to the environment.

> We must focus on real environmental issues: reducing the consolidation of ownership of American farmland, contamination of the food supply due to harmful chemicals and additives, and the adverse impacts of large-scale immigration on urban sprawl, traffic, and housing.[148]

[148] "Peter Meijer, Trump-backed challenger compete in Aug. 2 GOP primary for West Michigan congressional seat" Brian McVicar, MLive, 07/15/2022

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Suggested the U.S. shouldn't have gotten "involved in World War One"

At an April 2022 campaign stop, Gibbs argued that the country had been on a downward trajectory for a century, starting with "the creation of the Federal Reserve, creation of the federal income tax. The way in which we got involved in World War One, which was not beneficial in many ways, we could have done it much better. Those events I think transformed so much in our country in a negative direction. And we're still paying the price today for things we picked up back then."[149]

[149] "John Gibbs at GOP Meeting Caro, Mi." John Gibbs for Congress, 4/24/2022

GOP ISSUES

FAMILIES

Moderated a conversation between Ben Carson and Dr. Brad Wilcox about the family formation
In July 2021, Gibbs moderated a conversation for the American Cornerstone Institute between Ben Carson and Dr. Brad Wilcox about the family formation in the United States. The conversation covered topics such as how two-parent households reduce the crime rate among youths and how to increase the fertility rate in the world.[150]

Supported Hungary's family formation initiatives
In July 2021, Gibbs supported Hungary's family formation initiatives. During a conversation he moderated between Ben Carson and Dr. Brad Wilcox, Gibbs inquired about whether the family formation initiatives in Hungary should be applied to the United States.

> What has been the experience looking at other countries and how they're addressing this issue? For example, I'm not familiar with all the details, but I understand Hungary has done some pretty interesting policies relating to family formation. I believe that Poland has tried to do this as well, maybe Czech Republic, and then Singapore has a couple of programs, or they used to, that are trying to increase family formation.[151]

Stated that the US must incentivize healthy families to alleviate poverty
In July 2022, Gibbs stated that the US must incentivize healthy families to alleviate poverty. He said, "Finally studies from both the left and right show that children raised in two-parent married homes have the highest chance of success. We must incentivize healthy families."[152]

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[150] "Cornerstone Conversation Ep10: Brad Wilcox" American Cornerstone, YouTube, 07/12/2021
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GUNS

Recounted how he proposed concealed carry for "every woman in America" in a mock debate

At an April 2022 campaign stop, Gibbs recounted how he had proposed arming every woman in America in order to "protect women from rape, assault, robbery, domestic violence" during a mock presidential debate in college. He also joked that if you disagreed with him, you were a misogynist, which "triggered" and "offended" him. Gibbs said,

> "And my most memorable experience, there was one of my classes, we had a mock presidential debate. And I was one of the candidates. The professor was the Moderator. So he goes, candidate Gibbs, what are you going to do about gun violence? I said, here's my plan. I want every woman in America to have concealed carry. If you want to protect women from rape, assault, robbery, domestic violence, if you want to protect women's lives, you will need every woman in America to to have concealed carry. Reduce violence, serious crime. I said, frankly, if you disagree, that means that you're a misogynistic, and you have a problem with women, and now I'm triggered, and I'm offended by that, so why don't you answer for that?"[153]

[153] "John Gibbs at GOP Meeting Caro, Mi." John Gibbs for Congress, 4/24/2022

HEALTHCARE

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Called ACA "a disaster" that we should "get rid of"

In November 2016, Gibbs participated in a moderated discussion about black voters for BoldTV during which he sharply criticized the Affordable Care Act, saying,

> "Obamacare has been a disaster, as we're seeing on the news every day. So once we get rid of Obamacare and replace it with a plan that makes health care cheaper and more affordable for everybody, it's going to result in higher quality health care for everybody, including Black people[154].

COSTS

Insisted on lowering the costs of healthcare to alleviate poverty issues

In July 2022, Gibbs insisted on lowering the costs of healthcare to alleviate poverty issues. He said that anti-poverty had not and would not effectively improve the poverty rate in the United States. Gibbs explained a main driver was healthcare:

> On poverty, despite more than $20 trillion in federal anti-poverty spending since the 1960s, poverty remains largely unchanged. We must pursue policies that actually help people in need, not provide false compassion. Reducing the cost of healthcare and the cost of housing would go far to alleviate poverty among children and seniors.[155]

MANDATES

Opposed medical mandates

In July 2022, Gibbs opposed medical mandates, referring to them as violations of the freedom of individual choice. He said neither the government nor corporations should have the ability to mandate a medical choice:

> Aggressive medical mandates violate the sacred American principle of freedom of individual choice, forcing our citizens to make potentially adverse decisions under threat of arrest or losing their livelihood and income. Such choices should always be up to each American alone and never forced by the government or corporations.[156]

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Supported increasing competition and decreasing regulation to lower the costs of prescription drugs

In July 2022, Gibbs supported increasing competition and decreasing regulation to lower the costs of prescription drugs. He said "Further, Americans are spending more on prescription drugs every year, an average of about $1,200 per person. To reduce costs, we must allow more competition and deregulation."[157]

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[154] "black voters and the rent is too damn high." BoldTV, Facebook, 11/4/2016

[155] "Peter Meijer, Trump-backed challenger compete in Aug. 2 GOP primary for West Michigan congressional seat" Brian McVicar, MLive, 07/15/2022

[156] "Peter Meijer, Trump-backed challenger compete in Aug. 2 GOP primary for West Michigan congressional seat" Brian McVicar, MLive, 07/15/2022

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HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

FUNDING

Announced $1.3 billion in recovery aid for Florida after Hurricane Michael

In October 2020, Gibbs announced $1.3 billion in recovery aid for Florida after Hurricane Michael. The funds were derived from the Community Development Block Grant, Mitigation Program and the Community Development Block Grant, Disaster Recovery. Gibbs said, "We are pleased to partner with Florida in the disaster recovery process as well as helping to prepare for future disasters. HUD stands ready to assist and will continue to do so."[158]

Announced $10 million in "sweat equity" grants

In October 2020, Gibbs announced $10 million in "sweat equity" grants. The grants were given to four non-profit organizations to create affordable housing for low-income families. The funding came from HUD's Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program. Gibbs praised the grants as a way for families and individuals to experience the American Dream:

> HUD is proud to empower low-income families in achieving the American dream by allowing them to experience the uplifting power of work, self-sufficiency, and pride of ownership as they build and rehabilitate their own homes.[159]

Announced $186 million in funds for qualifying 2018 disasters

In January 2021, Gibbs announced $186 million in Community Development Block Grant funds to grantees recovering from qualifying disasters from 2018. The funds came from the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019.[160]

HOUSING

Announced $3.9 million in funding to make housing more accessible to disabled veterans

In October 2020, Gibbs announced $3.9 million in funding to make housing more accessible to disabled veterans. The funding came from the Veterans Housing Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot program, a joint program between the Department of Housing and Development and the Department of Veteran Affairs. Regarding the funding, Gibbs said, "We stand by those who have served and are proud to have these funds make housing more accessible for low-income and disable veterans."[161]

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[158] "HUD is making more than $1.3 billion available to Florida for disaster recovery" Targeted News Service, 10/13/2020

[159] "HUD announces $10 million in "sweat equity" grants" Targeted News Service, 10/27/2020

[160] "Department of Housing and Urban development issues notice: Allocations, common applications, waivers, and alternative requirements for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Grantees (CDBG Mitigation)" US Fed News, 01/06/2021

[161] "HUD awards $4 million to help low-income veterans rehabilitate their homes" Targeted News Service, 10/07/2020

IMMIGRATION

BORDER FENCE

Supported building the border wall

In July 2022, Gibbs supported building a border wall along the southern border as a deterrent against illegal immigration. He said, "Americans have a right to a rational immigration system. This includes the right to use all legal means, including a wall, to deter illegal immigration at our borders."[162]

ASSIMILATION

Approved of immigrants only if they agreed to support "our culture, customs, and language"

In July 2022, Gibbs said he approved of immigrants only if they agreed to support "our culture, customs, and language." Gibbs explained, "Finally, renewed emphasis must be placed on assimilation. Only those willing to adapt to and support our culture, customs, and language should be allowed to join us."[163]

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[162] "Peter Meijer, Trump-backed challenger compete in Aug. 2 GOP primary for West Michigan congressional seat" Brian McVicar, MLive, 07/15/2022

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JANUARY 6TH

JAN. 6TH COMMITTEE

Vowed to hold the January 6th Committee responsible for supposedly breaking laws

In January 2022, Gibbs vowed to hold the January 6th Committee responsible for supposedly breaking laws. He agreed with Newt Gingrich's accusation that members of the January 6th Committee had broken laws and would face jail time. Gibbs tweeted "Speaker @newtgingrich is correct. That's why if I'm elected… I'll make sure those who abused their office to target political opponents via the J6 committee, are held accountable."[164]

Compared January 6th hearings to the Gestapo

In June 2022, Gibbs called the January 6th hearings a "travesty of justice" and compared them to the Gestapo and secret police:

> These January 6th 'hearings' are an absolute travesty of justice. They are taking advantage of the justice system to go after people who are their political opponents. They should not be allowed. You can't just hold a hearing to go after people you don't like on either side, and that's all this is. ... We've gotta not only put a stop to it, of course, but also have some accountability for people who might have broken the law in order to set up these sham trials against their political opponents. ... This is Gestapo stuff, and secret police stuff. [165]

Called the January 6th committee a "political witch hunt"

In June 2022, Gibbs called the January 6th committee a "political witch hunt," noting, "As well as the January 6th commission which is basically a political witch hunt against enemies of those in charge, he equally supported that."[166]

Refused to condemn the Capitol rioters

In July 2022, Gibbs refused to condemn the Capitol rioters. He said he didn't know whether he blamed them because many did not enter the Capitol.

> I don't know. But my understanding of the pictures that I've seen the vast, vast majority people there, were just standing around and holding flags and things like that. So, those people obviously didn't do anything wrong.[167]

Said he'd rather pull his toenails out than watch the Jan. 6th hearings

In July 2022, Gibbs said he'd rather pull his toenails out than watch the January 6th hearings. When asked whether he had watched any of the hearings, Gibbs divulged, "No, I haven't. I'd rather pull my toenails out."[168]

PROSECUTIONS

Said people arrested after insurrection were guilty of misdemeanors and unjustly treated

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[164] "What Trump is pushing the GOP to do about Jan. 6 if they win the midterms" Asawin Suebsaeng, Daily Beast, 01/31/2022
[165] "10 Republican Senators Join Dems For Gun Control - 6-13-22" West Michigan Live with Justin Barclay, 6/13/2022
[166] "Episode 141" Steak for Breakfast Podcast, 6/7/2022
[167] Anderson Cooper, Anderson Cooper 360, 07/26/2022
[168] "Trump's revenge tour over Michigan Republican's impeachment vote endangers a GOP House seat" Manu Raju & Alex Rogers, CNN Wire, 07/26/2022

In June 2022, Gibbs said that people arrested after January 6th were being unjustly treated, comparing their treatment to protesters outside Brett Kavanaugh's house. He stated:

> They are putting people in solitary confinement for being in the Capitol building for misdemeanors and yet they are letting these criminals with weapons [protesters at Brett Kavanaugh's home] threaten elected officials and threaten Supreme Court Justices with impunity. Those who commit crime on behalf of the regime are left and those who step up in question perfectly legally are being thrown away with phony, fake charges.[169]

Believed people being prosecuted for breaking into the Capitol were being treated harshly

In July 2022, Gibbs believed that the people being prosecuted for breaking into the Capitol on January 6th were being treated harshly. He opposed the method of storming suspects' homes with armed agents. Gibbs said, "If someone broke the law, they should pay for it. Everybody agrees with that. But you don't need to storm and raid someone's house with armed agents."[170]

Said arrest of insurrectionist and Michigan gubernatorial hopeful Ryan Kelly was a political tactic

In July 2022, Gibbs said that the arrest of insurrectionist and Michigan gubernatorial hopeful Ryan Kelly was a political tactic. He stated, "I think it's something that's being used for political purposes."[171]

Refused to blame Trump for any of the events at the Capitol on January 6th

In July 2022, Gibbs refused to blame Trump for any of the events that occurred at the Capitol on January 6th. He reasoned that since he saw mostly peaceful protesting that there was nothing to blame Trump for.

> I think there's some problematic aspects with what's going on with the prosecutions. But I think, overwhelmingly, what I've heard is that the people that were there were peaceful and they were protesting peacefully. So I don't see President Trump in any way responsible for anything.[172]

Said that offenses committed on January 6th were misdemeanors

In July 2022, Gibbs stated at a virtual town hall that some of the offenses committed on January 6th were misdemeanors and that sentencing was "going way above and beyond usual punishment." He stated:

> When you look at some of the sentences going out there, it's ridiculous. People being held in solitary confinement for misdemeanors. The DOJ and prosecutors handbook doesn't have anything like that. They are going way above and beyond normal practice. And so, I think we've got to look into that and make sure there is no cruel and unusual punishment happening.[173]

Highlighted double standard between treatment of January 6th prisoners and Kavanaugh protesters

In July 2022, Gibbs participated in a virtual town hall and compared the harsh treatment of January 6th prisoners compared to those who protested outside of Kavanaugh's house. He stated:

> People that walked inside of a building, inside of velvet ropes, are getting six years in prison for that, no prior records, no prior history. It's crazy. When Brett Kavanaugh was going through his stuff, they went in there and did all kinds of stuff. They broke in the building, and there was really no consequences. Almost no prosecutions, I believe. So there is also a double standard problem here as well. [174]

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[169] "10 Republican Senators Join Dems For Gun Control - 6-13-22" West Michigan Live with Justin Barclay, 6/13/2022
[170] "Meijer seeks to survive Trump backlash in GOP primary" Riley Beggin & Melissa Nann Burke, The Detroit News, 07/14/2022
[171] "Meijer seeks to survive Trump backlash in GOP primary" Riley Beggin & Melissa Nann Burke, The Detroit News, 07/14/2022
[172] "Trump's revenge tour over Michigan Republican's impeachment vote endangers a GOP House seat" Manu Raju & Alex Rogers, CNN Wire, 07/26/2022
[173] DCCC Capture, Virtual Town Hall, 7/28/2022
[174] DCCC Capture, Virtual Town Hall, 7/28/2022

MINORITY ISSUES

CIVIL RIGHTS

Trump intended to appoint Gibbs to the President's Advisory 1776 Commission
In December 2020, Trump announced he intended to appoint Gibbs to the President's Advisory 1776 Commission. The term was for two years.[175]

Moderated a conversation between Ben Carson and Daniel Idfrense about cultural wokeness
In October 2021, Gibbs moderated a conversation between Ben Carson and Daniel Idfrense about cultural wokeness. The conversation centered around ideas that pushed back on the theory that Black Americans were systemically disenfranchised and that the United States had systemic racism.[176]

[175] "President Donald J. Trump announces intent to appoint key individuals to key administration posts December 18, 2020" Impact News Service, 12/18/2020
[176] "Cornerstone Conversation Ep: 15 Daniel Idfrense" American Cornerstone, YouTube, 10/19/2021

TAXES

TAX REFORM

Suggested reforming the tax system

In July 2022, Gibbs suggested reforming the tax system. He believed that taxes were too large of a burden on Americans and that the system should be reformed to allow Americans to keep more of their money. Gibbs said, "Additionally, America's tax burden is punishing on all and must be reformed so that Americans can keep more of their hard-earned money to start businesses, pursue education, or otherwise put it back in the economy."[177]

Signed a pledge promising to vote against any and all income tax increases

In August 2022, Gibbs signed a pledge promising to vote against any and all income tax increases in Congress. He was one of many candidates to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, which was created by the Americans for Tax Reform.[178]

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[177] "Peter Meijer, Trump-backed challenger compete in Aug. 2 GOP primary for West Michigan congressional seat" Brian McVicar, MLive, 07/15/2022

[178] "August 2nd primaries hold potential for pledge signer victories in AR, KS, MI, MO, OH, and WA" Christian Matos, Max Young, Quy Lee, & Rachel Piazzo, Americans for Tax Reform, 08/01/2022

UKRAINE

MILITARY AID

Opposed aid to Ukraine

In June 2022, Gibbs opposed sending military aid to Ukraine. He accused the country of being one of the most corrupt countries in the world. Gibbs criticized the $40 billion aid package sent to Ukraine: "First of all, that's a very large amount of money relative to a country the size of Ukraine. Secondly, and most importantly, Ukraine is one of the most corrupt countries in the world along with Russia."[179]

[179] "Peter Meijer, John Gibbs at odds over Trump, baseless election fraud claims" Brian McVicar, MLive, 06/27/2022

VETERANS/TROOPS

HOUSING

Announced $3.9 million in funding to make housing more accessible to disabled veterans

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VOTING/ELECTIONS

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Favored reforms to the absentee ballot requirements

In July 2022, Gibbs favored reforms to the absentee ballot requirements for voting. He said he supported requiring the signature on absentee ballots to match those on file.

> I support basic, common-sense reforms supported by majorities of Americans in both parties, such as requiring an ID to vote, requiring that signatures on absentee ballots match those on file, and voting on the day of the election instead of many weeks before.[181]

Gibbs also advocated for the termination of the practice of mass mailing absentee ballots. He said, "Further, the practices of ballot harvesting and the mass mailing of absentee ballot applications to every voter, must be reconsidered."[182]

VOTER FRAUD

Argued that voter fraud was a very prevalent problem in the United States

In October 2016, Gibbs argued that voter fraud was a very prevalent problem in the United States. He cited examples of voting improprieties in Virginia and Texas and said, "It would be silly to assume cases that have been discovered are the only cases of fraud."[183] Gibbs reasoned that there were 18 million invalid voter registrations in the system and that voter harvesting was a rampant issue. He then claimed, "One of the biggest frauds being perpetrated is the argument of Democrats that voter fraud is not a problem."[184]

Claimed voter fraud was widespread, but states did not have the mechanisms to detect it

In October 2016, Gibbs claimed that voter fraud was widespread, but that it went undetected because states did not have the proper mechanisms to identify it. He said that a New York University report that North Carolina did not identify a single case of in-person voter fraud showed faulty reasoning since just because there was no evidence that voter fraud did not exist did not mean it did not exist.

> Yet in spite of all this, a report by the Brennan Center at New York University claims voter fraud is a myth. It argues that North Carolina, which passed comprehensive measures to prevent voter fraud, 'failed to identify even a single individual who has ever been charged with committing in-person voter fraud in North Carolina.' However, this faulty reasoning does not point to the lack of in-person voter fraud, but rather to lack of enforcement mechanisms to identify and prosecute in-person voter fraud. The science of criminal justice tells us that many crimes go unreported, and the more 'victimless' the crime, the more this happens. The fact is, a person attempting to commit voter fraud is very unlikely to be caught, which increases the incentive to commit the crime. ...There is more. One of the problems is the refusal of voting registrars to clean up their

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[181] "Peter Meijer, Trump-backed challenger compete in Aug. 2 GOP primary for West Michigan congressional seat" Brian McVicar, MLive, 07/15/2022

[182] "Peter Meijer, Trump-backed challenger compete in Aug. 2 GOP primary for West Michigan congressional seat" Brian McVicar, MLive, 07/15/2022

[183] "Voter fraud is real. Here's the proof" John Gibbs, The Federalist, 10/13/2016

[184] "Voter fraud is real. Here's the proof" John Gibbs, The Federalist, 10/13/2016

> rolls and remove dead people and people who have moved. This refusal makes it easier for some people to cheat.[185]

Asserted that the 2020 presidential election contained mathematically impossible anomalies
In June 2022, Gibbs asserted that the 2020 presidential election contained mathematically impossible anomalies. He did not believe the election was valid and said, "I think when you look at the results of the 2020 election, there are anomalies in there, to put it very lightly, that are simply mathematically impossible."[186]

Cited bellwether counties and increase in voter participation as evidence Trump won 2020 election
In June 2022, Gibbs cited Trump's victories in bellwether counties and the increase in his total vote count as evidence that he won the 2022 presidential election. Gibbs said that a legitimate Trump loss was mathematically impossible since Trump won all of the bellwether counties:

> A bellwether county is a county such that whichever candidate wins it, they won the election with 100% predictability. Well, President Trump won almost every single bellwether county but still ended up losing the election somehow, which is very anomalous to say the least.[187]

Gibbs gave another reason as to why it was incomprehensible to think that Trump lost the election: Trump won more votes in 2020 than he did in 2016. Gibbs believed this was absolute evidence that Trump was the rightful winner of the election based on historical precedence – despite the same situation having previously occurred four times.

> Usually -- actually, always -- if a presidential candidate gets more votes the second time than (the) first time, you always win. But President Trump got something like 15-20% more votes than he got the first time yet still lost, which is probably mathematically impossible -- certainly unprecedented in history.[188]

Expressed that he believed the 2020 election was stolen and that his rhetoric was not the issue
In July 2022, Gibbs expressed that he believed the 2020 election was stolen. When asked whether he believed the election was stolen, Gibbs said, "I do think there's enough shenanigans to change result. Yes."[189]

When he was asked whether his rhetoric surrounding the integrity of the election was dangerous, Gibbs responded, "Don't blame the messenger."[190]

Compared election fraud to the mafia
In July 2022, Gibbs compared election fraud to the mafia. When asked what he would say to the fact that no widespread fraud was proven, Gibbs likened the situation to bribery and other threatening tactics that the mafia used to avoid prosecution. He said that just because there were not any convictions or court cases dud not mean fraud did not exist.

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[185] "Voter fraud is real. Here's the proof" John Gibbs, The Federalist, 10/13/2016
[186] "Peter Meijer, John Gibbs at odds over Trump, baseless election fraud claims" Brian McVicar, MLive, 06/27/2022
[187] "Fact check: Trump-backed Michigan congressional candidate John Gibbs falsely claims 2020 election had 'mathematically impossible' anomalies" Daniel Dale, CNN, 07/1/2022
[188] "Fact check: Trump-backed Michigan congressional candidate John Gibbs falsely claims 2020 election had 'mathematically impossible' anomalies" Daniel Dale, CNN, 07/1/2022
[189] Anderson Cooper, Anderson Cooper 360, 07/26/2022
[190] Anderson Cooper, Anderson Cooper 360, 07/26/2022

> I think one analogy that you could look at here is the mafia. For many years, you could never arrest them. You knew they were throwing guys off roofs and stuff but all you could get them for was tax evasion and money laundering because you don't quite have the legal and investigative framework in place to catch them. And just because there's no convictions and no court cases, that doesn't mean they weren't doing stuff. So I think there's some similarities there with this election stuff we're seeing. We are working towards, I think, the right kind of legal framework and prosecutorial framework to get to the bottom of it, but we're still not quite there yet. But I think we will get there, just like they did with the mafia.[191]

VOTER ID

Said Democrats opposed Voter ID laws because they made it harder to bus in voters

In October 2016, Gibbs said Democrats opposed Voter ID laws because they made it harder for Democrats to bus in voters who would vote for Democrats. He stated, "The main reason they oppose voter ID is that it makes it harder for them to bus in voters from one precinct to another to vote for their candidates. It makes it harder for dead people to vote."[192]

Denounced idea that voter ID laws were racist

In October 2016, Gibbs denounced the idea that voter ID laws were racist. He said that the argument proposed by Democrats was nonsense since Black citizens could get a license for free. Gibbs added that he had higher opinions of Blacks than the one displayed in the Democrat's argument.

> Their argument against voter ID is racist. They claim that blacks are incapable of obtaining a valid ID even though they have no difficulty in getting drivers' licenses and getting a substitute is not difficult and cost nothing. I have a higher opinion of the abilities of blacks if Democrats really believe this nonsense.[193]

Supported voter ID laws

In July 2022, Gibbs supporter voter ID laws, among other reforms.

> I support basic, common-sense reforms supported by majorities of Americans in both parties, such as requiring an ID to vote, requiring that signatures on absentee ballots match those on file, and voting on the day of the election instead of many weeks before.[194]

Said his voter ID message was very unifying

In August 2022, Gibbs said that his voter ID message was very unifying since a majority of Americans supported his ideas. He claimed, "The vast majority of Americans support commonsense measures to increase election security such as photo ID and others. So, we'll focus on those. I think that we'll have a very unifying message."[195]

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[191] "Trump's revenge tour over Michigan Republican's impeachment vote endangers a GOP House seat" Manu Raju & Alex Rogers, CNN Wire, 07/26/2022
[192] "Voter fraud is real. Here's the proof" John Gibbs, The Federalist, 10/13/2016
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[194] "Peter Meijer, Trump-backed challenger compete in Aug. 2 GOP primary for West Michigan congressional seat" Brian McVicar, MLive, 07/15/2022
[195] "Election deniers" Byron Pitts, ABC News Nightline, 08/08/2022

APPENDIX

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENTS

POLITICAL

VOTEJOHNGIBBS.COM, 2022

Meet John Gibbs

With more than 20 years of experience in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, John was appointed by President Trump as Acting Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development at HUD under Secretary Ben Carson, where he oversaw an annual budget of $8 billion to help fight homelessness and expand economic opportunity. He also led the successful deployment of more than $9 billion in CARES Act funds in response to coronavirus, making sure families got the help they needed to put food on the table during the pandemic.

John was nominated by President Trump to be the Director of the Office of Personnel Management. He was also appointed by the 45th President to serve on the 1776 Commission, where he fought Critical Race Theory and similar extremist ideologies by helping communities focus educational curricula on the founding documents and principles rather than divisive identity politics.

Before government service, John used his complete fluency in Japanese to serve in Christian missions in Japan, where he helped churches reach the vulnerable using technology, and deployed homeless outreach strategies for Japanese churches. Prior to his service in Japan, John worked as a software developer in Silicon Valley on cybersecurity products at Symantec, and on the first version of the iPhone at Apple.

Gibbs is a Michigan native, the grandson of Black sharecroppers from the deep south, and the first in his family to attend college - a life journey which exemplifies the opportunity our great nation provides. He holds a B.S. in Computer Science from Stanford University, and a Master in Public Administration from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.

BLOG POSTS AND SELF-PUBLISHED CONTENT

STANFORD WEBSITE (SOCIETY FOR THE CRITIQUE OF FEMINISM)

"SOCIETY FOR THE CRITIQUE OF FEMINISM" (FINAL, ARCHIVED 10/06/2001)

Research Note: *The original version of this essay was published by February 2000. The section on Women's Suffrage was added in September 2000. Some hyperlinks were added after September, and others were removed. More information can be found in the Websites area of the book.*

The Society for the Critique of Feminism is a think tank that would like to have open debate on many of the conclusions that we have come to accept regarding gender issues; it believes that serious misconceptions have spread as a result of the good intentions of the feminist movement, and that a critique of many of the conclusions of the established feminist movement will be beneficial for everyone.
Among other things, we would like to challenge the notion that:

- men are animalistic oppressors bent on denying opportunities to women.
- women have been historically oppressed.
- a patriarchal society is inherently wrong.
- the more women in the workplace, the better.
- women receive unequal pay for equal work.
- career women are superior to homemakers.
- women should be a part of the combat forces.
- day care centers, instead of mothers, should be responsible for caring for children.
- there are no differences between men and women.
    - i.e. masculine and feminine are simply social constructions
- women are "less dependent" than they have been in the past.

Our challenges to these commonly held notions are not based on dogma, but are instead based on an interest in coming closer to the truth about gender relations. We are not sexist and do not believe in the inherent superiority of one gender over the other.

Issues to raise

- If patriarchy is simply a social construct, why is it that every society in the world follows a patriarchal system? Why would each society, each with its different cultural characteristics, religious foundations, and geographical separations, all have miraculously chosen patriarchy, if it is simply a matter of choice? Strictly speaking, since there are two sexes, there is a 50% chance that a society "chooses" to be patriarchal. However, since approximately 100% of societies throughout time have been and are patriarchal, it is likely that patriarchy is more than a mere matter of selection, but rather a reflection of basic human characteristics; this can be said of nearly all things which occur uniformly throughout all societies, not only patriarchy. It is commonly known that most characteristics which are common between cultures, such as religion, eating traits, and ideas of right and wrong, result from an **innate** desire for the most fruitful and productive life. Why is it, then, that gender roles should be viewed differently? Why is it implausible that "traditional" gender roles are **natural**, not **societal**, constructs designed to make life as livable as possible?
- Why is patriarchy bad? We propose the idea that patriarchal organization is the best model for the continued success of a society. The capitalist economic model, which has proven itself

unequivocally to be the most effective in history, is intrinsicly masculine and therefore patriarchal. Every great society has been based on patriarchy, and those that began to abandon it faced increasingly difficult problems. The very few matriarchal structures which have existed were extremely small and manifested themselves only in tiny tribes in remote regions of the world. Needless to say, these cultures have not thrived.

Interesting questions and answers

- Are men smarter than women?

This depends on one's definition of "smart". If one means "smart" by the ability of an individual to do well in academic classes, the answer is no. Doing well in the academic arena requires studiousness and the ability to take and execute orders (i.e. assignments) diligently. I believe that in general, this ability is not more abundant in one gender than the other, and if it is, it is a result of society. This explains why females perform better than males in school in the United States (although male SAT and ACT scores are higher), but males perform better than females in school in most non-Western countries.
However, if by "smart", one means the ability to think logically about broad and abstract ideas in order to deduce a suitable conclusion, without relying upon emotional reasoning, I think the answer is yes. This, for instance, is one of the reasons that all major scientific and political advances in all societies have been carried out by men, and why males consistently outscore females on abstract math and logic portions of standardized tests in all nations. This is also the reason that all of the conclusions of feminism are deduced by emotional reasoning. It is interesting to note that essentially all arguments against the critique of feminism are based on emotion, including such as non-sensical statements as "Women have been oppressed for so long, how can you say that!" or "You are a chauvinist pig if you don't agree with feminism!" This is not surprising if one takes into account the likely difference in abstract logical ability between the sexes.
At any rate, the reasons for the difference in abstract logical ability are strictly biological, unlike the reasons for "academic" smartness. It is common knowledge that the chemical composition of the brains of men and women differs non-trivially (click here for evidence), so it is not a giant step to speculate that this difference is responsible for the difference in abstract logical ability between men and women.
Note that this by no means implies that men are "better" than women, or vice versa. Nor does it imply that it is the case that 100% of women are not capable of abstract logical thought, and that 100% of men are. It occurs very frequently that men who do not have the ability to think logically in an abstract manner end up supporting feminism and other irrational ideologies. Rather, this is simply an explanation of the general case which applies to the vast majority of people.

- Why is it that women should be the ones to take care of the children? Can't men do it equally as well?

As we have mentioned above, men and women are not simply carbon copies of each other. If this were the case, there would be no such thing as male and female; we would all be the same. The theory of evolution, if you believe it, states that the strongest species survive; and that if a species has traits which it does not need for survival, those traits will be phased out over time (such as hairy, ape-like, bodies for humans). Therefore, we must conclude that there is some biological reason, for the benefit of the human race, for the differentiation between male and female, otherwise there would be no such thing as male and female. Thus, the next issue then becomes, what are the differences between men and women, and what are the implications of these differences? Women have smaller waists, broader hips, breasts, higher-pitched voices, and in general are more sensitive and nurturing than men (see links below on the differences between men and women if you have trouble with this last fact). Men have wider shoulders, stronger muscles, deeper, commanding voices, and in general are more competitive and aggressive than women. It seems clear then that the former, the female species, were the ones

selected by nature to rear children. Broader hips for child birth, breasts for feeding, and more sensitive and nurturing phyches for comforting complete the equation for the female species as child-nurturer. This should come as no surprise, since nearly every other female species in nature has the same responsibilities. Likewise, the broad shoulders, strong muscles, and aggressive phyches of men make men ideal for the role of hunter and provider. Again, this should come as no surprise, being that the vast majority of male species in the animal kingdom have the same responsibilities as the human male.
Be aware, however, that we are not advocating that men have no part whatsoever in raising their children. On the contrary we believe that fathers should be an integral part of the upbringing of their children. We simply believe that this is not the fathers **primary** task, whereas it is the mother's.

- Why is it good for women to work?

The common assumption is that it is better for women, both married and non-married, children or not, to work than not to work. However, this assumption is not justified.
It seems likely and natural that, based on the above noted differences between men and women, a high percentage of women would choose to forgo market production in order to care for their offspring on a full-time basis. Indeed for a long time this was considered healthy and normal; it was the mark of an advanced society to have very few women involved in market production (see Alexis de Tocqueville's "Democracy in America"). However, in their attempt to shape society in their Utopian vision, feminists have managed to galvanize public opinion against this basic and logical idea. Day care centers have now taken up a large share of the responsibility of raising children. Some may argue that this is harmless, if not healthy, but this is irrelevant. The fact is that women have been wrongly duped into believing that they must become market producers, not family women or child-raisers, in order to have self-worth. As a result, a great many women may be experiencing unhappiness that they would not have otherwise felt had they not been socialized into market production since the day they were born. There is no way to measure the number of women and abandoned children that have been negatively affected by the ideology of female market production. However, it is almost certain that it has not benefited women to have more women in the workplace, if the aggregate happiness of women after feminism is no more than it was in times when there were few women in the marketplace. Danielle Crittendon articulates this concept well in her book "What Our Mothers Didn't Tell Us: Why Happiness Eludes the Modern Woman." Carolyn Graglia also examines the happiness of women in the pre-feminist era in her work "Domestic Tranquility: A Critique of Feminism."
And clearly, having more women in the workplace does not benefit men, it only strains them. In the post-feminist workplace, men must bend over backwards to make sure that they do not inadvertently offend any woman who might happen to hear a joke or comment uttered in humor and harmlessness. Numerous sexual harassment laws are introduced, which spawn a barrage of sexual harassment cases of frivolous proportions, wasting the time and energy of the courts and legal system, and taxpayer dollars (sidenote: the author's sister works in the sexual harassment complaints office of a local government bureau, and attests to the fact that the majority of the cases are frivolous). Businesses must make a concerted effort to hire and promote women who may or may not be up to par with their male counterparts. In addition, the chemistry of having women in a masculine environment may reduce business cohesiveness and productivity from what it might have been otherwise (this is especially true of the military, although by no means limited to it). Needless to say all these things subtract from a team's effort to produce efficiently.
Therefore, since the increased presence of women in the workplace does not benefit men, women, or business operations, there is no factual basis on which to claim that it is better to have more women in the workplace.

- Are women less dependent than in the past?

Feminists claim that women are now less dependent than they have been in the past. I claim that this is not true.
Feminists substantiate this claim by asserting that by making their own paycheck, women become "financially independent". However, the critical question that they do not answer is, why is being financially dependent on some abstract entity, the company, superior to being financially dependent on your life mate, one's husband? In other words, why is being paid by the company considered "independent", but being "paid" by one's husband considered "dependent"? What is the critical difference? Which is really better? Families are paying some $800 per month on day care fees, effectively becoming a dependency of the day care establishment. The costs of a second wardrobe, a second car, and all of the expenses that go along with having a working wife in the family, add up to no small amount. We can therefore by no means conclude that working women are "financially independent", because upon examination of what "dependence" means in this case, all that happens when women go to work is that they become dependent upon a more diverse set of abstract sources, rather than their husband's income alone. And this certainly is not better than the old-fashioned alternative; if anything it may be worse.

- Are feminism and communism related?

Perhaps.
Communism was devised based upon a flawed perception of human nature: that humans are idealistic enough and pure enough to innovate and produce wealth without capital incentive. Feminism is based upon the flawed perception that there are no differences other than physical between men and women. Both systems are therefore impossible, since their primary assumptions are false. We have witnessed the demise of the Soviet Union as a testament to the failure of communism, and eventually the demise of feminism will be a testament to it's own irrationality.
Capitalist business culture is inherently masculine; masculine traits such as aggressiveness and competitiveness are necessary. This fact compels a fair amount of feminists to court communism. Hillary Rodham Clinton supports a radical feminist agenda as well as socialism.

- Does Christianity support patriarchy?
- What do you think about women's suffrage? Should women have the right to vote?

Some argue that in a democratic society, it is hypocritical or unjust for women, who are 50% of the population, not to have the vote. This is obviously not true, since the founding fathers, who understood liberty and democracy better than anyone, did not believe so. In addition, all people under age 18 cannot vote, although they too comprise a significant portion of the population. So we cannot say that women should be able to vote simply because they are a large part of the population.
Most importantly, we should consider whether or not our democratic process and our country has benefited from women's suffrage. Before suffrage, the size of federal and state governments remained constant and small. For times of crisis in which more spending was needed, spending returned to normal levels after the crisis was over. In other words, a constantly increasing federal government was not always the norm. However, after women's suffrage, government spending skyrocketed. More and more laws went on the books, and taxes increased to levels that could not have been imagined beforehand. This is because women tend to vote more "socialistic" than men, for larger and more intrusive government; this is part of what is known as the "Gender Gap". Some examples of the kind of laws that more women than men support are welfare, the banning of school prayer, sexual harassment laws, and draconian drunk driving laws (which kill more than they save lives), all of which are fundamentally unconstitutional and opposed by a majority of men, but all of whose passage came as a result of the women's vote and female political power. For further evidence
It goes without saying that larger government is clearly counter to the basic principle of our free and democratic society, which is that the *smallest* government is the *best* government. The rationale behind

this is that since humans are naturally corrupt, and government is run by humans, the larger government becomes, the greater it's chances are of becoming corrupt and intruding upon the free will of the people, so if it is kept small and powerless, the chances that it could become dangerous remain small. This, if anything, was considered the most important principle during the construction of the American government, hence our system of checks and balances.
Thus, we conclude that increasing the size and scope of government is unequivocally bad. And since women's suffrage has caused this to occur on a larger scale than any other cause in history, we conclude that the United States has suffered as a result of women's suffrage.
Evidence, taken from the Lott and Kenny study:(click on each graph for an enlarged version)

DOES CHRISTIANITY SUPPORT PATRIARCHY? (FINAL, ARCHIVED 3/06/2001)

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The Bible clearly articulates the idea that women should not teach or maintain positions of power. Although the reason is not expressly mentioned, it must be due to the nature of women (i.e. their differing mental characteristics), since every other command for living in the Bible is based on the condition of man. In other words, because women do not posess the characteristics necessary to govern, and since women have a more important task to do, which is to prepare the next generation, they are commanded not to rule.
And since Christianity is the historical foundation of American society, with all of the rights and freedoms expressed in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution, which we enjoy to this very day, being expressly and unmistakenly God-given and Christian in character, it is incumbent upon us to consider the relationship that our Christian/cultural heritage, which is so important to so many Americans, shares with feminism, which threatens to unravel the social fabric which has produced one of the marvels of mankind.
To start, note the Bible's interesting mark of an unraveling society:
"As for my people, children are their oppressors, **and women rule over them**. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths." Isaiah 3:12. (emphasis added)
This passage clearly shows that, being ruling over by women, a society is bound to err in its ways. It is difficult not to notice similarities between the Israelites who are described above, and current society.
Perhaps the most compelling Biblical evidence in support of Patriarchy is the Garden of Eden, where it was not Adam who was deceived, but Eve. Perhaps Satan picked Eve because he realized that women are more succeptable to believing dangerous ideologies.

Further evidence of the Bible's clear and unambiguous support of Patriarchy as the model organization for human success:
Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. **But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man**, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety. 1 Timothy 2:11-15 (emphasis added)
And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet ["helper" NIV] for him. Gen 2:18
"For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man." [I Cor 11:8,9]

But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. 1 Corinthians 11:3
Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Colossians 3:18
That they [aged women] may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. Titus 2:4,5
Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Ephesians 5:22-24

These biblical commandments cannot simply be dismissed as artifacts from the ancient society of the time they were written. Indeed, the above quoted commandments are stated unambiguously and unequivocaly in so many different places throughout the Bible (check the locations of the passages above) that we must conclude that they are universal and to be heeded to without fail.
If it is not an issue for us to accept the validity of the Ten Commandments, which are only mentioned twice in the Bible, or other commandments and mandates, such as "love thy neighbor as thy love oneself", which are stated just once, how can we question the validity of the headship of man over woman, which is mentioned countless times in non-symbolic, direct language, and which is so basic to our human condition?

"WHAT IS THE THEME OF THE THEME DORMS?" 6/5/2000

"What Is The Theme Of The Theme Dorms?" John Gibbs, Stanford Review, 6/05/2000

The big word these days is diversity - we are supposed to believe that more diversity is better for everyone. But what actually happens when we put an emphasis on diversity?

By "embracing" diversity, we have actually reduced diversity and supported separatism. We have separate dorm facilities for people of different races, separate campus offices which are supposed to be for a particular race, and many student groups which are for only one particular race. Has anyone stopped to think that this is exactly against the original point? Wasn't the idea of the civil rights movement to bring people of different races together to get along despite their racial differences? Maybe I'm just dense, but I have a hard time understanding how having separate campus groups for each race facilitates this goal. Let's look at some goals that separatists probably had in mind, and then notice that none of these goals are achieved. Suppose the original goal was to bring people of different races together. While this may be a noble goal, the current method does not seem to work. If people of different races are separated, they obviously cannot interact since they live in different dorms, clearly negating the original goal of bringing different races together.

Suppose the original goal was to reduce racism between different ethnic and racial groups. If one's aim was to achieve this goal, it would seem that one would attempt to bring the different groups together to talk and interact. However, creating separate facilities for different groups does just the opposite: it separates the groups and reduces the chance for dialogue and interaction. This is unlikely to reduce racism. This is all, of course, assuming that it is actually possible for Stanford to eliminate any racism among nearly full-grown adults.

Suppose the original goal was to allow minority students to be around people of their own race. This goal in and of itself is not practical and Stanford should not support it. In the real world, students will not be able to be around students who are all their own race; in fact, minority students from predominantly minority communities will more than likely be in an environment whose racial composition is very different from their home. Thus, if anything Stanford should be preparing those students for this reality by immersing them in a multi-racial environment, not isolating them in a single-race environment that they will most likely never be a part of in the professional world. In addition, this approach assumes that every minority student feels most comfortable around people who are his own race. This is by no means true, since many minority students at Stanford are members of the middle class and have therefore grown up and become accustomed to being around people who are not the same race.

Suppose the original goal of this separatism was to allow each group to be "represented" on campus. This idea is illogical. The notion that one office or campus group can represent every member of a particular race is appalling, as is the notion that each different race somehow has separate and distinct interests that other students don't have. It makes the sweeping assumption that every member of a particular racial group is so identical that one office could represent them all. It assumes that all members of a particular racial or ethnic group wish to define themselves by their race, and that they have no other interesting properties or interests by which to define themselves. It assumes that Johnny, who is race X, can be represented by the X Cultural Center Office, even though Johnny may have no common interests or beliefs with the

majority of people who are a part of office X. Wasn't the whole point of the civil rights movement that people NOT define themselves based on race, but on their own unique personalities and interests? The idea of separate offices and facilities for each race does not achieve this goal.

It seems then that there is really no reason to have so many separate dorms and groups for each different race, so why then do we have them? There are probably two reasons. For one, the people who support this kind of separatism are not held to any standard of accountability whatsoever. They do not have to show why and how their method of separatism has succeeded in reducing racism or bring students of different races together. Why? Any attempt to hold them accountable will probably be branded racist. This brings up the second reason for continuing separatism: political correctness. Stanford administrators and staff dare not criticize the policies of any of the "official" ethnic or racial group centers on campus, lest they be branded racists and reprimanded. They are therefore forced into silence.

Is it better to have separate facilities and offices for different races? There is absolutely no evidence to show so. In fact, if anything they hurt relations by encouraging separation and therefore reducing chances for dialogue and interaction.

By John Gibbs

"NADER'S GREEN PARTY IS SOCIALISM DRESSED IN NEW CLOTHES," 11/8/2000

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"Nader's Green Party is socialism dressed in new clothes," John Gibbs, Stanford Daily, 11/08/2000

Ralph Nader and the Green Party have been heralded as a fresh new alternative to the ever-similar Democrats and Republicans. However, Green Party ideals are neither ne or fresh, but little more than a '90s version of Marxism.

According to Ralph Nader and the Greens, reality is nothing but a struggle between the people and "corporations." Corporations and holders of wealth are the primary evil, as they attempt to subvert the democratic process, while "the people" acting as civic servants, such as environmentalist, civil rights activists and feminists, fight for social justice and all things good and right.

It is important for people to realize the important parallels between the Green philosophy and its philosophical predecessor, Marxism. The "people vs. corporations" paradigm should sound eerily familiar to those who have studied the philosophy of Marx. Both pit reality as a struggle between the common man and the bourgeoisie. Both propose government management as a solution and assume that government possesses the wisdom to tell people how they should live. In the end, both ultimately show a grave misunderstanding of both economics and human nature.

Consider the disastrous effects Marxism has wreaked in the 20th century. It has caused the wholesale slaughter of millions under Stalin, the systematic starvation of countless millions in China under a state-controlled agricultural system, the repression of the most basic religious rights in the People's Republic and the complete destruction of economic progress and quality of life through excessive government regulation and control of national economics. It is clear that Socialism, or the broader idea that it is the role of the government to manage as many parts of a society as possible, is a path that should not be pursued.

We should always be carefully watching to make sure we are not slowly drifting down that path. Full-fledged socialism would never sell in America: people rightfully understand that it is evil and would reject it outright. However, the Green Party pushes the envelope as far as possible,

offering people socialism dressed up in a new package to appeal to a '90s (yes, this is still the '90s) audience.

The following are some key elements of the Green Party platform and give ample evidence that the Green Party is Socialist in nature:

Maximum income: Build into the progressive income tax a 100 percent tax on all income over ten times the minimum wage ($12.50).

Federal chartering of interstate corporations.

Periodic review of corporate charters: A public corporate charter review process for each corporation above $20 million in assets every 20 years to see if it is serving the public interest according to social and ecological as well as financial criteria.

Democratic conversion of big business: Mandatory break-up and conversion to democratic worker, consumer and/or public ownership on a human scale of the largest 500 U.S. industrial and commercial corporations that account for about 10 percent of employees, 50 percent of profits, 70 percent of sales and 90 percent of manufacturing assets.

One of the Green Party's "Ten Key Values" is "Ecological Wisdom," which in practice translates into volumes of restrictive new environmental regulations and red tape which would force consumers and businesses to adopt costly, inefficient technologies which some government bureaucrat deems to be "environmentally safe."

These proposals include nearly all of the classical Marxist traits: redistribution of wealth, nationalization and/or penalization of large businesses and government oversight of most parts of the economy, so it is difficult to argue that the Green Party does not have a Marxist foundation.

What is difficult, however, is explaining why anyone would support such ideas in this day and age, given their utter and complete failure on the world stage throughout this century. The economic implications are disturbing enough: nationalizing the top 500 companies, the top 200 banks and forcing all others to pay a steep minimum wage while observing ultra-expensive, draconian environmental mandates would be a stab in the stomach for our economic health, without even considering the ethical considerations.

What right does the government have to tell any individual or organization how to operate? In a free society each man operates according to his own philosophy, not according to how the government tells him to operate. With Greens in office, the government will be dictating everything down to the very type of toilet paper or staples you could buy.

There has never been a successful, competitive, nationalized economy. Wealth has never been created on a large scale in nations with mandatory income laws, or where people are penalized for accumulating wealth. The wealth and prosperity of the United States was not created by a state-controlled economy, in which successful businesses were penalized and nationalized, but by a free market ruled only by what people wish to purchase.

These facts clearly show that the Green Party's ideas are not only morally wrong, but economically disastrous. The history of state-controlled economies and Marxist countries reinforces this truth.

Many people voted Green because they were understandably tired of the two major parties. Many of them probably did not read the Green Party platform and learn about it appalling plans for controlling our future. But however tired one may be, voting for Marxism cannot be justified. People must understand the true foundation of the Green Party so that America doesn't end up choosing socialism out of apathy.

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"BEWARE WHEN ELITES CONTROL EDUCATION," 12/07/2000

"Book Review: Beware When Elites Control Education," John Gibbs, Stanford Review, 12/07/2000

While we may think the debate on education is a recent occurrence, the current disputes trace their origin to a shift which occurred one hundred years ago. In *Left Back: A Century of Failed School Reforms*, Diane Ravitch skillfully follows the progression of educational movements that have occurred throughout the past century. Ms. Ravitch argues that, starting early in the 20th century, control of educational content shifted from being localized in nature, with communities, school boards, and parents making most of the important decisions, to being centralized and bureaucratic, with newly made "educational experts" recommending esoteric, sweeping changes from the top down, with little input from those outside of the elite educational establishment. Ms. Ravitch argues that the result of this centralization is that the educational reforms that have occurred during this century have been surprisingly undemocratic, and that those who proposed reforms which resulted in degraded performance did not have to account for their miscalculations. This centralization of the educational decision-making process into the hands of the few, whose resulting ideology is called in aggregate the "progressive education movement", is the focus of the work.

Ms. Ravitch makes her case by describing in impressive detail the beliefs and contributions of each of the key players in the progressive education movement. Starting in the 1890's, Ms. Ravitch shows that the structure of secondary education in America was primarily determined by local school boards, parents, and teachers. Local authorities had a strong consensus that students should have a solid foundation in the basics: math, science, history, languages, and grammar, and this was reflected in the curriculum and courses available at that time. However, another voice started to emerge, primarily from the top academic institutions, which claimed that only those specially trained and with advanced degrees in the "educational sciences" should be able to design curriculum and subject matter, and that local authorities such as parents, teachers, and school boards probably didn't have the know-how to make such decisions. These figures argued against the traditional curriculum based on the basics, and instead pushed for vocational education and social education, where instead of being taught the theoretical tools which would build their minds, students would be taught how to be accepted by their peers, or how to perform a particular trade to be used in industry. They argued that schools should be used to change society and to provide industry with skilled workers, and that learning for the sake of intellectual development ultimately did not serve the needs of society.

Gradually, the voices of progressive education increased in influence as teachers and administrators nationwide bought the books of progressive educators and attended their lectures on a massive scale, hoping to become more enlightened.

But just what is so enlightening about learning bold, progressive theories from people who have never tried them in practice and would not have to bear the consequences of their failures? This is the point which comes through so clearly as Ms. Ravitch details the declines which occurred after the enactment of such ideas. As theory after theory was tried by the educational

establishment, there were no admission of error, just more and more new proposals to take their place.

One striking example can be seen in an experiment involving seventh graders and punctuation carried out at the Lincoln school, a special institution established for the sole purpose of testing novel new educational theories such as child-centered learning and "activity" learning. The experiment concluded that students who were drilled in punctuation were three times as proficient in punctuation as students who had not been drilled. However, instead of concluding that students should be drilled in punctuation in order to acquire it, the progressive educators concluded that more drilling was not "either wise or desirable", since drilling was not a "natural experience" for children. Such is the case for most of the theories originating from the educational experts; they flew in the face of logic and evidence, yet succeeded because of the clout and power of their proponents.

Ms. Ravitch argues that a strong education in the basics, rather than a vocational education or an education centered around self-esteem and peer awareness, provides citizens with what is needed in order for a democratic society to flourish. Anything other than this will result in a populace not informed about the nature and workings of self-government, without a historical understanding of their place in the world, and without the scientific ability to counter "the proliferation of irrational claims and antiscientific belief systems."

Unlike the educational elite who argued that the traditional curriculum should be offered only to college bound students, Ms. Ravitch shows that all students need the intellectual development which comes only from a strong curriculum. Indeed, one of Ms. Ravitch's strongest points is that disadvantaged students, to a greater extent than others, need a traditional education if they are ever rise socially and economically. A vocational education, or any other type of education not based on developing intellectual ability, will tend to lock disadvantaged children into their current state by not providing them with the intellectual foundation that would allow them to perform anything other than blue-collar work. Unfortunately, while Ms. Ravitch points out the dangers in letting an "elite" make decisions in place of the local citizens and laymen who are affected by them, she does not offer readers an analysis of why parents and teachers were unable to keep control from shifting away. Without that, we have no way to prevent it from happening in other areas.

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"JOHN RAWLS VS. ADAM SMITH: AMARTYA SEN ON JUSTICE," 1/25/2001

"John Rawls vs. Adam Smith: Amartya Sen On Justice," John Gibbs, Stanford Review, 1/25/2001

On Monday January 15th, Nobel Prize winner Amartya Sen spoke at Kresge Auditorium on "The Limits of Contractual Reasoning".

Mr. Sen's speech laid out what he views as two different ways of thinking of justice: the notion of "contractarian" justice promoted by John Rawls, and a type of justice defined by its dependence on a sole "impartial observer", proposed by free market proponent Adam Smith. Contractarian justice is based on a hypothetical contract established by society under circumstances intended to ensure that the contract would be fair. Adam Smith, on the other hand, defined justice as that which would be considered just if viewed by an impartial and fair independent observer.

Mr. Sen argued that Rawls' popular theory of justice has a number of problems which are not faced by Adam Smith's notion of justice. In particular he criticized the assumption made in the conctractarian definition of justice that it would be possible to reach a unanimous agreement as to the right contract. The impartial observer method of justice is more flexible because it demands less and assumes less, according to Mr. Sen.

Mr. Sen claims that justice not only "needs to be done, but needs to be seen to be done" in order to be truly just. Democracy plays a key role in allowing justice to be seen to be done, in that it allows a wide variety of viewpoints to be expressed, and that it tends to allow public access to a wide variety of information which can be used to aid in our calculation of justice.

Though his talk was rather theoretical and aimed at people with a strong background in political philosophy, others less knowledgeable about the subject picked up on key ideas in the field.

Mr. Sen received his Nobel Prize for work on welfare economics. In particular, Mr. Sen showed that shortages of food are not likely the cause of famine, but rather such factors as poor food distribution methods and dramatic increases in food prices with a corresponding decrease in wages are what probably cause such disasters. Mr. Sen has also created indexes of welfare and poverty which attempt to quantify income distributions in different countries. Also included in his Nobel Prize citation are his papers on "Social Choice, Welfare Distributions, and Poverty", and on "Individual Values and Collective Decisions".

Mr. Sen was born on November 3, 1933 in West Bengal, India. He received his B.A. in 1956 and his Ph.D. in 1959 from Trinity College in Cambridge, England. Mr. Sen was the Lament University Professor and Professor of Economics and of Philosophy at Harvard University and is now Master of the College at Trinity College. Mr. Sen is married to Emma Rothschild and has four children.

"INSTITUTIONAL DISCRIMINATION OR INSTITUTIONAL IDEOLOGY?" 2/08/2001

"Institutional Discrimination Or Institutional Ideology?" John Gibbs, Stanford Review, 2/08/2001

On Tuesday January 30th, leaders and officials from nine universities conducted a summit on women faculty in engineering and science at MIT. This conference was held in response to alleged systematic barriers that keep women from science and engineering. But is there really evidence that systematic barriers exist for women who want to pursue engineering? Or were prominent university figureheads simply paying lipservice to the prevailing ideology?

One conclusion reached at the conference was that the universities should work to make engineering facultyship "A profession and an institution in which individuals with family responsibilities are not disadvantaged." Apparently some people think that it is possible for a person to be a full-time mother and a full-time research professor with equal effectiveness. If many female faculty members earn less than male faculty members, it is because their family obligations cause them to spend less time doing the things that make one's salary increase. It isn't discrimination to allocate a different amount of resources to someone who is in the lab 75% of the time that everyone else is, or to someone who frequently takes leave to take care of children. But don't expect university panels to take these kinds of tradeoffs into account.

Another conclusion reached at the conference stated that universities should work towards "A faculty whose diversity reflects that of the students we educate." This means that it is apparently a problem that the percentage of female engineering professors is different than the percentage of females in the general population. However, this is by no means evidence of discrimination or even a problem; rather, it most likely reflects the female students' preference for study in the

humanities over engineering. When an undergraduate female student declares engineering as her major, she does not get an error message telling her that women may not apply.

The same is true for female students applying for admissions to graduate programs; they are not blocked because they are female. Since women can choose to study engineering just as easily as men, this would imply that women are underrepresented in engineering not because of anything as complex as institutional discrimination or barriers, but simply because of a preference of female students to go into other fields. So because fewer women choose to go into engineering graduate programs than men, it is only to be expected that the number of female engineering faculty would be small.

In fields as competitive as the sciences, engineering graduate students tend to have the highest GRE scores of all graduate students. Thus, if institutional discrimination against women existed in the engineering postgraduate world, we would expect to find that although women and men were scoring about equally on average in their GRE scores, and then far more men than women were being admitted. However, such is not the case. Males accounted for 98.5% of the top fiftieth percentile of GRE scores in 1999, even though they accounted for only 44% of graduate admissions. On average, men score about 100 points higher than women on the GRE Physics exam. Comparable gaps exist for nearly every standardized test, especially in math and science. In order for discrimination to be the culprit, the standardized tests would have to be designed so that women would score worse than men, but even most feminists wouldn't argue something so incongruous. This means that far fewer women than men have chosen to prepare themselves for graduate work in science and engineering, and given that graduate work is a necessary step to becoming a professor, it is no surprise that there are far fewer female engineering faculty than male faculty. Once again, discrimination is not the culprit.

In reality, gender gaps exist in other areas of academia, but you won't be likely to see universities holding conferences on them. Why? Because in those cases it is men who are underrepresented. Since 1979, men have been the minority of the undergraduate population in universities, and now make up just 44% of undergraduates. This means that nearly every academic subject other than engineering is majority female. In order for the theory to hold water that discrimination and barriers keep women faculty from engineering, one would have to assume that all of the evil sexists fled the humanities and entrenched themselves in the engineering department in order to concentrate their efforts on holding back the progress of women there. This theory would take a lot of explaining to sound plausible, but, then, academics have a lot of time on their hands.

If it is indeed true that institutional sexists in universities are conspiring to deny female faculty the resources they deserve, where are they? It does not appear as though there was any opposition present at the meeting. The MIT conference was attended by all of the major universities, and all engineering departments represented have chosen to comply with the decrees made there. Obviously engineering department heads have the power to punish those who refuse to comply with their demands, or at worst bring their misdeeds to light, so we can assume that engineering department faculty and administration will comply. Plus, affirmative action programs require universities to make an extra effort to hire women whenever possible. So who is this fight against? If a faculty member is guilty of discriminating against women, let him be rightly punished. But holding a national conference on invisible, institutional (and probably unreal) discrimination is hardly the proper recourse for such cases. Perhaps universities are waging a war against no one, based on false premises and a desire to pacify entrenched leftists.

The conclusions reached by the "Gender Fairness" conference at MIT were unfounded, and if women are in fact heavily underrepresented in engineering, it appears to be justified. It would take an awfully large conspiracy involving too many people for women faculty to be purposefully

denied the same resources and compensation as their male counterparts. Any differences therein can be explained by less complex factors than sexism or institutional discrimination.

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"MR. PRESIDENT, DON'T APOLOGIZE FOR U.S. NUCLEAR BOMBING OF HIROSHIMA." BOLD TV, 5/24/2016

President Barack Obama visiting Hiroshima itself is bad enough. It undermines President Harry S. Truman's difficult decision, breaks the consistency of previous administrations, and gives credence to a narrative of Japanese victimhood. But an apology for the Hiroshima atomic bomb would be even worse.

Having lived in Japan for seven years and being fluent in the language, I came to make many Japanese friends. Being black made me even more of a curiosity and caused people to discuss things normally off-limits, such as politics, history, and foreign relations. It was under these circumstances that one night at one of my favorite watering holes amidst a heavy discussion on foreign policy, a Japanese friend of mine, concerned that Japan would not be adequately protected in the event of a Chinese attack, proclaimed, "The U.S. should make Japan the 51st US state!"

I jokingly replied, "I'll tell that to President Obama the next time I see him."

In all seriousness, no, I don't know President Obama. But based on his plans to visit Hiroshima – a controversial first for a U.S. president, and the fact that he had apparently been considering apologizing for the Hiroshima atomic attacks during his trip to Japan this week, I'm starting to believe my experience in Japanese culture and politics surpasses that of some of his advisers. Below are some reasons they should have let him neither visit Hiroshima nor apologize.

First, the Japanese political scene dictates that it's a bad decision. It would embolden left-wing forces in Japan, embodied by the Communist Party (no, they're not actually Communist, but that's a story for another column), who seek to weaken the U.S.-Japan alliance. This is unacceptable at a time when political stability and unity are crucial to combat Japan's stagnant economy and growing security threats from China and North Korea. There is no reason for President Obama to jeopardize this important relationship by making a misguided apology for Hiroshima.

Secondly, an apology devalues the significant atrocities committed by Japan during her occupations of Asian nations, especially in the face of the current young Japanese generation that knows little about World War II and increasingly believes Japan is guilty of no wrongdoing.

Indeed, at another social outing on a different night, a Japanese friend in his 30s became irate at me for lightly suggesting that the Japanese were guilty of atrocities against the Chinese during the war. Why? Because he had never learned this in school and believed it was simply propaganda.

This is yet further evidence of a significant rewriting of history that has taken place in Japan regarding World War II. As such, any apology for Hiroshima would legitimize this whitewashing and tarnish the

memories of the Americans who died to make Japan free, the Japanese who suffered along the way, and more generally the broad cause of historical truth.

Thirdly, opinion polls in Japan show that a majority of Japanese themselves, understanding the aforementioned points, do not want President Obama to apologize for Hiroshima. In fact, the current Japanese administration has not expressed any desire for the President to apologize.

There is the impression among some that the President will do everything in his power to make America look bad. His consideration of an apology for the Hiroshima atomic bomb legitimizes these concerns. But the fact is after all is said and done, Japan is a much greater, freer, more prosperous, and more influential nation due to the actions of the United States to defeat the Japanese Empire and replace it with the democracy Japan enjoys today.

Mr. President, we were not the bad guys, and we should not apologize.

FEDERALIST WRITINGS (PRE-WHITE HOUSE)

"WHY BLACK VOTERS SHOULD SUPPORT DONALD TRUMP." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 6/2/2016

As an American who is black, I'm supposed to hate Donald Trump. They say he's a racist demagogue. They say he hates Mexicans. They say he hates women. They say he's mean. Yes, I've heard it all. But I believe that above all the sensationalist name-calling, there is a strong case for black support for Trump.

They say when white people catch a cold, black people get pneumonia. Nothing illustrates this better than the trends of automation, globalization, and immigration, which have left many black people in the dust even while lifting many immigrant groups and other races into the middle class.

Indeed, until about midway through the twentieth century, a black man with only a high school education could earn a good enough living to buy a home and support a family on a single income. Today, that is much more difficult. Research from the nonpartisan, nonprofit policy analysis group Young Invincibles shows that "holding all else equal, an African American male needs some college credit to have a similar probability of employment as a white male high school dropout." The unemployment rate for black men with only a high school education is 9.6 percent, more than twice as high as the white male rate for that education level.

While the forces of globalization and automation that have contributed to this situation cannot be stopped, some policy solutions warrant consideration.

Bad Economic Policies Especially Hurt Black People
Take illegal immigration. Untold millions entering the United States illegally over the past decades have dramatically increased the size of the labor pool at the low end of the market, harming prospects for wage increases by poor blacks. Indeed, The United States Commission on Civil Rights, in its 2010 report "The Impact of Illegal Immigration on the Wages and Employment Opportunities of Black Workers," found not only wage suppression effects on black workers due to illegal immigration, but also reduced employment rates, and evidence of racial discrimination against black workers, due to employers perceiving they can pay illegal immigrants less than black workers, among other factors.

One of the report's contributors, Gordon Hanson, found "a 10 percent immigrant-induced increase in the labor supply is associated with a 4 percent decrease in black wages, a 3.5 percent decrease in the black employment rate, and a 0.8 percent increase in the black incarceration rate." That's right, Hanson's data suggests that even black crime is negatively impacted by illegal immigration, as some black men turn to crime in the absence of jobs.

This implies that a serious attempt to end illegal immigration would benefit not only wages and employment rates for black men, but even crime rates. And there is just one candidate with a policy platform of ending illegal immigration: Donald Trump.

Then there's globalization. The first types of jobs to be sent overseas are the jobs likely to be done by black workers: factory jobs and other types of unskilled labor. Certainly, job skills, training, and education are a part of the solution and policymakers should pursue them. But if Trump can reduce the regulatory and tax cost of doing business in the United States to make it more attractive for our companies to come back home, it should have a positive effect on black workers by making more jobs available over the long term.

Foreign Competitors Don't Play Fair

Trump delivers a message focused like a laser on those left behind by globalization. He's starting the conversation on getting our companies to stop closing down factories and outsourcing. He's talking about equitable trade policies with our partners such as Japan: even though her cars represent half of the U.S. automobile market, she only allows foreign automakers a 5 percent share of her market.

Then there's China. It's well-known that the Chinese government has locked Google out of the country due to censorship and a desire to protect her Internet brands from foreign competition. But a survey the American Chamber of Commerce did in China additionally found rising concerns about protectionism from many other foreign companies operating there. Respondents listed protectionism as a top five concern, negatively affecting their ability to do business in China.

What's more, the percentage of firms concerned about protectionism and unfair targeting of foreign firms is increasing. Thus, amidst a protectionist Japan and a China systematically increasing barriers to U.S. businesses, only one candidate has a serious message on correcting these imbalances. If accomplished, more equitable trade policies could help U.S. manufacturing, which would in turn help poor white, Hispanic, and black Americans.

Then there's politics. Despite black Americans giving the Democratic Party 90 percent of their votes every election cycle, many think black interests are being brushed aside while the party bends over backwards to accommodate an ever-increasing list of special interests, leaving its most loyal constituency, black Americans, with nothing but scraps from the table. Can anyone point to a substantive Democratic Party policy paper on black jobs that they're serious about implementing? (When you find it, I'll find you a unicorn and a leprechaun.)

Yet Trump's focus on American workers may be just that. Although not specifically directed towards black workers, it is in fact a black jobs policy. Just as many working-class whites are backing Trump because he is the one fighting for working-class interests, maybe black people should realize that our interests are not that different than those of working-class whites and do the same. For perhaps Trump is speaking for us as well.

"5 TAKEAWAYS FROM TRUMP'S RESPONSE TO ORLANDO." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 6/15/2016

I was having Mexican for lunch with friends on a beautiful sunny Silicon Valley afternoon. My enchiladas were excellent, as was the conversation. Then I happened to glance up at the TV, and CNN was on with breaking news. I couldn't hear it, but the headline scrolling by at the bottom read "50 killed in Orlando shooting. Shooter born in New York, parents from Afghanistan. Shooter claimed allegiance to ISIS in 911 call."

We'd been hit again. It sank in.

I already knew what the liberal response would be. They would blame Republicans and conservatives, Christians, and the National Rifle Association. No surprise there, even though it was not a Christian, but a Muslim and registered Democrat who carried out the attack. But why let little things like facts get in the way?

Yet I was most curious to see how Donald Trump would respond. Would he reiterate his call for a ban on Muslim immigration—which some have called racist, Islamophobic, and unbecoming of a presidential candidate? Or would he back down and embrace political correctness in order to placate his critics and seem more presidential?

Trump answered my curiosity with his national security speech the Monday following the attack. Let's look at five key takeaways from his talk.

1. The Orlando Attacks Legitimized Trump's Message
Trump's simple solution of temporarily banning immigration from areas of the world when there is a proven history of terrorism against the United States already made sense to many Americans. Now, after the Orlando attack, his argument will seem even more like common sense and less like an extreme solution. You can bet the "ban" will be the topic of discussion at many dinner tables and coffee break rooms all around America this week, in a much more substantive way than before Orlando.

2. Trump Got Elegant
Trump chose not to capitulate, but to reiterate. He repeated his ban on immigration from Muslim countries, but this time stating it in a much more elegant fashion, replacing "Muslim countries" with "areas of the world when there is a proven history of terrorism against the United States." This more-sophisticated phrasing sounds more measured and reasoned, will be palatable to more Americans, and will be harder to attack for being intolerant.

3. Trump Tied the Orlando Attack to Immigration
Trump successfully tied the terrorist attack to our immigration system, which allowed the killer's father to enter the United States even though he supports the Taliban and is from a country with a proven history of terrorism. Trump showed that inviting the wrong people to our country can have disastrous impact, even in the second generation. Critically, he showed that the much-touted rigorous background screening done on immigrants simply cannot be relied upon, as evidenced by not only Orlando but also San Bernardino. All this will let Trump show that his immigration policies could have prevented this attack.

4. Trump Tied the Orlando Attack to Political Correctness
Trump argued that political correctness stifled the FBI's response to the attack. Indeed, we know the FBI had investigated the Orlando terrorist on multiple occasions, yet no action was taken. This was ostensibly due to fears of being seen as anti-Islam, and due to FBI agents receiving ineffective, politically correct training on Islam. Thus, by tying political correctness to the government's failure to stop a known terrorist suspect, Trump has strengthened his positioning as the only candidate who won't let political correctness stand in the way of protecting Americans.

5. Trump Differentiated Himself
Trump argued that President Obama and Hillary Clinton support increased immigration from countries known to support terrorism; that they refuse to release the immigration history of known terrorists in the United States; that political correctness prevents them from taking action against Islamic terrorism; and that border control is better than gun control. This is the exact opposite of Hillary's position. These policies clearly differentiate Trump from Hillary, and make him appear stronger on terrorism.

All in all, Trump skillfully responded to Orlando, articulating his core message in a more sophisticated way than before, yet without losing any of the sting and unorthodoxy that people love (and hate) so much. I can't wait to see if upcoming poll numbers reflect a bump in support, as I'm expecting.

"AFTER FIRING COREY LEWANDOWSKI, TRUMP SHOULD KEEP HIS TACTICS." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 6/22/2016

This Monday, the Donald Trump campaign fired campaign manager Corey Lewandowski. This was apparently the result of three major, long-brewing concerns in the Trump inner circle: 1) A desire for a change in messaging to make Trump more mainstream and palatable to the big donors and leaders in the Republican Party, 2) A desire for more professional management of the technical aspects of the campaign, particularly in staff, finances, and ad buys, and 3) Public incidents involving Lewandowski, and behind-the-scenes conflicts between him and members of the Trump family.

The first manifestation of these concerns was when the campaign hired long-time GOP man Paul Manafort in March. However, it became clear that adding Manafort was not enough to assuage concerns. So this Monday, the campaign upped the ante by firing Lewandowski. This was a mistake. But let's start by looking at a couple reasons one could offer for firing Lewandowski, and see if they hold water.

The Reasons for Firing Lewandowski Aren't Great
First, there was the (in)famous incident where he was accused of assaulting reporter Michelle Fields by pulling her arm and guiding her away from Trump as she aggressively tried to interview him. Yet the state of Florida declined to prosecute Lewandowski due to a lack of evidence (it's worth noting that the prosecutor is a registered Democrat and Hillary supporter).

Indeed, looking at the admittedly low-quality security footage of the incident, it looks much less like an assault than a campaign manager firmly pulling a zealous journalist away from his candidate. I'm willing to bet that if someone had grabbed my arm and pulled me in the same fashion, I would have been laughed out of the room if I tried to file charges. Considering all this, the Fields incident can't be a legitimate reason for dismissing Lewandowski.

Then there were indications Lewandowski did not get along with the husband of Trump's daughter Ivanka, Jared Kushner, who was apparently attempting to influence the campaign. In response, Lewandowski did as any properly trained campaign manager is supposed to do: reassert control and keep things on track. In fact, overzealous family members are often one of the biggest recurring issues any campaign manager must deal with, and can sometimes even derail a campaign.

However, it appears that Ivanka and Trump's other children did not take well to their voices being sidelined, so convinced their father to get rid of Lewandowski. Trump has little training in politics, but if he did, he would have known that the campaign manager is the guy who runs the campaign, not the son-in-law and other family members, and complaints from the latter shouldn't be cause to fire the former.

Reasons to Keep Corey Lewandowski

Now let's look at some reasons for keeping Lewandowski. When Trump announced his candidacy last June, the pundits, the GOP, and the media said he wouldn't make it through summer 2015. Then they said he wouldn't make it to Thanksgiving. They said he wouldn't make it through the New Year, and soon New Year became summer 2016. Wrong, wrong, and wrong again. They said when he talked about cocaine and criminals coming over the Mexican border, those comments were racist and would sink him. They were wrong. They said "Build The Wall!" was crazy and would doom his campaign. Wrong again.

Why? Because Trump and Lewandowski's two-pronged strategy of: 1) Letting Trump run with his popular, unorthodox message and 2) Using the media for free advertising instead of expensive TV ad buys was a winning strategy. How do I know this?

GOP man Jeb Bush, who raised more than $150 million and was loved by the establishment, had a calm, non-offensive, brainy, conventional message and ran his campaign by the textbook. Yet Trump clobbered him despite being outspent by nearly $100 million. The same is true for fellow establishment candidates Marco Rubio and John Kasich. In fact, when viewed as dollars spent per vote gotten, Trump spent massively less than all of the other GOP primary contenders—in some cases 100-fold less—yet still handily beat them all. Apparently there's some truth to the old adage "Money isn't everything."

Some might argue, "That was the primary, this is the general. Things are different. Lewandowski is not cut out for a national general campaign." Yet despite currently being out-staffed and outspent by enormous margins by Democratic frontrunner Hillary Clinton—indeed, Hillary raised nine times more than Trump in May alone—Trump is polling competitively against her in most states that are in play, including being up by one point in Florida, tied in Pennsylvania, and down by just three in Virginia. He hasn't even started campaigning against Mrs. Clinton in earnest yet, with the big efforts still to come after the GOP convention in July, Trump says. Indeed once Trump puts his full guns against Clinton, the Lewandowski strategy may prove a winner yet again. And just wait until the debates.

Face the Wind

Still, a word of caution. Although the Lewandowski strategy of using free media coverage for Trump in lieu of expensive TV ads has worked thus far, it would be advantageous to begin fundraising efforts in earnest very soon, which I suspect has already happened and will be reflected in the June numbers. These funds will be helpful in get-out-the-vote and other initiatives that require more local staff.

Yet when fundraising, it is critical that Trump sticks to his core DNA of eschewing help from the typical big-money donors, and instead looks at a grassroots strategy that raises smaller amounts from a huge rank-and-file base, so he can maintain his popular unorthodox platform without being forced to change it by billionaires' whims.

Thus, though Lewandowski has already been let go, I urge Manafort and the Trump campaign leadership not to abandon the strategy that has brought Trump this far, but rather strengthen what has been shown to work: relentlessly define the opponent on Trump's terms (see "Low-energy Jeb," "Little Marco," "Lyin' Ted," etc.), use the media, and stay focused like a laser on the core message while keeping it unorthodox.

"BREXIT SIGNIFIES THE DOWNFALL OF THE EXPERTS." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 6/28/2016

In a historic referendum last Thursday, the British people voted by a margin of 52-48 to leave the European Union, despite pleas by President Obama, Hillary Clinton, and leading economists saying it would be disastrous.

This is part of a process unfolding across the Western world in which the voting public is rejecting the arguments of the so-called experts, and instead embracing "old" concepts such as national pride, economic nationalism, and local control.

Although this has been a long time coming, the straw that broke the camel's back this time was the chaos and disorder in Syria and the resultant flow of refugees into Europe, which to many Europeans happened too quickly, and over which they felt they had no control.

Indeed, not only Europe but in America similar sentiments are at play, in which people feel globalization, immigration, and "free" trade are being pushed at them in a manner and speed they are not comfortable with, sometimes with adverse consequences different than what the experts promised. Donald Trump has embraced these concerns with laser focus and forceful consistency, much to the chagrin and bafflement of the experts.

Experts Don't Live With or Respect Us
What's driving this schism between the people and the experts? I argue two reasons.

First, experts in London, Berlin, and DC, and at Harvard University and The New York Times, are too far separated from the average people in their respective nations to understand their hearts, minds, and concerns for the future. Having recently graduated from Harvard myself, one of the most commonly heard refrains from classmates and faculty was "I don't know a single person voting for Trump." Since I am a Midwesterner at heart and not part of the Ivory Tower, I was glad to provide my peers a view into the mind of "regular" Americans, whether for or against Trump, which was a perspective they weren't likely to get elsewhere.

Second, experts believe their intellectual caliber, academic training, and influential position makes their opinion worth more than that of the average citizen, whom they see as uneducated, unsophisticated, and not aware of what's best for them. Thus, they do not believe the concerns of regular people need to be humbly listened to, let alone taken into account and acted upon, when creating policy and setting the national direction.

This is why the experts have so consistently misread recent events in world politics, from the rise of Trump to the stunning Brexit vote to the rise of the Alternative for Deutschland Party in Germany. They simply have no understanding of the things regular people are concerned about, due to lack of exposure to the people, and a feeling that experts don't need input from non-experts.

Indeed, the response of the experts to recent events has not helped. Their admonitions to the people largely consist of labeling them racist, fascist, bigoted, xenophobic, nativist, Islamophobic, far-right, isolationist, or other pejorative terms. But these rebukes have fallen on ears that are tired of the name-calling and no longer afraid of it.

So what's the way forward? If experts want to continue to have influence, they'll need to take a dose of humility and learn how to understand the people deeply and then act on the people's concerns. Otherwise, the democratic process will begin to replace them with emergent leaders like Trump, Nigel Farage, and Marine Le Pen, all of whose rising popularity shows they are more in tune with the concerns of the people than with the establishment experts.

"AZIZ ANSARI SHOULD PROTEST SHARIA, NOT DONALD TRUMP." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 6/28/2016

Aziz Ansari is an actor and comedian famous for his character on the TV show "Parks and Recreation," among other productions. His parents are Muslim immigrants from India. He recently wrote an editorial in The New York Times blasting Donald Trump, calling the candidate "hate-filled," "xenophobic," and that he makes Ansari scared for his (Muslim) family. Below is my response.

Dear Aziz,

"Parks and Recreation" is one of my favorite TV shows and your character, Tom Haverford, is hilarious. I love going back and watching reruns. As such it is an honor to write to you.

I read your New York Times op-ed on Donald Trump, in which you blasted him for being bigoted. In response, I have a few questions for you.

You are pro-LGBT. However, most majority-Muslim communities around the world have a very poor track record on LGBT treatment. In fact, in 10 majority-Muslim countries, homosexuality is punishable by death. Trump, however, supports LGBT causes. Have you written letters to Muslim scholars, Muslim newspapers in your parents' home of Tamil Nadu, India, or other places, holding them accountable for being anti-LGBT the same way you wrote your letter to the Times against Trump?

Aziz, you are a supporter of feminism. Yet I'm sure you're aware that majority-Muslim countries have an abysmal track record on women's rights, whether the issue is female genital mutilation, forced marriage, legally sanctioned domestic violence, honor killings, denial of education for women and girls, or many, many other expressions of their human dignity. Are you fighting against the oppression of women in the Muslim world with the same focus and urgency that you are against Trump?

You say you are not a religious person, unlike your parents, who are Muslim. Yet I'm sure you know that in many majority-Muslim areas, there is no freedom of religion such as the kind you enjoy in the United States, and most people in those places cannot freely leave Islam, as you are able to do. In fact, in Saudi

Arabia, atheism has been branded by the government as terrorism and is subject to prosecution, and conversion from Islam is punishable by death. Have you written letters to popular newspapers and media in Saudi Arabia or other majority-Muslim countries demanding they embrace freedom of religion—including the freedom to leave Islam—the same way you wrote your letter to the Times against Trump?

You've suggested in your comedy sketches that you believe religion should stay out of government. Thankfully, the United States enjoys the separation of church and state that you prefer. However, Islam contains the principle of Sharia law, which says Muslims should embrace Islamic government as laid out in the Quran. In fact, most majority-Muslim countries adopt at least some form of Sharia law.

Trump, by contrast—not being an evangelical—is (probably) pro-choice on abortion and pro-LGBT, similar to yourself. So my question is, have you written letters to the newspapers and leaders in Muslim communities arguing for the kind of separation of church and state that we enjoy in the United States, the same way you wrote to the Times rebuking Trump?

Aziz, thinking about all these points and about your progressive worldview, it seems clear to me that Islam conflicts with your values as an American much more than Donald Trump's values do. Perhaps your attack had the wrong target?

"IF YOU DON'T WANT POLICE TO SHOOT YOU, DON'T RESIST ARREST." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 7/11/2016

It saddens me that what little is left of the black civil rights movement is spent defending thugs, hustlers, drug dealers, and troublemakers such as Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Freddie Gray, Alton Sterling, and Philando Castile. Can you believe we've gone from honorable causes like fighting for the right of black people to attend college to defending black criminals who foolishly mouth off against, run away from, and fight with the police; police who are putting their lives on the line to protect us from criminals?

Can't the protestors at least defend young black men of honor, quiet heroes going against the grain by wearing their pants around their waist; refusing thuggery, weed-smoking, and hustling; those who marry one woman, have all their kids with that one woman, proactively raise those kids to be successful, productive citizens, and love only their wife and no other woman; those who work an honest job with integrity, intensity, and discipline, no matter how menial the work? (Note: selling illegal cigarettes on the street or bootleg CDs on the corner doesn't count as honest work!)

If a protest were held against the oppression of such young black men, I'd be the first to join in. Yet every time I hear of a black man being killed by the cops, he's not the man I just described. He's almost always a criminal thug I have no desire to defend. Hardly our best, and hardly what Dr. King died for.

It's Easier to Blame Everyone But Yourself

You see, unlike those men recently shot, I do not fear for my life from the police. Quite the contrary, my life is made safer by the police who stand between me and people like Sterling, who is much more likely to break into my car or stick me up at night compared to any harm that might come to me from a police officer. The fact is, the police are not shooting black men like me. Why? Because I am not a criminal, and when the police stop me, I politely do what they say, and they leave me alone. I do not run away, fight back, or mouth off. It's really pretty simple.

Why is no one asking how these men's families and communities failed them so badly that they became criminals or thugs? If you look up "tough" in the dictionary, my grandmother's picture will come up. If you were raised under her and acted up, after she got done with you you'd wish the police had gotten to you first. I'm glad my father was raised in such an environment. Discipline happens in the home, and it starts early. When it doesn't, the police are left to clean up the mess of deeply broken human beings who were already doomed before their first interaction with the law. It's totally unfair to ask the police to treat hardened criminals with kid gloves.

How did we get here? The Welfare Industrial Complex has produced generational government dependence that has devastated black families and communities and created the criminal underclass of black thugs the police are killing today. I wonder what Black Lives Matter has to say about that? Will they unequivocally call for an end to the welfare, food stamps, and government subsidized housing that have replaced the black father, and thus return the role of family provider to the black man where it belongs, not the government?

Will they call for a complete end to illegal immigration and to burdensome regulations and taxes that make hiring Americans too expensive? After all, these things reduce wages, increase unemployment, and harm the ability of young black men to get jobs that provide for a family. My guess: don't hold your breath. It's just so much easier to blame the police, white privilege, and institutionalized racism.

Yet amid all the hype, let us not lose sight of reality: No matter how much the media attempts to stir up racial strife, the fact is about 70 black people are killed by other black folks for every one killed by a white police officer. White police killings of black people are simply a non-issue compared to what black people do to each other, unfortunately.

So no, despite the prevailing atmosphere of hysteria, I'm not afraid of being killed by the police. Quite the contrary: sadly, the data shows I'm much more likely to be victimized by a fellow black man than by a white police officer. So may the police remain sharp, aggressive, and strike fear into criminals so the good people don't become victims.

"HOW OBAMA LEFT US MORE RACIALLY DIVIDED THAN EVER." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 7/13/2016

My mother is a huge fan of Barack Obama. The house is decked out with portraits of the president and Michelle, including some from his inauguration, which she attended. I've never seen her this excited for any president, including Bill Clinton.

This type of sentiment is typical of many black Americans, who have a brimming sense of pride over the first black president. This is not so much because they agree with his policies—in fact, many black Americans, while Democrats, identify as conservative—but rather due to a sense of victory that after so many years of slavery and segregation, we've finally arrived at the point where the American people are willing to accept a black president.

Yet all is not well. Under President Obama, many black folks think racial division has increased, not decreased. A family friend, who is a Democrat and an Obama supporter, recently curiously remarked, "I'll be glad when Obama is out of office." He said this not as an affront to President Obama, but as an acknowledgement that the state of racial affairs seems to have gotten worse under him.

Many whites feel the same way, which is one reason Donald Trump is popular. His outright rejection of political correctness that many Americans are sick of seems like a step in the right direction to his supporters, who hope removing PC will allow for honest dialogue without fear of being called racist amidst an environment that has become increasingly charged and accusatory.

Why is this the case? How did we get to a spot where black and white perceptions on race are so divergent, and we are more divided than ever? It starts with how you view our country.

Either You're an Optimist or Pessimist

My view of America is that we are a place of great promise and opportunity, where someone like me, who is the grandchild of illiterate black Southern sharecroppers, can achieve success and reach the American dream. We are a place occupied by fair-minded, hard-working people whose culture and values have built a nation that is the envy of the world. I am proud to be a part of that culture.

Our Founders, while imperfect and a product of their times, were visionary heroes who made hard choices and compromises to give us the successful system we have today. Because Americans are good, we've worked hard over time to right the wrongs in our society that our Founding Fathers could not eliminate in their time. In summary, we are a fundamentally decent people blessed to live in a phenomenal land with a rich heritage.

But not so for President Obama. His view of our nation seems to be very different than mine and that of many other Americans. I believe that when President Obama thinks of America, more so than a place of hope or opportunity, he thinks of a place where racist white Christian fundamentalists came here from Europe, committed genocide against Native Americans, enslaved and segregated black people, denied women, gays, and other minorities their rights, and used capitalism and a rigged legal system to oppress poor people for centuries. He also believes this is still continuing today.

Given this view of America as an evil place in need of forceful justice for her sins, the president's overarching goal has been to eliminate what he sees as the structural, institutionalized discrimination that defines America. He has done this by taking every opportunity to see disparities between groups as evidence of discrimination, then using all available resources to fight this perceived discrimination by going to war against the Americans he believes are responsible for it, who are almost always whites, men, police, and Christians.

A small sampling of the ways he has done this are: accusing whites of "white privilege," which means having an unfair advantage due to being white, an advantage built upon oppressing minorities; accusing the police and justice system at large of racism; blaming pay differences between men and women on discrimination; and casting Islamic radicalism as a legitimate response to discrimination (ostensibly by white Christians).

This strategy has had two effects: 1) It's caused the alleged victims of the perceived discrimination to become more militant, hostile, and only willing to make demands and not willing to engage in dialogue due to increasing their sense of victimhood, and 2) It's caused the alleged perpetrators of the perceived discrimination to feel unfairly blamed for problems that are not their fault, thus less willing to engage in dialogue with people who will do nothing but accuse them of wrongdoing.

In other words, both sides are moving away from each other. This means that, contrary to unifying the nation, the president's leadership has caused division and discord.

Discrimination Is Not the Biggest Problem for Minorities
In addition to failing to unify the nation, the president's leadership philosophy has also failed to solve the underlying problems supposedly caused by discrimination. This is due to his failure to understand two critical truths: 1) Unequal outcomes do not constitute proof of discrimination. Thus policies attempting to produce equal results between groups through eliminating discrimination will accomplish nothing when the unequal outcomes are not caused by discrimination in the first place, and 2) While actual discrimination exists, most of the ills minorities face in today's America are not caused by discrimination, but rather by factors such as complete family breakdown engendered by the welfare state and reduced employment prospects due to globalization, illegal immigration, and automation. So again, policies to remedy discrimination will do nothing to solve problems that are not caused by discrimination in the first place.

Sure enough, this is exactly what the data shows. With the exception of the unemployment rate, black Americans are worse off in many categories under President Obama, including: labor force participation, the percentage of people below the poverty line, real median income, the number of black people on food stamps, the percentage of black people who own homes, and the black-white test score gap in education.

Thus, far from unifying the nation, and far from ending the social ills he believes are caused by discrimination, President Obama has—perhaps unwittingly—caused America to become more polarized and divided, and brought us no closer to solving the key problems stunting black achievement.

"5 THINGS PRESIDENT OBAMA NEEDS TO SAY ABOUT BLACK CRIME BUT WON'T." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 7/20/2016

President Obama held a nationally televised town hall last week to address heightened tensions and divisions in our society due to recent shootings of black criminals by police, and the recent shootings of police officers in Dallas. Just days after the event, three police officers in Baton Rouge were assassinated, further highlighting the high stakes for how the president handles this issue.

I was invited to attend last week's town hall and ask the president a question, but ultimately could not make it. But I did watch it at home, and would like to highlight some key points President Obama did not to make, which could have begun the process of healing and reconciliation.

Indeed, Sunday's execution of three police officers in Baton Rouge shows what can happen when the president creates an atmosphere of racial victimization and blames police. So it is critical that Obama develops a new message that takes us in the right direction before things get worse and there's another incident.

With that in mind, here are the statements President Obama should have included in his remarks last week.

1. 'We Must, Must, Must Reduce the Black Crime Rate'
The black crime rate is significantly higher than that of other races. Yes, some would claim this is due to institutionalized racism or a lack of job opportunities. However, black crime was much lower in past eras

when discrimination against black people was much higher, and the economic position of black people was much worse, than today. So that can be no excuse.

President Obama should have talked about how the overall crime rate for black people is three times higher than the national average. He should have noted how blacks commit homicide at a rate eight times higher than whites do, according to Department of Justice data. Even though blacks and Hispanics combined make up only 30 percent of the population, they make up more than 80 percent of all gang members in the United States. He should also have talked how even though black folks are only 13 percent of the population, we commit about 62 percent of all robberies and 56 percent of all carjackings. Obama should have then asked: "Is this really what Dr. King died for?"

2. 'We Must Put the Black Family Back Together'
Even though the studies clearly show that children born into single-parent homes have worse outcomes in nearly every area, sadly, today about 72 percent of black kids are born to unwed mothers. This has created a whole new generation of troubled young men who have an increased likelihood of entering a life of crime and getting themselves into altercations with the police that create these divisive incidents we see on the news.

So putting the family back together so black children are born into stable, two-parent homes will go a long way to fixing many of the problems black people face today, including problems with the police. President Obama should have forcefully illuminated the broken state of black families, then outlined his ideas to put it back together. There are many ways to approach this, but one good place to start is to scale back well-intentioned but ineffective entitlement programs that encourage and enable single-motherhood, many of which the president himself unfortunately supports.

If he couldn't have stomached this tough but true response, Obama could have at least given the example of how he leads his own family, which is indeed a stable two-parent black family.

3. 'We Must Fix the Brokenness in Black Culture'
Data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health Data shows that the popularity of black kids decreases as their GPA increases, a trend not seen for white public school children. This means black kids pay a high social price for pursuing academic excellence. Research from psychologist Angela Neal-Barnett shows that things like taking an Advanced Placement class, taking an honors class, or—gasp—speaking standard English were behaviors many black students saw as "acting white" and thus carried a social cost.

Researchers are still working out the reasons for this unfortunate phenomenon, but I suspect it exists simply because many young black people are rarely challenged by teachers, parents, communities, and the media. That's because: 1) It's much easier to just blame racism, and 2) Challenging black veneration of underachievement might be seen as racist.

However, President Obama should have avoided the easy, cowardly approach of blaming racism and instead forcefully illustrated the problem, proclaiming that achieving excellence does not have a race attached to it, and we will have zero tolerance for blacks who ridicule other black folks for pursuing distinction.

There is also a destructive thug culture among some strains of the black community. Black journalist Cynthia Tucker Haynes beautifully states: "Somewhere along the way, a cadre of young black men and women began glorifying violence, misogyny and thuggery, accepting incarceration as inevitable, resigning themselves to lives on the margins of mainstream society. They created a thug culture that has been commodified — celebrated in music and movies, sold to poor adolescents in wretched neighborhoods as well as affluent teenagers in upscale communities."

What more can be said? President Obama should have uttered these powerful words last night, then ended them with, "Therefore, we must demolish this thug culture that is destroying young black Americans. We will treat it the same as terrorism: pursue it, confront it, and destroy it." That's right, I just compared thug culture to terrorism. September 11, 2011 killed about 3,000 Americans, yet about 5,500 black men kill other black men annually. That's almost two black 9/11s per year! So where's the War Against Thugs™?

4. 'The Police Are Not the Main Problem'
Over the past 35 years, a mind-bending 323,820 black people have been killed by other black people in America, far exceeding the number of police officers killed during that same timeframe. The data showsabout 71 blacks are killed by other blacks for every one black person killed by a white police officer. It is clear then, the real problem is black people killing each other.

Yes, cases of police misconduct should be confronted and handled promptly when they occur. Absolutely. But black deaths due to the police account for less than 2 percent of all black murders, so attacking the police must never be the main issue. President Obama should thus have stated forcefully, "Let us stop blaming the police, for they are not the ones killing black folks. Sadly, it is black folks who are killing each other. Therefore, we must solve the national problem of black murder."

5. 'Blaming Police Gets More Police Killed'
Rhetoric that frames police for the deep, systematic problems in the black community puts police lives in danger by riling up hatred and resentment towards them, and encourages the kind of cop killers we've seen in Dallas and Baton Rouge. This kind of rhetoric can't be tolerated.

First, it's not true. The police are the first line of defense in protecting black Americans from black criminals, who overwhelmingly target black victims. Second, it takes focus away from the real issues at the source of the problem: broken families, thug culture, entitlement programs that disincentivize family formation, and a culture of low achievement.

President Obama should have thus forcefully declared "We will never allow police lives to be put in jeopardy by dangerous rhetoric that blames them for brokenness in minority communities, a brokenness they did not cause and cannot fix."

Thankfully for the president, I do not charge for this free post-mortem analysis. But for further consultations, we'll have to talk.

"5 REASONS DONALD TRUMP SHOULD FOCUS ON THE WHITE VOTE." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 7/22/2016

Prepare to be mindblown. A black dude is going to tell you why the GOP's winning strategy is to focus like a laser on the white vote.

One key result of the increased polarization happening in America under President Obama is that Republicans have a chance to decisively capture the white vote in a historic fashion. In fact, the key to a Trump victory will be the white vote, not the Hispanic vote, the black vote, or any other vote.

Why? For one, the Democratic Party has already lost the white vote, and lost it big. Mitt Romney won the demographic by a whopping 59-39 landslide margin in 2012. Trump is leading it by similar margins. This is because the Democratic Party has decided that, due to the rising Hispanic and immigrant population—who vote about 80 percent Democratic—they no longer need the white vote to win, but rather can rely on favorable changing demographics to deliver elections.

This means Democrats are leaving white voters the wayside the same way they have ignored blacks for decades. The difference is that whites take notice and vote Republican in response. Black folks just keep voting Democratic.

Yet despite increasing white support for Republicans, Romney ultimately lost the 2012 race because minorities tend to vote Democratic as a bloc, and the white voter turnout he generated was not enough to overcome the minority vote that overwhelmingly and predictably came out against him.

So, to avoid a repeat of 2012, how much would Trump need in order to win? In short, Trump needs about 62 percent of the white vote to win the popular vote (in comparison to Romney's 59 percent). More importantly, he would need to do between three and six points better on average than Romney did among white voters in the swing states, in order to win those states and thus win the election. That's a tall order. But I argue it's possible for several reasons.

1. People Are Excited to Vote for Donald Trump
Trump is a momentum generator. He far surpasses the excitement level of Romney in 2012. Indeed, voter turnout in the 2016 Virginia GOP primary broke 2012 turnout by more than a whopping 700,000 votes, and smashed the previous record set in the year 2000 by 50 percent. Trump shattered Romney's 2012 numbers by similar margins in Ohio, and by large margins in other states.

In fact, Trump received more primary votes than any GOP candidate ever in history, despite being in a crowded field of 17 candidates, the largest pool ever. All this even though he spent very little on advertisements, get-out-the-vote efforts, or staffing. He's also beating Romney among evangelicals. Much of this increased support has been among white blue-collar voters, who vote overwhelmingly Republican.

Granted, with few precedents to go on, the number crunchers are not totally sure of the link between primary turnouts and general election turnout. However, given that this election has thus far wildly defied the predictions of all the pundits, if there's any link between primary momentum and general election momentum I expect at least some to transfer into the general election and help Trump get much better numbers with white voters than Romney did in 2012.

2. Everybody Hates Hillary
Although Trump has much more momentum and excitement than Romney did in 2012, Hillary has much less momentum and excitement than Obama did in 2008 or 2012. Indeed, if primary voter turnout has even a light correlation to general election turnout in this unprecedented crazy cycle, things don't bode

well for the Clinton camp: only 27.4 million people cast Democratic primary ballots in 2016, far fewer than the 35 million cast in 2008, the last competitive Democratic primary. That's despite the presence of popular outsider Bernie Sanders this year.

Further, Hillary Clinton has historically low favorability ratings, and sits 10 to 15 points lower in favorability than Obama did at this time four years ago. Let's also not forget Mrs. Clinton almost got indicted. That certainly won't help her image with the white swing voters undecided between staying home or going out to vote for Hillary. Although they may like her better than Trump, many are not ready to cast their ballot for someone they don't trust.

Minorities, unlike white swing voters, tend to stick with the Democratic candidate regardless of policy positions or personal character. Thus, the deciding factor with Hillary will be white voters. Given her low favorability, low momentum, and character damaged by an FBI investigation, she is almost certainly in worse shape with that group than Obama was in either election. This bodes well for the Republican challenger's chances with white voters.

3. Latinos Aren't Dropping Trump

Despite popular prognostications, Trump's allegedly anti-Mexican comments have not caused a decrease in support among the Latino vote. Indeed, data shows the Latino vote is about the same percentage Republican as it has been in the previous two cycles. While Trump's strong support for the police, his willingness to talk frankly about the problem of black crime, and his rejection of political correctness may cause some loss of support among black voters—many of whom see the police as an adversary and see talk about black crime as racist—it may cause an even larger bump in support among white voters. They are more likely to believe he is simply speaking honestly about the issues, no matter how uncomfortable it may make some feel.

Thus, some loss of the black vote may be a smart price to pay for an even bigger increase in the white vote—a vote that is actually persuadable. (First rule of elections: only target persuadable voters!)

4. President Obama's Tarnished Legacy

The president's positions on Black Lives Matter, recent police incidents, increasingly common charge that whites are guilty of white privilege, and his support for unprecedented levels of immigration eroding the white population have left many white Americans feeling attacked and marginalized to a much greater degree than in 2012.

This may energize many white Americans to make a change in direction from where another four to eight years of similar leadership philosophy under Hillary is likely to take us.

Paired with this is Trump's powerful stance against political correctness, which brands a person as racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, or Islamophobic for the slightest difference of views. Trump's anti-PC stance will especially resonate with white voters, who are almost always the target of these labels. Additionally, besides possibly Sanders, Trump is the only candidate to forcefully defend blue-collar workers, many of whom are white, and who make up a large portion of Trump's voting bloc.

5. White People Are More Persuadable

So all the ingredients are in place for historically high white turnout. Yet some might object. After all, what is to be made of the 2012 Republican autopsy, which declared the solution to the GOP's problems was to go all-out for the minority vote?

Although well-intentioned, this strategy may amount to wishful thinking. It's much more efficient to aggressively increase the turnout of white demographics that vote Republican, then to reach white independent and swing voters who actually vote based on the issues, values, and quality of candidates, than it is to reach black and other minority voters. The latter tend to vote for Democrats based on ethnic identity in such a firmly consistent manner so as to be virtually unpersuadable.

In fact, even though 30 percent of black Americans self-identify as conservative, mostly based on social issues, they still won't vote GOP. For Pete's sake, even Ben Carson never got more than a small share of the black vote, and he practically walks on water. The same is true for the outstanding Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, the black GOP lawmaker who lost 88 percent of the black vote in his election to the Senate.

The effort required to achieve even small gains in GOP support among minority groups may be far greater than the benefits, given the stubbornness of the voting blocs and their small share of the population relative to the 70 percent of the electorate that is white.

Further, and more critically, to follow the GOP autopsy's advice and attempt to reach minority voters, Trump would have to give up many of his core beliefs that made him popular in the first place. This would include: embracing amnesty and open borders (to target the Latino vote), which harms the poorest Americans by flooding the labor pool at the low end of the market, among many other negative effects; embracing racial victimization politics, which defends criminals while blaming the police for black crime (this is like blaming your doctor for being obese!); and embracing political correctness, which dictates that emotions are more important than telling the hard truth that moves us forward.

So the question becomes: should Trump give up his unique, appealing message for the sake of attracting the small share of minorities that is unlikely to cross over anyway? I say no. Rather, staying on-message with laser focus while getting white voter turnout up to record levels is the key to Trump's victory.

"THE DEMOCRATS' CONVENTION IS THE VICTIM GROUP OLYMPICS." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 7/28/2016

The Democratic National Convention this week in Philadelphia is Democrats' chance to offer their vision for America. With the Republican National Convention ending last week, Democrats and their allies in the media attempted to paint Donald Trump and the RNC's message as "dark."

However, it's actually the Democrats' strategy of dividing America into victimized groups that is truly dark, as it creates discord and division for political gain. Let's look at this week's speaker lineup at the DNC to see this divisiveness in action.

Exploiting Family Tragedies

The speaker lineup includes a group called Mothers of the Movement, which consists of the mothers of black men killed either by police or someone else, including Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Dontré Hamilton, and Sandra Bland, among others.

Consistent with their strategy of dividing America into groups of victims that Democratic Party handouts and programs must save, this group's messaging consists of three components: 1) Blame police for the deaths of black men they shoot, 2) Blame (white) racism for black people killing each other in such dramatically high numbers, and 3) Blame guns for the problems of crime and violent interactions with police in the black community—then call for further restrictions on gun rights.

Let's be clear: everyone, myself included, sympathizes with the suffering and the loss of these women. I can't imagine the pain of losing a child. Yet the message of Mothers of the Movement backs the Democrats' dark strategy of division and victimization. For one, the gun control agenda they push amounts to punishing law-abiding American gun owners for the actions of criminals, who are made out to be victims of guns, not products of failed families, a dysfunctional culture, and failed policies that keep black people locked in poverty.

Second, blaming our police when criminals fight back or resist arrest makes it appear that the Democratic Party is defending criminals as victims while attacking the good guys as oppressors. Third, blaming white people for the dramatic problem of crime in black communities—a major plank of the Black Lives Matter platform—seems unfair, and as if they are avoiding a central cause of this problem, which is deep dysfunction in the black community. For example, many Americans watching this week are asking, "Where are the fathers?" and "Why did your son become a criminal or fight with the police in the first place?"

The GOP should capitalize on the Democratic strategy of division and victimization by defining itself as the party that stands for police and all law-abiding citizens of every race. They should contrast themselves with the Democratic Party, which defines black people as victims and the police, gun-owning Americans, and whites as enemies for the sake of securing a minority voting bloc.

Enabling and Apologizing for Law-Breakers

Further consistent with the theme of dividing America into victim classes, another group speaking at the DNC are "DREAMers." "DREAMer" is the word Democrats use to describe the children of illegal immigrants who were also not born in the United States. A big agenda item of President Obama and the Democrats (and even Jeb Bush, which is one reason he lost the Republican primary so spectacularly) has been to push for legal status for this group.

Yet to many Americans, pushing to legalize those who came here illegally seems like an attack on fairness and law and order, rewarding lawbreakers who cheated our system. Further, studies show illegal immigration harms the poorest Americans and carries the threat of increased terrorism.

The GOP response should be to define itself as the party of fairness and of defending Americans from external threats, including illegal immigration. This is in contrast to the Democrats, who'll go to any length to create a new victim group if positioning itself as the savior of that group will produce political gain, regardless of the division created and the harm to Americans accrued in the process.

Projecting Wrong Motives Onto Violence

Additionally, survivors of the horrible Charleston church shooting will speak. That shooting was of course an unspeakable, indefensible act. But I expect this presentation to further reveal the Democratic strategy of cultivating victim groups and then making itself the savior of those groups against their

alleged oppressors—in this case whites and those who fly the Confederate flag. (As if the Confederate flag is making 5,500 black people kill each other every year!)

This approach also reveals another fundamental problem with Democrats' philosophy: their willingness to claim systematic racism for the isolated act of a crazy, despicable individual such as Dylann Roof. They do such things while also typically claiming there is no systematic problem with Islamic terrorism despite repeated, consistent attacks from Muslims in the name of their religion on behalf of ISIS.

This presents an opportunity for the GOP to not only clearly showcase the Democrats' confused beliefs towards extremism, but also to point out their willingness to divide the nation by designating gun owners and the Confederate flag as enemies for political gain, even though those are not the cause of this horrible incident.

Mischaracterizing Paperwork Mistakes for Political Gain
Next up, a young woman from Kansas named Jensen Walcott tells how she was fired by her employer, Pizza Studio, for asking why she was paid less than her male counterpart who started the same job on the same day. The obvious implication is that her lower pay compared to her male co-worker was due to discrimination, and she was fired because the company supported this discrimination.

But further investigation shows her lower pay was not due to discrimination or bias at all (her boss was a woman), but a paperwork mistake! Indeed, Ashleigh Siefker, Pizza Studio's executive director of operations and a woman, has personally instituted anti-discrimination policies at the company, and indicated the pay discrepancy in this case was an HR mistake, not discrimination. The boss who incorrectly set Walcott's pay was fired for the mistake. But don't expect something as minor as the truth to stop the narrative of victimization that is the bread and butter of the Democratic Party.

Walcott's story and the DNC's shameless twisting of the facts in an attempt to show discrimination that wasn't actually there is yet another example of creating division for political gain, this time with the victim group being women. This presents a great opportunity for the GOP to highlight Democrats' negative and divisive strategy of dividing people into groups, then declaring each one a victim of discrimination, even when no discrimination is actually taking place.

The Democratic strategy is on full display this week: divide America into victimized groups, then showcase speakers and viewpoints that tell the victim narrative while blaming the alleged oppressors. The victim groups of choice this week will be blacks, illegal immigrants, gays, and women. The oppressors are those bad Republicans, whites, Christians, and men.

Time will tell which party's approach gets the moderate swing voters. The GOP has a strong chance if they clearly highlight the harm done to national unity by Democrats' dark strategy of division, victimization, and blame.

"HOW TO FIGHT BLACK LIVES MATTER HARASSMENT IN HOUSTON." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 8/4/2016

Rohini Sethi, the vice president of the Student Government Association at the University of Houston, has been suspended from that position, barred from participating in SGA activities, required to attend various diversity workshops, and must write a letter of reflection on how wrong she was. All this even

though she has three stars on the victim meter: a racial minority, an immigrant family background, and a woman. Must be serious!

So what was her grand offense to warrant this punishment? Making the following post on Facebook: "Forget #BlackLivesMatter; more like #AllLivesMatter." That's it.

Yet predictably, outrage ensued from supporters of Black Lives Matter. The Black Student Union at the University of Houston called not only for Sethi's suspension from student government, but for her complete removal from that body, using the Twitter hashtag #RemoveRohini to support that cause. The story has gained nationwide attention.

What are we to make of this incident? Let's start by looking at what's wrong with Black Lives Matter.

Get a Grip, Black Lives Matter

First, some have compared Black Lives Matter to raising breast cancer awareness, arguing that emphasizing breast cancer does not mean one is slighting other types of cancer. Therefore, goes the argument, saying Black Lives Matter doesn't mean other lives don't matter.

However, the problem with this analogy is simply that cancer is not anywhere near the same as race. It does not have the same sensitivity, history, and emotionally charged nature. So the cancer analogy does not even come close to having the same negative connotations and sense of unfairness that focusing on one race to the perceived exclusion of others has. The fact is, the slogan "Black Lives Matter" does sound exclusionary, as does the rhetoric of many of its proponents.

Secondly, Black Lives Matter is not actually focused on saving black lives. Indeed, in Chicago alone, 65 people were killed in July, making it the deadliest July in more than five years. At least three-quarters of those victims were black, and almost all of those poor souls were killed by other black people. Nationwide, black folks kill around 5,500 other black folks every year. Is BLM organizing protests and blocking freeways to combat the epic problem of black crime? Doesn't look like it.

What about black education underachievement and the thug culture infecting black communities? BLM is silent. What about the massive problem of single motherhood? Seventy percent of black kids are born out of wedlock, even though studies clearly show that children from married, two-parent homes have better outcomes. Why the silence from BLM? If they were truly interested in helping black people, they'd be at the leading edge of fighting for all of these issues. So why aren't they? Maybe someone can ask George Soros.

Speak Up for Free Speech

So now that we understand what BLM is and is not, what does the hostile reaction to Sethi reveal? Just like the DePaul University banning Ben Shapiro and Twitter banning Milo Yiannopoulos and craftily suppressing conservative content using a technique called shadowbanning, universities, social media sites, and the mainstream media are increasingly shutting out the voices of those who go against left-wing ideology. The standard for acceptable discourse is not truthfulness, but whether certain groups might be offended.

Groups that must not be offended are: racial minorities, women, gays, immigrants, and Muslims. On the other end of the spectrum, groups who do not have the right to be offended are: whites, Christians, men, and conservatives. Almost any amount of abuse against them will go unpunished.

My advice to Sethi: Rather than be force-fed diversity training and write an apology letter for a crime you did not commit, tell them you will not do it, and that you did nothing wrong. Document your experiences and share them across the nation. Might you even have a legal case against the university? Use this as an opportunity to advocate for free expression and exchange of ideas—what universities are supposed to be all about in the first place. Oh, and do an interview with Milo, too!

"WHY I'M THE ONLY NON-DEMOCRAT IN MY FAMILY." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 8/9/2016

Most black Americans are Democrats. My mom, dad, and siblings are all staunch Democrats. Yet this black person is not and has never been a registered Democrat, nor voted Democratic in any election ever.

I would like to lay out the reasons I chose to break rank, and why time only strengthens my convictions.

Capitalism Creates Economic Opportunity
Economic growth that lifts people out of poverty is personal for me, because it's the story of our family over generations. But let's step back and review some basics first to see how it works.

Human beings like money. So they make things and sell them to get money. People compete against each other to make better and better things for lower and lower prices in order to get more and more money. This results in the world getting higher-quality products at lower prices over time.

People who couldn't afford refrigerators now have them, because firms have competed against each other to get more market share by offering better models for cheaper. People who couldn't afford shoes, like my parents as kids, now have them, for the same reason. This process is known as capitalism, and it's a powerful force that lifts humanity out of poverty.

I've seen what it's done in my own family, who've gone from Southern sharecroppers who couldn't read and write two generations ago to myself and my sisters, who not only wear shoes but have much greater opportunities and greater quality of life in every way than those before us. This is largely due to economic opportunity capitalism creates.

I believe strongly in supporting and continuing this process. This means unleashing human beings to fulfill their potential to build up our economy. Yet my sense is the current Democratic Party largely doesn't agree. They seem to be instinctively uncomfortable with the workings of capitalism because it operates largely without government direction, which they believe is necessary for the world to improve. Whether it's Obamacare, massive regulation, or shuttering entire industries by government fiat, Democrats seem to prefer government management as opposed to market solutions to our problems.

As a service provider myself, however, I've seen how the government has distinct disadvantages compared to human ingenuity expressed through capitalism. For one, government is shielded from competition, which means people can't give their business to others who provide better services at

lower prices, because there are no others. Second, no matter how poor their performance, government will never go out of business because lawmakers guarantee their existence and revenue streams rather than securing the same by providing quality services at good prices.

Thirdly, since there's no competition and no threat of going out of business, there is no incentive to improve efficiency or quality. It thus seems to me that while some level of government involvement is necessary, ultimately fewer things, not more things, should be under government control. I am uncomfortable with the degree to which the Democratic Party wants to place things under government management and outside of the healthy, efficiency-generating domain of capitalism.

All that said, I will add two caveats. First, neither of the two parties has a great track record here. Indeed, George W. Bush dramatically increased the size and scope of government during his presidency. But between the two, the Democratic Party is worse, and getting worse over time. Secondly, capitalism all by itself can go awry when its participants are not generally guided by a moral compass. That's why it must be coupled with a moral system, like Christianity, to function most effectively.

I'm not a Democrat because I'd rather unleash the potential in people, not the largess of government, to create economic growth.

It's Best for People to Help People

Having worked for a Christian nonprofit organization, I've seen firsthand the positive effect on society when people driven by compassion, who have a personal relationship with those they are serving, work to make the world a better place.

On the other hand, I was deeply affected by a trip I took to the South recently, where I saw firsthand the abuse and fraud of those who live by unemployment checks, disability checks, and other government programs. Yes, these programs were designed to help the poor. But more often than not, rather than help, the recipients are robbed of the chance to develop their talents and character and use them to better the world by contributing to our economy through work. More often than not, far from being a temporary leg up on the way to self-sufficiency, these programs become a multi-generational way of life for many Americans.

So I'm skeptical of the Democratic Party's claim they are the ones who stand for helping the poor, because creating government programs that give people money is not the same as truly helping them. Quite often, it actually hurts them. Neither are the party's motivations noble; the purpose of these programs is to secure and maintain a loyal voting bloc by making them permanent aid recipients, rather than actually helping them. I can't belong to a party that hurts the poor for the sake of political gain.

Victimization Doesn't Create Racial Healing or Unity

Like other areas, this is personal to me. We've been making great progress on race over the past 100 years, but for the first time, I feel that's in jeopardy.

One major reason we risk going backwards is the strategy of the Democratic Party. It seems to me their game plan is as follows: 1) Divide Americans into groups and argue that each is a victim of discrimination or bigotry. Then 2) portray itself as the party that fights for each group against the bigots and oppressors. Those used as victims in this strategy are black people, Hispanics, gays, Muslims, women,

immigrants, unskilled laborers, and others, and the message to each is always the same: “Vote for us, because the Republicans are bigots.”

Those identified as oppressors in this strategy are almost always whites, Christians, and men, and the message to them is, “You are responsible for the suffering of others. Admit it or you are a bigot.”

I find this approach problematic for two reasons: 1) The groups often portrayed as oppressed and in need of rescuing by the Democratic Party are often not actually suffering oppression, and 2) The alleged oppressors who are attacked and demonized for bigotry are often not guilty of oppression in the first place. This is not only dishonest, as it creates division for sake of acquiring and maintaining a political constituency, but also deeply negative and divisive.

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Further, defining someone as a victim when they are not cripples them. It does not serve them, uplift them, or unleash their potential. This is especially true in poor black communities, where 5,500 black folks kill each other every year, far surpassing the number of black people killed by police officers or whites. In fact, for every one black person killed by a white police officer, 71 are killed by another black person. I’m uncomfortable with Democratic rhetoric that gets angry about black deaths at the hands of police, but ignores the 15 to 20 black men who kill each other every single day, a far more common occurrence.

So the tough but true message black people need to hear is not “Racism is the cause of your problems.” Rather it’s “We must fix broken families, destroy the culture of underachievement, and demolish the thug culture that keeps black folks at the bottom of the barrel in almost every category.” However, the Democratic Party lacks the courage to confront these ills in the black community with honesty, so instead falls back on the easy message of blaming racism. It’s always easier to blame someone else than look in the mirror. I cannot in good conscience belong to a party that embraces this strategy.

What’s more, I am uncomfortable with how fast Democrats label someone as a bigot for disagreeing with them. Those who want to talk about the very real problem of crime in the black community are immediately branded as racist. I personally have been called “coon,” “house n***ger,” and “Uncle Tom.” Those who believe marriage is between one man and one woman are branded as bigots and hateful. Those who believe life begins at conception and oppose abortion are labeled as hating women, against women’s health, and against women’s rights.

We have to be able to disagree without calling the other person names. I don’t believe the Democratic Party gets that.
While most Americans trace their ancestry to immigration and are not against reasonable levels of legal immigration, those who voice concerns with the negative aspects of illegal immigration, or even suggest there are negative aspects to illegal immigration, are quickly branded as anti-immigrant bigots. Worse, these judgments are often made without even knowing anything else about the person, and based solely on their position on one single issue. That’s unfair.

My point is not to take a position on these issues; that’s for another time. It’s just to say that we have to be able to disagree without calling the other person names. I don’t believe the Democratic Party gets that. I don’t like the name-calling and quick judgmental attitude towards those who hold different beliefs. It’s another reason I can’t be a Democrat.

I Like America
When I hear President Obama and many Democrats talk about America, I hear a deeply negative vision. I hear of a place full of racists who committed genocide against Native Americans, who enslaved blacks and denied them rights, who denied rights to women and gays rights, who hate immigrants, and where white police officers casually kill hundreds, maybe thousands, of innocent black people every day.

In America I see a place where people of different races get along better than almost anywhere.
Yet aside from the questionable veracity of some of these claims, that is not the America I see. As a black American who has actually spent years living overseas and travelled to many countries, one quickly realizes black folks are treated much better in America than almost anywhere. The tribalism that defines most of the world—the Japanese hating the Chinese, the Koreans hating the Japanese, and the Chinese hating the Japanese (and that's just East Asia!)—tends to be subdued in our American melting pot. In America I see a place where people of different races get along better than almost anywhere.

I see a place where the grandchild of Southern sharecroppers can achieve success. I see a place of hope and opportunity for those willing to do what it takes to succeed. I see police officers putting their lives on the line in dangerous neighborhoods to serve and protect residents terrorized by crime.

Yes, it's true that we've haven't always been where we should be, including slavery and segregation. Yet through it all we have moved forward together and gotten better together. I am proud to be American and proud of our unique culture, system of government, and phenomenal land. I don't believe I am oppressed by white Americans or anyone else. I believe that white Americans are my brothers, just like black folks and all other Americans are my brothers. We are united as a people by common language, culture, history, and values, far more than we are divided because of color.

But I don't believe the Democratic Party shares this vision. According to them, I am supposed to define myself first and foremost as a victim of racism and discrimination. I am supposed to see whites as my oppressors. According to Democrats, I'm supposed to vote Democrat because Republicans are racist. I'm supposed to see America as a greedy, evil, racist place that can only be saved if they're in charge.

Respectfully: that is not my America, and that is not my vision. I can't belong to a party that thinks it is.

"7 REASONS THIS BLACK MAN SUPPORTS DONALD TRUMP." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 8/31/2016

I'm black and I'm proudly supporting Donald Trump for president of the United States. I'm not only supporting Trump this November, but also voted for Trump in the Republican primary this past March.

Some may feel I'm playing the race card by declaring my ethnicity. But I only do so because I'm in a demographic that's supposed to be anti-Trump: a (late) millennial black male with graduate-level education. I've read Trump's book "Crippled America," watched several rallies online, and read his policy positions. I've investigated the claims of racism, sexism, xenophobia, mocking a disabled reporter, and being a business failure—all of which I've found to be patently false.

I can explore those accusations in detail on another day. What you need to know is I've done my research. Here it is.

1. Freedom of Choice
Unlike most Americans, 72 percent of whom supported the Iraq War when it started, I was against that war from the beginning. I was disappointed to see the Republican Party jump headfirst into two major wars at the turn of the twenty-first century, embrace massively increased government spending, and embrace the erosion of civil liberties in the name of allegedly increased security.

That's why it was a breath of fresh air watching Trump's rallies and realizing his beliefs mirror my own: although he's in the Republican Party, he's not part of the big government, pro-war faction that has taken over in recent decades. Like me, and unlike Hillary Clinton, he was against the Iraq War shortly after it started and has been consistent on that in the 13 years since then, contrary to claims otherwise.

I almost had an emotional moment watching him blast the Iraq War to pieces in South Carolina. Wow! That's a bold and risky thing for a Republican candidate to do, and it shows courage. More broadly, because Trump hasn't had strong allegiances to either party in the past, he has the freedom to decide policies without regard to the party line. As such, he's crafted a beautiful, nonpartisan policy plank to address the key issues facing our nation in the coming decades: an end to illegal immigration, aggressive job creation through better trade policy and tax policy, a stop to endless wars, and dismantling political correctness. Now that's exciting!

Almost every major problem the United States is facing can be attributed to one of those four issues. Trump is the first major candidate to buck the bipartisan consensus on these and take a pro-America position. This is because he has the freedom to choose the best policies without bowing to partisanship or bad tradition.

2. He's Better for Black People
Black people are in crisis. Families are completely broken, with 70 percent of kids born to single mothers. There's an astronomical crime rate, extremely poor school performance, and the highest unemployment rate of any racial group. There's a thug culture that elevates violence, misogyny, and accepting incarceration as inevitable. Studies even show black kids' popularity decreases as their GPA increases, which means that parts of the culture sadly value being dumb.

Yet against all this, black folks are being coddled with a simplistic, cowardly message that blames racism and white privilege as the source of all these problems, and sees more government programs as the solution. But the War on Poverty and the $22 trillion spent on it have been a stunning failure at raising the conditions of black people. I've personally observed abuse of the welfare system.

Trump will not go for this. He will not blame police for the problem of black crime, he will not blame racism for the dramatic problem of black underachievement, and he will stop illegal immigration, which will increase wages and job opportunities for all unskilled American workers, especially black folks.

So while Hillary says, "Let's fix white people to solve black problems," Trump says "Let's fix black people to solve black problems." If you love someone, you don't blame their issues on someone else. You help them look in the mirror. Trump's philosophy is the right one to start the hard process of healing the black community. That's why he's better for black people.

3. Courage

Trump is a white version of a black preacher. No, he's not talking about spiritual matters. But he has the persona, charisma, confidence, and focused message to uplift and captivate, just like a good preacher. I try to watch Trump rallies online when I can, and after every one, I feel like political correctness has been smashed, the space for honest conversation has been expanded, and those of us who are not PC have been empowered, all a little bit more than when we started.

Indeed, because of Trump, entire realms of conversation that were previously off-limits or not often discussed due to fear of the PC police are now on the table. I can talk about the devastating depth of black crime and the failure of government solutions to solve the problem. I can talk about the negative impact of illegal immigration, especially on poor Americans. I can talk about tremendous media bias in favor of the Democrats, which this election cycle is unmasking like never before, and about the degree to which both parties have been in cahoots on trade and endless war.

Regular Americans like me can talk about these issues more boldly because Trump led the way for us. This is how leaders transmit courage.

4. Financial Independence
I'm concerned about the influence of money in politics. Yet Trump, already being independently wealthy, does not need to take money from the big donors who have until now exercised strong control over both parties. Since they're not giving him money, they cannot dictate his positions. He is free to decide his positions based on the needs of the nation, not what's best for mega-donors and special interests. This is also known as independence, one of the core American virtues.

I've donated to the Trump campaign more than I've given to any other presidential candidate before (which admittedly is not a huge amount), because when I give to Trump I know I'm not being drowned out by billionaires. It seems many agree; Trump raised the bulk of his money in July from small donors like me, while Clinton, by contrast, is heavily backed by big-money Super PACs—mega-donors she'll listen to before she obeys those pesky regular Americans (like me).

5. Donald Trump Likes My Neighborhood
After having lived on the east coast, the west coast, and in Tokyo, my favorite place of all is the town I grew up in and now live in. It's a very American Midwestern town that's not too big and not too small, where people know each other more than on the coasts, housing prices are cheaper, and people of different races get along.

Because I love my town, I don't want it to become like Mexico or Somalia, and I say that with the greatest respect to the poor people in those countries. I don't want to go to our mall that I grew up going to as a kid only to face regular terrorist attacks like what is happening in Germany after accepting of 1 million "refugees" from the Middle East. In fact, a recent study found that half of all Germans feel like strangers in their own country! I would rather not feel that way in my own city.

Further, did you know that from 2007 to 2014, more people were killed in the Mexican drug wars than in Iraq and Afghanistan combined? That's a stunning 160,000 souls dead in Mexico. My heart breaks for the poor people of that country. But unlike Iraq and Afghanistan, the Mexican war zone is right next door to us, yet stunningly the border with Mexico is unprotected, allowing drugs, drug cartel members, and criminals to enter our communities freely.

Border Patrol agent Chris Cabrera indicates, “at best we apprehend 35-40% of the illegal immigrants attempting to cross. This number is even lower for drug smugglers who are much more adept at eluding capture.” This is totally unacceptable. I don’t want the Mexican drug wars to come to our town the way they have come to Southern California and the border states. Trump is the only candidate who really understands the heart of people like me who care about how this issue will affect our towns.

Democrats are extremely hostile to these kinds of concerns because uncontrolled illegal immigration will bring in millions of new Democratic voters, and Republicans haven’t taken up the issue because they don’t want to be seen as racist and or their supply of cheap labor interrupted. All this means Trump is the only man left standing who wants to protect my neighborhood from similar fates.

He’ll do this in two ways: By issuing a temporary moratorium on immigration from countries with a history of supporting terrorism, and by building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, along with greatly strengthening border enforcement, to stop illegal immigration. The combination of these policies could prevent American communities like mine from becoming like Germanystan or Juarez, Mexico (until recently the murder capital of the world). I support Trump because he cares about protecting my neighborhood.

6. Record of Execution
As a former software engineer, I understand that building actual products that have to work with quality and precision is harder than simply delivering rhetoric. Trump gets this. He has a track record of execution. Building a gigantic skyscraper requires bringing various parties to the table for intense negotiations and making sure all parties’ needs are met. It requires meeting deadlines, strict safety standards, and budgets, and building a reputation that attracts clients, partners, and investors for future projects.

These megastructures must function properly for all clients, whether Republican or Democrat, black or white. If the power grid in a skyscraper doesn’t work, you can’t blame racism or a vast right-wing conspiracy. You just have to make it work, no excuses. This is in contrast to a number of career politicians of both parties, of whom many have actually produced nothing of tangible value.

7. Protecting the Constitution
Last but not least, at least two Supreme Court picks may need filling during the coming years, and Trump would nominate justices who would interpret our Constitution correctly and faithfully. Trump has made public a list of justices he would nominate and it’s impressive. I believe Clinton, by contrast, would nominate judges that would use the court as a platform for ideological activism, eroding core aspects of our American culture that I treasure, such as the First Amendment, the Second Amendment, and others. There’s no way I can support that.

As For Hillary Clinton
Although I believe Trump would make a better president than Clinton, my support for Trump is not driven by distaste or hatred of Clinton. It’s driven by my belief that Trump is energizing, uplifting, and speaks to the issues I care about. That’s why I’ve avoided bashing Hillary, even though she has much that can legitimately be criticized. That being said, a word bears mentioning regarding a deal-breaking disqualifier for Clinton

The evidence we have indicates the Clinton Foundation and Clinton Global Initiative are a billion-dollar pay-for-play criminal influence-peddling and racketeering operation.
The evidence we have indicates the Clinton Foundation and Clinton Global Initiative are a billion-dollar pay-for-play criminal influence-peddling and racketeering operation of a complexity, scale, and brazenness that would make Al Capone blush. They took money from foreign entities and gave out U.S. government favors in return, with Hillary using her (illegal) private email server at home—outside of government security screening—to operate the scheme. I suspect this is what the 33,000 deleted emails will reveal.

That the founders of this scheme are still walking free is a miracle rivaling the raising of Lazarus from the dead, and would be the story of the century if the mainstream media had any sense of investigative spirit and nonpartisan objectivity left. Since I've lived in Japan—a country run by organized crime—I don't want my beloved country to meet the same fate. I thus could never entrust our presidency to the namesake of the Clinton foundations. (For this same reason, even if I hated Trump I could never stay home on election day or vote third party, because purely from a mathematical perspective, those actions help Clinton to gain a plurality of the vote.)

Although I believe accusations of racism and other isms against Trump are totally without merit, some parts of Trump's platform give me a little concern. Those include his position on the minimum wage, the depth of his newfound commitment to the pro-life position, and his statements on attacking ISIS that indicate he could possibly repeat the futile warmongering of the early 2000s. But my response to those legitimate concerns, and why I believe they are not deal breakers, is for another article.

Ultimately, despite fighting a three-front war against the Democrats, Never Trump Republicans, and the mainstream media, all of whom in their hatred of Trump are perfectly aligned for what has to be the first time in history, our resolve only is strengthened by the challenge. We're gonna win, we're gonna win big, and it's gonna be yuge. Believe me.

"IF HE REALLY WANTS TO HELP BLACKS, COLIN KAEPERNICK NEEDS TO PUT UP OR SHUT UP." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 9/14/2016

Much has been made recently of Colin Kaepernick refusing to stand for our national anthem to protest what he sees as the oppression of black people. It now appears Kaepernick's actions have influenced other players, with additional NFL athletes refusing to stand at attention for the anthem, and some even raising the black power fist in protest.

As a black person who is a football fan, I state plainly: this is stupid. The simple reason is the flag, our anthem, and the best parts of America that it represents are not the cause of black people's problems.

Thus instead of insulting our nation and Americans who actually like what our flag stands for, these NFL athletes should use their money and fame to work towards actual solutions to the black issues they purport to care about. Here are four ways they can do so.

1. Rebuild the Family
The black family is in complete disarray. More than 70 percent of black children are born to single mothers. The studies show that children born to single mothers have worse outcomes in many significant areas compared to those born into stable, two-parent homes. That means our protesting athletes really need to address this problem.

How? They should start advocacy groups and research centers that press state and federal governments to eliminate welfare, housing subsidies, and other government handout programs that destroy incentives to work and eliminate the role of the black father as provider, thus decimating the black family and communities. While some conservative groups already do this, it would be much more powerful and meaningful coming from black NFL players.

Additionally, they should create awards, financial and job incentives, training programs, and counseling and mentorship centers for black men and women who choose to marry and raise their children the right way as married couples. Why not even start an ad or social media campaign around something like "Marriage is cool" or "Marriage pays," featuring black celebrities who are happily married and showing the various health, economic, and sexual benefits of marriage?

2. Rebuild American Education
It is obvious that public schools in poor, black communities are an abysmal failure, with studies showing the blacker the school, the worse the performance. Protesting athletes should thus use their wealth to start excellent private schools in the poorest black neighborhoods, and then invest in research and collaboration to turn the schools into a national movement.

Studies also show that black kids become less popular as their GPA increases. This unfortunate phenomenon is known as "acting white." Why can't protesting athletes be or highlight role models who did well in school, and promote academic achievement? How about national awards and prizes for kids who do excellently in school?

Further, because many children in poor, black areas weren't raised in loving, intact homes, many have serious problems with work ethic, discipline, attitude, and people skills. That means the educational projects athletes implement will have to include training in the type of soft skills that many poor black kids never got at home and that are not typically taught in schools—such as how to be on time, dress professionally, and speak proper English. All this may seem like a tall order, but given that Kaepernick has a $114 million contract, he certainly has the resources to get started.

3. Rebuild American Jobs
With their combined hundreds of millions of dollars, the protesting NFL players could start a venture capital investment fund that finances innovative entrepreneurs who'll create jobs in poor, black communities. They could even partner with established venture capital firms for guidance, mentorship, and additional funding.

They could work with Walmart, which has announced a plan to spend $250 billion bringing jobs back to the United States, to develop programs to steer some of the incoming manufacturing to poor black areas, and then train the people in those areas to succeed in these new work opportunities. There are lots of possibilities here with as much money as the protesting NFL men have. It's time for them to use their fame and fortunes to start serious initiatives to bring jobs to poor black areas.

4. Stop the Killing in Black Communities
Kaepernick says he has a problem with police brutality. But the facts clearly show that black brutality is a much bigger problem than police brutality: approximately 6,000 black people are murdered by other

black people ever year, compared to just 300 killed by the police, and even fewer than that killed by white police officers.

Black crime is astronomical. The rate at which black people commit murders is a whopping eight times that of whites—34.4 per 100,000 versus 4.5 per 100,000. Despite being just over one-tenth of the population, black people also commit more than half of all carjackings. Just wrap your head around this reality. We absolutely must end black crime. It kills more Americans than terrorism, by a large margin.

Our protesting athletes should thus leverage their money and fame to end violence in black communities. Some ways they can accomplish this are: buying up drug houses and shutting them down; building up neighborhood security patrols in the most dangerous black neighborhoods, which has been proven to be a low-cost way of reducing crime in several studies; and by raising nationwide awareness of black crime in order to call for help and solutions.

I hope Kaepernick and friends will get to work ASAP on what I've outlined here, for the sake of their needy fellow Americans. And stand up for the anthem, for Pete's sake!

"THE UNITED NATIONS CALL FOR U.S. REPARATIONS IS COMPLETELY WHACK." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 9/30/2016

A United Nations team called the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent conducted a 10-day mission to the United States this past January to investigate the state of black people in our country. The team did not just decide to come on their own; they were invited by "the government of the United States," presumably at the behest of President Obama. Naturally, as a black person I was keenly interested in their findings.

The members of the UN team were Mireille Fanon-Mendès-France, Sabelo Gumedze, and Ricardo Sunga III. Does that first name sound familiar? Fanon-Mendès-France is the daughter of the famous Marxist, anti-colonialist, far-left activist Frantz Fanon. Some might see similarities between his philosophy and that of President Obama, but I'll leave that to readers.

During their week and a half visit, the working group visited New York City, Chicago, Washington DC, Baltimore, and Jackson, Mississippi, meeting with various local government bodies and activist groups. They also met with the White House and the Congressional Black Caucus. Many of their meetings were coordinated by the U.S. Human Rights Network, a conglomeration of leftist activist groups, as well as the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, an organ of the State Department engaged in left-leaning causes and headed by a Democrat and Obama appointee.

As the final product of their U.S. travels, the working group has released a report with their findings and recommendations. Sadly, it fails to mention much, and what it does mention is largely wrong. I'll highlight three of the report's findings that are problematic, three things they failed to find, and then generally why the report is misguided.

What's Wrong with the Findings
Firstly: The panel argues "The dangerous ideology of white supremacy inhibits social cohesion among the United States population. Hate crime groups, including white supremacist terror groups, are still active in the United States, targeting African Americans, as was seen in the attack at a church in Charleston in 2015."

The Charleston shooting was not carried out by a white supremacist group. It was carried out by a lone crazed maniac. Also, those influenced by or sympathetic to Black Lives Matter have called for and actually carried out police officer killings.

The Dallas sniper who murdered five police officers told negotiators "he was upset about Black Lives Matter. He said he was upset about the recent police shootings. The suspect said he was upset at white people. The suspect stated he wanted to kill white people, especially white officers." A black Dallas police officer is even filing a lawsuit against Black Lives Matter for inciting violence against police officers. Further, Black Lives Matter supporters have rioted and destroyed property in Charlotte, North Carolina, and have called for killing white people. So why no mention of their hateful, racist ideology?

Secondly: The report erroneously elevates incidents of police killings of black people to a serious national problem, when in fact far, far more black people kill each other than do police. In fact, for every one black person killed by a while police officer, 71 black people are killed by another black person.

Also, the data shows that blacks are killed by the police in proportion to the rate at which they commit crime, meaning the police do not disproportionately target them for violence. The report fails to consider these facts when painting the false picture that out-of-control police are unfairly targeting black people.

Thirdly: The report says we should address today the evil problem of past lynchings. But there are two problems with this. First, white people today are not responsible for lynchings of the past, so making them pay for it is unjust. Secondly, as with incidents of police killing black people, this past problem is dwarfed by black murder. According to Tuskegee University, a total of 4,733 black people were lynched from 1882 to 1959. Yet over the past 35 years, an average of about 9,000 black men have killed each other every single year.

Wrap your head around that. Every single year, black men are killing each other at numbers higher than the total of all of the lynchings that ever happened in the history of the United States.

Here's What the Report Fails to Mention
The report contains no mention of the fact that 72 percent of black kids are born to single mothers, and that this is a major contributing factor topoverty, crime, and educational outcomes for black Americans. It makes no mention of putting the family back together as a way of improving conditions for black people in America.

The report does not mention that the black murder rate is eight times higher than the white murder rate, and that even though black people are only 14 percent of the population, they are about half of all murderers. Indeed, black people are painted only as victims of crime, not committers of crime with deep family, community, moral, and spiritual dysfunction causing them to be that way.

Although the report makes cursory mention of the "root causes of crime," the authors never develop this into an argument about methods to stop black people from killing each other.

The report also contains no mention of the deep brokenness in black culture, including: a thug culture that glorifies violence, misogyny, criminal behavior, and incarceration, and is spread by a complicit

media through music and pop culture. Nor does it tackle the "acting white" phenomenon, in which black kids' popularity goes down as their GPA goes up. This means certain segments of black culture actually glorify being dumb and the criminal lifestyle. Any solution to the issues facing black people must address these problems, but they're totally absent from the UN report.

The report concludes with a long list of recommendations, including a call for reparations for "enslavement and racial discrimination in the colonies and the United States from 1619 to the present." The problem is that the United States has already spent $22 trillion on the War on Poverty, even though it's been largely ineffective in eliminating poverty among black people.

Does this not count as reparations? What about other programs, like minority preferences for government contracts? How would one measure how much reparations is enough? And why should white people today have to pay for what happened in 1619? Further, why doesn't the working group call for involving the black church in the solutions to these problems, since it's one of the oldest and most influential of institutions in black communities?

Ultimately, although the report was published by the UN, it reads like it was written by Obama, the Congressional Black Caucus, and leftist activist groups. The working group would have more credibility if it included voices other than the far-left, such as churches, think tanks like the Heritage Foundation, and beat police officers who deal with black criminals and witness daily the terror they cause in black communities.

Thankfully, the report is non-binding and its recommendations will not be adopted. But it's perhaps a sneak peek into the kind of policies that President Obama, Hillary Clinton, and the Democrats might implement if they had complete control of all branches of government.

"VOTER FRAUD IS REAL. HERE'S THE PROOF." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 10/13/2016

This week, liberals have been repeating their frequent claim that voter fraud doesn't exist. A recent Salon article argues that "voter fraud just isn't a problem in Pennsylvania," despite evidence to the contrary. Another article argues that voter fraud is entirely in the imagination of those who use voter ID laws to deny minorities the right to vote.

Yet as the election approaches, more and more cases of voter fraud are beginning to surface. In Colorado, multiple instances were found of dead people attempting to vote. Stunningly, "a woman named Sara Sosa who died in 2009 cast ballots in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013." In Virginia, it was found that nearly 20 voter applications were turned in under the names of dead people.

In Texas, authorities are investigating criminals who are using the technique of "vote harvesting" to illegally procure votes for their candidates. "Harvesting" is the practice of illegally obtaining the signatures of valid voters in order to vote in their name without their consent for the candidate(s) the criminal supports.

These are just some instances of voter fraud we know about. It would be silly to assume cases that have been discovered are the only cases of fraud. Indeed according to a Pew Charitable Trust report from February 2012, one in eight voter registrations are "significantly inaccurate or no longer valid." Since there are 146 million Americans registered to vote, this translates to a stunning 18 million invalid voter registrations on the books. Further, "More than 1.8 million deceased individuals are listed as voters, and

approximately 2.75 million people have registrations in more than one state." Numbers of this scale obviously provide ripe opportunity for fraud.

Don't Let Data Contradict My Narrative

Yet in spite of all this, a report by the Brennan Center at New York University claims voter fraud is a myth. It argues that North Carolina, which passed comprehensive measures to prevent voter fraud, "failed to identify even a single individual who has ever been charged with committing in-person voter fraud in North Carolina." However, this faulty reasoning does not point to the lack of in-person voter fraud, but rather to lack of enforcement mechanisms to identify and prosecute in-person voter fraud.

The science of criminal justice tells us that many crimes go unreported, and the more "victimless" the crime, the more this happens. The fact is, a person attempting to commit voter fraud is very unlikely to be caught, which increases the incentive to commit the crime.

The National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) is a sophisticated, comprehensive effort to catalog "the number and types of crimes not reported to law enforcement authorities." However, it tends to deal mostly in violent crimes. As complex as the NCVS is, gathering accurate data for unreported victimless crimes such as voter fraud is even harder, since 1) outside of the criminal, no one may know a crime has taken place, and 2) there is no direct victim to report the crime in the first place. Yet we are expected to believe that, unlike violent crime, voter fraud is limited only to the cases that are actually reported and prosecuted? This is a senseless position.

Further, the Brennan Center report argues that because prosecutor Kris Kobach's review of 84 million votes cast in 22 states found only 14 instances of fraud referred for prosecution (which amounts to a 0.00000017 percent fraud rate), voter fraud is so statistically small that it's a non-issue. Let's follow this logic. Does the fact that 109 people were cited for jaywalking in Seattle in 2009 mean that only 109 people jaywalked in Seattle that year? Does the fact that 103,733 people were cited for driving without a seatbelt in Tennessee in 2015 mean that only that many people were driving without seatbelt in Tennessee in 2015?

Absolutely not. This can be proven easily because in 2014, the previous year, only 29,470 people were cited. The disparity is largely due to increased enforcement efforts in 2015. In other words, increasing enforcement of the crime revealed a much larger number of people committing the crime.

The exact same is true for voter fraud. We have no reason to believe that the low number of prosecutions means only that exact amount of voter fraud is happening. Rather, it could mean a lack of enforcement is failing to reveal the bulk of the violations that are occurring. Thus, as with many types of crimes, especially victimless crimes, the real number of cases is likely significantly higher than the number reported.

How to Effectively Target Voter Fraud

So now that we know voter fraud is a serious issue, what are some solutions to this problem? States like Michigan have Poll Challenger programs, where observers from both parties may be present at voter check-in tables at precincts. They check each voter's ID against a database of registered voters for that precinct to ensure the person attempting to vote is actually legally qualified to vote in that precinct. If there's a discrepancy, the poll challenger may officially challenge the ballot. Other states should implement similar programs.

States should sponsor initiatives to remove dead voters and correct the registrations of people registered in multiple states (make them choose just one state). Since many local jurisdictions are reluctant to clean their voter rolls, federal or state oversight with teeth may be necessary.

Further, voter ID laws, such as the one implemented by North Carolina, but (wrongly) struck down by three liberal judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit— one appointed by Bill Clinton and the other two appointed by President Obama—are needed to ensure there's no cheating with votes. States should continue to press the issue regardless of recent setbacks by liberal activist judges.

Finally, some have claimed that strong voter ID laws are racist, because they disproportionately impact minorities and would prevent minorities from voting. As a black person, I'm naturally interested in this claim. Thankfully, it turns out to be false. The Heritage Foundation has shown that black voter turnout actually increased after North Carolina passed its voter ID law.

Not only was the claimed negative outcome false, but the reasoning was faulty as well. The fact that the law disproportionately impacts minorities does not mean that it is discriminatory. It means, unfortunately, that fewer minorities are in compliance with common-sense safeguards to protect the integrity of our elections (i.e., having a driver's license or photo ID).

To mitigate this concern, states can offer a service that will take people without valid ID to their local government office to apply for proper ID, free of charge. Users could schedule the pickup with their smartphone or a phone call. That way there will be as few barriers as possible to those who want to vote and are capable of obtaining a valid ID, but cannot due to transportation concerns (a reason often given by those who claim voter ID laws hurt minorities).

So let us not believe false claims that voter fraud doesn't exist. It's real, and we must work to stop it, while making sure those who are eligible to vote but without proper ID are accommodated fairly.

An earlier version of this article cited Pew Research instead of Pew Charitable Trusts for a report the latter has published.

"SAGE STEELE IS RIGHT TO CONFRONT BLACK AMERICANS' STUBBORN LEFTISM." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 2/6/2017

ESPN reporter and anchor Sage Steele has been taking heat for objecting to the recent actions of rioters and protesters. Here's her response to opponents of President Trump's immigration order, who in their histrionic outrage disabled sections of Los Angeles International Airport recently:

In November Steele took NFL player Mike Evans to task for refusing to show respect during our national anthem that honors all Americans — black, white, and everything else — who have sacrificed for us.

In a subsequent Facebook post, Steele called out black intolerance of black non-conformists, especially on political and social issues, and correctly noted that the prevalence of racism among black people is

something the Left gives black people a free pass for, instead of calling them out on it the same way they would a white person. This glaring inconsistency should be unacceptable to left-wing thinkers of any race who are internally consistent in their beliefs. Like Steele, having been called "coon" and "Uncle Tom" by some black people for being on the conservative side of the spectrum, I identify with her desire to have real diversity, including political, in the black community.

Steele's Got a Tough Crowd

Yet as much as I agree with what Steele is saying, I'm almost certain her message will not convince most black people. Yes, it will energize white conservatives who (rightfully) will be glad to see a black person speaking out against left-wing ideology, specifically the strong strain of anti-Americanism that runs through it. That has value in and of itself.

Yet the inability of her message to gain broad traction among black people, as evidenced by its hostile reception, speaks to the difficulty black conservatives have in bringing the black mainstream, who are overwhelmingly Democratic, over to our side. Indeed, according to CNN exit polling, black Republican Sen. Tim Scott received a paltry 8 percent of the black vote during his recent victory in South Carolina, and presidential candidate Ben Carson's approval rating among black people was 20 percent or less during the GOP primaries.

The GOP faces the difficult scenario that due to 90 percent of black people faithfully and automatically voting Democratic every election, the Democratic Party can sit by idly and gather black votes by default without any effort to actually improve the lives of black people. Now if the Republican Party did the same, they'd be accused of "not working to get the black vote."

On the other hand, if the GOP does indeed attempt to get the black vote, they'll be accused of "just doing it for politics" and not being sincere. This clever Democratic messaging has put the GOP in a bind no matter what they do when it comes to reaching black voters, with the black community reacting with skepticism and mistrust either way.

Crying 'Racist' Is Wrong But Effective

Also, because black people's painful past experiences with racism have unfortunately made black people hypersensitive to any and all alleged claims of racism, whether real or imagined, the Democratic Party can simply repeat the mantra that "Republicans are racist" to galvanize black people against the GOP. There will always be one racist idiot they can point to and proclaim, "See, Republicans are racist!" especially with far-left academia constantly inventing new types of racism and new ways to find it.

This is enough to keep most black people in the D column while absolving the Democratic Party of actually doing anything to improve the lives of black people. This is why cleverly positioning racism as the number one threat to black people, and constantly finding new ways to paint society as racist, has been a genius political strategy by the Left.

In fact, even though 30 percent of black people self-identify as conservative according to recent Gallup polling, 90 percent of them still vote Democrat, unwilling to break ranks and vote for the Republican Party that more closely matches their conservative values, largely for the aforementioned reasons. It appears that even economic growth, more jobs, and shared values are unable to get black people to change their party allegiance.

Is It Possible to Break Through?
So, what do we make of all this? As a black conservative and Republican, all this leaves me in the awkward position of agreeing with Steele's message, but also recognizing that it will not be effective in reaching black people, who have been conditioned to see any kind of conservative message as covertly or overtly racist, and to treat any black person delivering that message as an arrogant traitor who has forgotten her roots.

What's the solution? Maybe the black vote is so monolithically and stubbornly Democratic that the GOP should forgo spending resources on it and instead focus like a laser on ramping up white turnout to win elections. On the other hand maybe the GOP should go all in, working with Kanye West or other major black culture influencers, setting up shop in black communities, or running ads in black media venues highlighting Democratic Party failures and asking black people for a chance.

I've gone back and forth on this question and won't claim to have the answer. But at the very least, voices like Steele's should continue to speak out, no matter how hostile the reception. In doing so, she may be giving budding black conservatives the encouragement and strength to stand up and break rank.

FEDERALIST WRITINGS (POST-WHITE HOUSE)

"IT'S NOT PRO-LIFER CHRISTIANS WHO IGNORE THE POOR, BUT LEFTISTS WHO STOP THEIR CHARITY." JOHN GIBBS, THE FEDERALIST, 10/11/2021

One of the reality-bending strategies of the pro-abortion lobby is to use compassionate or even Christian-sounding arguments to advocate for abortion and attack those who are pro-life. Sen. Raphael Warnock proudly declared "I'm a pro-choice pastor" during his recent campaign. President Joe Biden, ostensibly a Catholic, attempts to sidestep his public, obstinate rejection of Catholic Church teaching on abortion by claiming he supports the church's position personally, but not publicly. (Imagine someone saying he's against murder personally, but publicly doesn't think it should be illegal.)

Another way the abortion lobby tries to use pro-life advocates' faith against them is by accusing Christians of caring more about life in the womb than outside it. The argument claims those who are unabashedly pro-life do not value other types of human life, and that their concern for the innocent unborn is nothing more than a ruse to hide their contempt for the poor, the sick, orphans, prisoners, and others.

The below Facebook post, which has resurfaced recently, is just one example:

Generally, those making these kinds of ad hominem arguments do not cite actual interactions with pro-life Christians, nor do they cite any surveys of Christians or pro-lifers to objectively determine how many individuals and groups involved in pro-life advocacy are also involved in caring for other vulnerable groups.

It does not follow logically, of course, that fighting for the life of innocent, unborn babies has to imply a callousness towards the sick, the poor, and the vulnerable. It is very possible to care for many different types of vulnerable groups at the same time, something at which the great faith-based community in our country excels daily.

As just one data point, Baylor University published a study in 2017 on the effects of faith communities' efforts on homelessness. It found that, in the cities studied, the majority of emergency shelter beds – 58 percent – were provided by faith-based homelessness organizations, and that these organizations produced a whopping $9.42 in taxpayer savings for every $1 in government funding.

It's not just homelessness. Countless faith-based organizations do outreach to prisoners, going into prisons to love and listen to the incarcerated, and to help in their adjustment once they're released. These programs affect countless thousands of people through the life-giving hope of faith.

Considering that those most engaged in their faith-based communities are more likely to spend their time and treasure serving the vulnerable, and more likely to be pro-life, the strong and varied faith-based outreach to the vulnerable skewers the argument that pro-life people of faith spurn such efforts.

I suggest a different approach for those trying to use Christianity against babies' right to life. If they genuinely desire greater participation of the faith-based community in the work of helping the vulnerable, let me show them where to start: fighting to eliminate government red tape.

During the Trump administration, I had the honor of serving as assistant secretary for community planning and development at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Secretary Ben Carson. One of the areas my department was in charge of was homelessness.

In that role, I met with dozens of faith-based groups caring for every type of vulnerable segment of our society. There is absolutely no shortage of Christians wanting to help. These great groups often presented innovative proposals to house the homeless, care for those with mental illness, strengthen broken families, and help forge better relationships between law enforcement and homeless communities.

I learned quickly that the faith-based community is willing and highly able to compassionately care for the homeless, the addicted, the chronically poor, widows, orphans, and others. Sadly, I also witnessed firsthand the devastating impact of how government statutes and regulations tie the hands of these great faith-based organizations, often preventing them from participating in, or being funded by, federal programs. This, rather than attacking the character of those who are pro-life, is the place to start for anyone concerned with more engagement from faith-based groups in meeting the needs of the vulnerable.

Instead of impugning the motivations and character of pro-life Christians who care deeply about defending innocent unborn babies, why not work together with fellow Americans of all political persuasions to remove the bureaucratic red tape that handicaps our great faith-based groups from more effectively serving all of the most vulnerable in our society?