Trump Administration Allies Have Burrowed Into 24 Critical Civil Service Positions And 187 Last-Minute Appointments

SUMMARY: Following the outgoing administration's "quiet push to salt federal agencies with Trump loyalists," an Accountable.US review has found that, as of February 22, 2021, at least 24 Trump administration political appointees have "burrowed" into long-term civil service jobs in the new Biden administration. This includes at least four figures in the national security apparatus, nine figures with environmental regulators, three figures in the Department of Justice, two figures in the embattled Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and at least six other appointees elsewhere who have refused to step down in the transition. Burrowing of this sort is not treated lightly, as officials who transfer from political appointments to career positions must undergo scrutiny by federal personnel overseers for a full five years—and some of these cases have been found to violate federal laws and have drawn congressional scrutiny.

However, there is a much wider slate of concerning Trump administration appointments that are not subject to such strict oversight:

During the Trump administration's waning days following the 2020 election, it <u>announced</u> 187 last-minute appointments to various boards, commissions, and councils that <u>don't require Senate confirmation</u>. While some of these appointments have already drawn alarm for going to <u>campaign staffers</u>, <u>megadonors</u>, and <u>top administration allies</u>, Accountable.US has unearthed even more troubling names in Trump's outgoing deluge. Similar to how early Trump administration personnel picks were <u>directly conflicted</u> against the offices they served, many of these late Trump appointments are woefully underqualified or have histories directly at odds with the positions to which they were named—and they are likely to stay in <u>long into the Biden</u> administration.

These figures include:

- Marcus Bachmann

 —The Husband Of Former Rep. Michelle Bachmann (R-MN) Accused Of Running

 "'Pray Away The Gay'" Clinics And Cited For Failing To Keep Patients' Developmental Condition

 Records

 —Was Named To The President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities
- <u>Ezra Cohen Watnick</u>—Who Rose To Power By Being A Loyalist To <u>Michael Flynn</u> And Helped Trump Combat Russian Collusion Allegations By Developing <u>Conspiracy Theories</u>—Was Named To The Public Interest Declassification Board, Which Helps Declassify Intelligence Information
- Matt Schlapp—Husband Of Former <u>Trump Communications Aide</u> Mercedes Schlapp And <u>Chairman</u>
 Of The Group That Runs The Huge Conservative Conference CPAC—Was Named To The Library
 Of Congress Trust Fund Board.
- <u>Douglas MacGregor</u>—Who Has "A History Of Making <u>Xenophobic And Racist Comments About Immigrants</u>," Who Called On The U.S. To "'<u>Shoot People</u>" At The Mexican Border, And Who <u>Sided With Russia</u> In Its Illegal Annexation Of Crimea—Was Named To The Board Of Visitors To The United States Military Academy (West Point)
- Rachel Fulton Brown—A Conservative History Professor Who Wrote A Blog Post Titled "Three Cheers For White Men" And Has Fought Multiculturalism—Was Named To The Cultural Property Advisory Committee, Which Focuses On Cultural Heritage Property Abroad.
- <u>David Legates</u>—An Academic Who Has Called Climate Change Scientists "<u>Alarmists And Charlatans</u>" And Is A <u>Member Of The Fossil Fuel Friendly</u> Heartland Institute—Was Named To The President's Committee On The National Medal Of Science

- <u>Crawford Patkotak</u>—Chairman And Executive At <u>Arctic Slope Regional Corporation</u>, Which Is "<u>Heavily Invested In Oil And Gas</u>," Owns <u>92,000 Acres</u> Of Subsurface Mineral Rights In Alaska, And <u>Pushed For Drilling</u> In The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge—Was Named To The Arctic Research Commission, At Which The Trump Administration <u>Blocked Climate Work</u>
- <u>Thomas Emanuel Dans</u>—A Businessman Whose "<u>Expertise</u>" Includes Oil And Gas, Mining, And Fisheries And Who Has Invested In Ventures In The Russian Arctic—Was Named To The Arctic Research Commission, At Which The Trump Administration <u>Blocked Climate Work</u>
- Maria Lee Kelly—A Longtime Trump Operative Who Was Described As The White House's "Gatekeeper Of Perceived Power"—Was Appointed To The Committee For The Preservation Of The White House
- <u>John Yoo</u>—Trump <u>Adviser</u>, Ardent Trump <u>Supporter</u>, And Author Of The George W. Bush "<u>Torture</u> Memos"—Was Named To The National Board for Education Sciences Board Of Directors
- <u>Francis John Brooke, Jr.</u>—Who Oversaw Energy Policy In The Trump White House, Who Helped
 <u>Bypass Environmental Reviews</u> For Pipelines And Other Projects, And Worked On <u>Crude Oil</u>
 <u>Legislation</u> While A Congressional Aide—Was Appointed To The Board Of Visitors For The Merchant
 Marine Academy, Which Trains Ship Officers Who Operate <u>Oil Tankers</u> And Other Vessels
- <u>Lynn Franzoi</u>—A Benefits Executive Who Has Worked For <u>Major Corporations</u> And Has Chaired The <u>U.S. Chamber Of Commerce's</u> Benefits Committee—Was Named To The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Which <u>Oversees</u> \$3 Trillion In Pensions For 34 Million Workers
- <u>Preston Crabill</u>—Who Was A Retirement And Benefits Executive At <u>General Motors</u> For Over 26
 Years And Was "A Lead Architect" In Negotiations That <u>Cut GM's Healthcare Costs</u> By \$3 Billion And
 Saved It Over \$1 Billion In Cash—Was Named To The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Which
 Oversees \$3 Trillion In Pensions For 34 Million Workers
- <u>Juan Carlos Benítez</u>—A Former Trump 2020 <u>Campaign Advisor</u> And Bundler For <u>Disgraced Lobbyist</u> <u>Jack Abramoff</u>—Was Appointed To The President's National Advisory Committee On Trade
- <u>Alexander B. Gray</u>—A <u>Trump Transition Team</u> Member And A Top Advisor To <u>Extreme</u> Trump Trade Adviser Peter Navarro—Was Named To The Board Of Visitors To The Coast Guard Academy
- <u>Sheriff Grady Judd</u>, Appointed To The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Publicly <u>Supported</u> A Law That Would Allow Individuals To <u>Run Over Protestors</u> Without Facing Criminal Penalty—Even In Instances Of Death—If "Fleeing For Safety"
- <u>Michael Gableman</u>—A Former Wisconsin Supreme Court <u>Justice</u> With A History Of <u>Cronyism</u> And Allegations Of <u>Ethics Violations</u>—Was Appointed To The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- <u>Dr. Jonathan Bronitsky</u>—Who Held A Prominent Role At The <u>Conservative Claremont Institute</u> Under Michael Pack, Who Would Go On To Install Bronitsky And Other <u>Trump Loyalists</u> In The Agency That Runs Voice Of America—Was Named To The National Historical Publications And Records Commission.
- <u>Ray Washburne</u>—A Trump <u>Fundraiser</u>, <u>Megadonor</u>, Campaign Adviser, And <u>Unqualified</u> National Security Adviser—Was Appointed To The National Security Education Board
- <u>Herschel Walker</u>—A Former Football Player Who Said He Has A "'<u>Deep Personal Friendship</u>'" With Trump And Has <u>Promoted #StopTheSteal</u>—Was Appointed By Donald Trump To The President's Council On Sports, Fitness & Nutrition

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As Of February 22, 2021, At Least 24 Trump Appointees Have Reportedly Burrowed Their Way Into Civil Service Jobs In The Federal Government Or Refused To Step Down After The Transition Between Administrations

At Least Four Trump Appointees Are Known To Have Burrowed Into The National Security Apparatus As Career Federal Employees.

- Michael Ellis. "For instance, one political appointee was recently hired as the White House's chief
 national security lawyer a permanent 'career' position protected by civil service regulations even
 though he reportedly lacked intelligence expertise. [WaPo, 1/06/21]
 - "Michael Ellis, an official on the National Security Council, shifted over to the National Security Agency as legal counsel, which takes him out of a political appointee role at the White House and into a civil servant position, two sources confirmed to CNN. This makes Ellis harder to fire once the Biden administration comes in, the sources said, adding that the strategy is called 'burrowing.'" [CNN, 11/10/20]
- Kash Patel. "Another former Nunes aide, Kash Patel, will become chief of staff to acting Defense
 Secretary Chris Miller, according to an administration official and a US defense official. Patel, who most
 recently served as senior director for counterterrorism at the White House National Security Council,
 has a "very close" working relationship with Miller, the administration official said." [CNN, 11/10/20]
- Michael Holley. "Michael Holley was a regional director for the Florida Republican Party, helped run
 the 2016 GOP convention and then worked on the inauguration before being hired for White House
 special projects. In 2019, he was appointed White House liaison for the Department of Homeland
 Security, and earlier this year he became a staff action officer in the Office of Intelligence and Analysis,
 a career position." [Propublica, 12/03/20]
- Tracy Short. "One of the highest-profile positions went to Tracy Short, who built his career in government litigating immigration cases, mostly in Texas. In 2017, he became principal legal advisor to

Immigration and Customs Enforcement as it embraced a hard line on deportations. And in July, he was appointed chief immigration judge at the DOJ's Executive Office for Immigration Review — a prosecutor now running a court system that decides asylum cases." [Politico, 1/19/21]

At Least Nine Trump Appointees Are Known To Have Burrowed Into Career Civil Service Jobs With Environmental Regulators

- **Brandon Middleton.** "Also on Democrats' watch list is Brandon Middleton, a former Senate staffer for Jeff Sessions who Trump appointed to be a deputy solicitor at the Interior Department in 2017. Last year, Middleton was converted into the chief counsel of the Department of Energy's Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center a career position." [Politico, 1/19/21]
- Christopher Prandoni. "Christopher Prandoni was just 29 when he joined President Donald Trump's administration as associate director for natural resources at the Council on Environmental Quality. Last year, he hopped over to the Interior Department and became a close adviser to Secretary David Bernhardt, sometimes attending multiple meetings a day with the agency head. In April, Bernhardt named Prandoni, only three years out of law school, to a \$114,000-a-year position that's part of the career civil service. His appointment as a judge in the Interior Department's Office of Hearings and Appeals, which arbitrates land-use disputes, drew sharp criticism from environmental groups concerned that Prandoni would infuse ideology into decisions and undermine the panel's integrity." [Propublica, 12/03/20]
- **Gregory Sheehan.** "Gregory Sheehan was appointed deputy director of the Fish and Wildlife Service in June 2017. (Then-Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke tried to make him director, but Sheehan lacked the position's required scientific degree.) [...] Sheehan served 14 months before resigning, a spokesman said, to spend more time with his family in Utah. But in August, after the previous director retired, Sheehan was hired for a \$166,910-a-year job as director of the Bureau of Land Management's office in his home state." [Propublica, 12/03/20]
- Barry Bushue. "Another new BLM state director is Barry Bushue, a longtime leader of the American Farm Bureau Federation, the nation's largest agriculture industry lobbying group. Bushue was appointed to run the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency office for Oregon in 2018. Earlier this year, he was transferred to a career position running BLM's Oregon/Washington division the site of fierce debates around the federal government's authority over cattle grazing." [Propublica, 12/03/20]
- David LaCerte. "And just last week, the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board announced that David LaCerte, a Trump appointee who had been serving as deputy associate director at the Office of Personnel Management, would be joining the agency for a three-year term as a senior adviser and executive counsel. Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, a nonprofit that supports government workers who protect the environment, flagged the move as a 'political hire' of an 'unqualified crony senior executive." [Politico, 1/19/21]
- **Michael Brown.** "Michael Brown, a former coal executive who was national political director for Republican Ben Carson's campaign in 2016 for president, had been deputy general counsel at Energy. Brown was recently approved for a job representing the agency in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia." [Washington Post, 01/24/21]
- Kyle Nicholas. "Kyle Nicholas, a political appointee with a health-care background who served as an adviser in Energy's international affairs offices under Trump, was just posted to a similar job in Brussels. The appointments were first reported by E&E News." [Washington Post, 01/24/21]
- **Jason Hill.** "Similarly, in March, Bernhardt appointed Jason Hill, a former Interior deputy solicitor, to be an administrative law judge at the Interior Board of Land Appeals." [E&E News, 12/09/20]

 Mark Lambrecht. "Aaron Weiss, a deputy director at the left-leaning Center for Western Priorities, noted there are 'burrowing-adjacent' hires like Mark Lambrecht, a Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation lobbyist who was just hired to be National Landscape Conservation System assistant director at the Bureau of Land Management's new Colorado headquarters [...]." [E&E News, 12/09/20]

<u>At Least Three Trump Appointees Managed To Burrow Into Civil Service Jobs At</u> The Department Of Justice.

- **John Lott.** "In December, Democratic senators wrote to the Justice Department demanding information on the hiring of gun rights advocate John Lott to serve as a senior adviser in the Office of Justice Programs, a move they said gives them 'concerns about the Department's compliance with requirements designed to maintain the continued integrity of the nonpartisan career civil service." [Politico, 1/19/21]
- Prerak Shah. "Prerak Shah, a member of the right-leaning Federalist Society who served as a
 counselor to Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, defending cases on conservative causes celebre like
 voter ID laws and school prayer. He then became Cruz's chief of staff before joining Trump's DOJ, and
 earlier this year he was appointed as an assistant U.S. attorney in the northern district of Texas."
 [ProPublica, 12/03/20]
- **Jordan von Bokern.** "Jordan von Bokern clerked for Judge Amy Coney Barrett, recently named to the U.S. Supreme Court, before being appointed counsel in the DOJ's Office of Legal Policy, which directs initiatives such as coordinating judicial nominations with the White House. In April, he was converted into a career trial attorney." [ProPublica, 12/03/20]

Two CFPB Officials Brought On By Then-Director Kathy Kraninger Have Stayed On Despite Her Resignation From The Bureau.

- Bryan A. Schneider. "Yesterday's big CFPB news was that former director Kathy Kraninger resigned. But the departures also included Deputy Director Tom Pahl and several political appointees. [...] However, the list doesn't include key people Kraninger hired for key civil service positions. So Supervision, Enforcement and Fair Lending Associate Director Bryan Schneider and Enforcement Director Tom Ward are still in place." [Tweet Thread by Evan Weinberger, 01/21/21]
 - Bryan A. Schneider Was Still Listed As Associate Director Of Supervision, Enforcement & Fair Lending On A CFPB Structure Table Updated On January 22, 2021. [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, accessed 02/17/21]
- Robert G. Cameron. Robert Cameron was listed as Private Education Loan Ombudsman on a CFPB structure table updated on January 22, 2021. [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, accessed 02/17/21]

<u>At Least Six Other Trump Appointees Have Burrowed Or Declined To Step Down</u> Despite The Transition Between Administrations.

• Dept. Of Ed. Financial Student Aid COO Mark Brown. Leadership, goals and standards at FSA are evaluated differently than in most other areas of government. FSA is what's known as a performance-based organization, a structure created in the 1990s as part of then-Vice President Al Gore's reinventing government initiative. [...] they're charged with focusing on a set of strategic goals and outcomes as part of a five-year performance plan required by Congress and set by the Secretary of Education and FSA COO. [...] That latitude also means that the COO is somewhat shielded from political whims. Their term is five years and the Secretary of Education can only dismiss him for cause,

which is why the head of FSA typically doesn't change with administration. But the President can still remove the COO at his discretion." [MarketWatch, 1/28/21]

- Lawrence Connell. "Documents obtained by the I-Team show the list includes former Trump transition team member Lawrence 'Larry' Connell, who was tapped to lead the embattled Washington D.C. VA Medical Center back in 2017. He then served as chief of staff within the Veterans Health Administration until May of this year, when documents show he was approved for a higher-paying civil service job leading a VA Medical Center hospital in New England." [NBC Washington, 11/25/20]
- Amy Simon. "As the new Democratic leaders take the reins of the DOL subagency responsible for assisting states with unemployment benefits, they may soon inherit the Trump administration's deputy assistant secretary at ETA, Amy Simon. Her bid to switch from a political role to one of ETA's top career executive positions was approved by the subagency's former leadership in the prior administration's final weeks. Simon's conversion, a late-term executive branch practice known as "burrowing in," is pending approval from the federal government's central HR agency, which has the power to reject her hiring, according to five sources with knowledge of the matter." [Bloomberg Law, 01/28/21]
- Jonathan D. Midgett. Jonathan D. Midgett, originally appointed as Executive Assistant to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commissioner on October 12, 2017, was approved as Consumer Ombudsman in the same office on April 12, 2020. [Office of Personnel Management via Nextgov, 12/04/20]
- Zachariah James Gambill. Zachariah James Gambill, originally appointed as Advisor in the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service on October 15, 2017, was approved as Program Application Specialist in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on July 5, 2020. [Office of Personnel Management via Nextgov, 12/04/20]
- **Trent Benishek.** "In addition, the week before the election, Trent Benishek was moved from the White House counsel's office to be general counsel of the GSA, the agency that oversees the presidential transition." [CNN, 11/10/20]

Most Notable Non-Senate-Confirmed Appointments Since November 2020

<u>Kellyanne Conway, Trump's Controversial Former Senior Advisor, Was</u> **Appointed To The U.S. Air Force Academy Board Of Visitors**

December 8, 2020: Donald Trump Appointed Kellyanne Conway, Who Helped Run His 2016 Campaign And Served As A Senior White House Advisor, To The U.S. Air Force Academy Board Of Visitors. "President Donald Trump announced Tuesday that he would appoint former White House aide Kellyanne Conway to the board of visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy." [Politico, 12/08/20]

 "Kellyanne Conway, Who Had Helped Run Former President Donald Trump's 2016 Campaign, Served As A Senior White House Advisor Until August [2020], When She Resigned." [CNBC, 01/26/21]

The U.S. Air Force Academy's Visitors Board Inquires Into The Culture, Equipment, Fiscal Affairs, Academic Methods, And Other Operational Aspects Of The Academy. "The U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors is established under Title 10 U.S. Code, § 9355. The Board inquires into the morale, discipline, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods and other matters relating to the Academy which the Board decides to consider." [USAFA, Accessed 2/19/21]

Reuters Reported That Conway Was Not Affected By A Biden Administration Purge Of DOD Advisory Boards. "New Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has stripped several hundred appointees of their posts on Pentagon advisory boards, a number of whom took office at the end of President Donald Trump's administration, two U.S. officials said on Tuesday. [...] The move does not affect at least two well-known Trump aides: Sean Spicer, a former White House spokesman who was appointed to the Naval Academy Board of Visitors, and Kellyanne Conway, a senior Trump aide who was appointed to the Air Force Academy Board of Visitors." [Reuters, 02/02/21]

DOD's Purge Memo Said The Air Force Academy Board Would Retain Its Members:

- 9. Board of Visitors of the U. S. Air Force Academy
 - Non-discretionary Advisory Committee
 - Sponsor: Secretary of the Air Force
 - Member Appointment Authority: President of the United States and Congress
 - Subject to Zero-Based Review: Yes. Members will be retained, and Sponsor's Zero-Based Review submission will be submitted no later than April 30, 2021

[U.S. Department of Defense, 01/30/21]

Police And State Authorities Probed Kellyanne Conway After Her Twitter Account Posted A Topless Photo Of Her Daughter, Who Had Repeatedly Posted About Her Disputes With Kellyanne. "Police in New Jersey reportedly visited the home of former Trump White House advisor Kellyanne Conway on Tuesday, a day after her 16-year-old daughter Claudia complained on social media about a topless photo of her that briefly appeared on her mom's Twitter account. [...] The New Jersey Department of Children and Families also is 'looking into all concerns around the incident' involving the Conway family, who lives in the town of Alpine, Buzzfeed News reported Tuesday." [CNBC, 01/26/21]

 Kellyanne Conway's Daughter Had Repeatedly Posted About "Complaints And Disputes With Her Mother." "Claudia Conway is a prolific user of the social media app TikTok, where she has documented complaints and disputes with her mother." [CNBC, 01/26/21]

Elaine Chao, Former Trump Treasury Secretary And Wife Of Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Was Appointed To The John F. Kennedy Center For The Performing Arts Board Of Trustees

December 8, 2020: Trump Nominated Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao To The Kennedy Center Board Of Trustees. "The president also announced the nominations of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and Lynn Friess, the wife of Republican megadonor Foster Friess, as members of the board of trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts." [Politico, 12/08/20]

Elaine Chao, Spouse Of Then-Senate Majority Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Spent Four Years Working To Ease Industry Regulations And Was Subject To A Pending Inspector General Investigation Over "Allegations She Had Used The Power Of Her Office To Benefit Her Husband's Constituents." "After spending four years working to enact President Trump's agenda of lifting government rules on industry, Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao announced her resignation Thursday, saying she was left "deeply troubled" following the assault on the Capitol by a mob acting on her boss's behalf. [...] Chao's position in the administration was a complicated one: She is married to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), who broke with Trump over his baseless claims that the election had been rigged. McConnell also had drawn the president's ire in other occasional clashes. [...] That relationship left Chao under scrutiny by her department's internal watchdog following allegations she had used the power of her office to benefit her husband's constituents. The findings of the Office of Inspector General have yet to be publicly released, and two people familiar with the process said they could be soon." [The Washington Post, 01/07/21]

Kennedy Center Board Of Trustees Appointments "Often Go To Donors, Fundraisers And Other High Profile Figures Who Have Been Loyal Supporters To Presidents." "The appointments often go to donors,

fundraisers and other high profile figures who have been loyal supporters to presidents of either party. [...] The Kennedy Center board is extensive: It currently has 36 members appointed by the president, according to the center website, along with 21 ex officio members designated by Congress." [Variety, 03/26/19]

• The Kennedy Center Serves "Dual Roles As The Living Memorial To President John F. Kennedy And A National Cultural Center." "In 1958, Congress allocated \$15.5 million (\$144 million adjusted for inflation) for construction of the Kennedy Center building. Originally Congress indicated that 'the Center was to be an independent facility, self-sustaining, and privately funded.' Despite these intentions, the Kennedy Center receives an annual congressional appropriation to support dual roles as the living memorial to President John F. Kennedy and a national cultural center. During the past five-years, the Center has been 80 percent privately funded. The 2020 financial numbers used in this piece were confirmed by a spokesperson." [Forbes, 01/31/21]

Russ Vought, Former Trump OMB Director And Pro-Trump Ideologue, Was Appointed To The U.S. Naval Academy Board Of Visitors.

December 22, 2020: Trump Nominated His Former OMB Director Russ Vought To The U.S. Naval Academy Board Of Visitors—Vought Has Since Announced Two Pro-Trump Organizations To Provide "Ideological Ammunition" Backing The Former President's Movement. "Other administration hands include Russ Vought, Trump's Office of Management and Budget director, who was nominated for a spot on the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors." [Politico, 12/22/21]

January 26, 2021: Russ Vought, Formerly Trump's Office Of Management And Budget Director,
Announced Two Pro-Trump Organizations To Provide "Ideological Ammunition" Against
Transgender Rights And Critical Race Theory. "Russ Vought, who led Donald Trump's Office of
Management and Budget, plans to announce two pro-Trump organizations Tuesday, aiming to provide
the ideological ammunition to sustain Trump's political movement after his departure from the White
House. [...] But Vought is among those who are staying close to Trump. He's working to ensure that
cultural issues that Trump ran on, from transgender rights to critical race theory, remain front and
center in the Republican Party and coming elections." [Axios, 01/26/21]

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- 42. United States Naval Academy Board of Visitors
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 - Member Appointment Authority: President of the United States, and Congress
 - Subject to Zero-Based Review: Subject to Zero-Based Review: Yes. Members will be retained, and Sponsor's Zero-Based Review submission will be submitted no later than April 30, 2021

[U.S. Department of Defense, 01/30/21]

<u>Hope Hicks, Trump's "Longtime Loyalist," Senior Adviser, And Former Communications Director, Was Appointed To The Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.</u>

December 22, 2020: Trump Named Hope Hicks, One Of His "Closest Confidants," A "Longtime Loyalist," "Senior Adviser," And Former White House Former Communications Director, To The Fulbright Scholarship Board. "The president named Hope Hicks to be a member of the board overseeing the prestigious Fulbright scholarship. Hicks has long been one of Trump's closest confidants outside of members of his own family and returned to the White House this year after leaving earlier in his presidency. Her Covid-19 diagnosis this fall touched off a deluge of positive tests throughout Trump's orbit, including the president himself." [Politico, 12/22/20]

- Hicks Was A "Longtime Loyalist" And One-Time Communications Director In The Trump White House. "Hicks was one of President Donald Trump's most influential confidantes and a longtime loyalist but hasn't been at the White House much in recent weeks after she felt her influence waned after she pushed back on the President's baseless voter fraud claims, the sources said. She also urged him against pursuing legal challenges without competent lawyers in place. [...] Hicks resigned from her role as communications director in 2018, a day after she told lawmakers in closed-door testimony that she had told white lies in the course of her duties." [CNN, 01/13/21]
- Hicks Has Also Been Characterized As A "Senior Adviser" To Trump. "President Trump said late
 Thursday on Twitter that he and the first lady, Melania Trump, would begin the 'quarantine process' as
 they await results of coronavirus tests they took after a senior adviser who is often with the couple
 tested positive." [The New York Times, 10/01/20]

The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board Supervises The U.S. State Department's Fulbright Program, Which Offers Grants For U.S. Citizens To Conduct Research Abroad Or For Non-Citizens To Study In The U.S. "Appointed by the President of the United States, the 12-member Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board was established by Congress to supervise the global Fulbright Program as authorized by the Fulbright-Hays Act of 1961." [U.S. Department of State, accessed 02/19/21]

<u>Pam Bondi, Former Trump White House Special Counsel, Impeachment Defender, And Current Corporate Lawyer, Was Appointed To The John F. Kennedy Center For The Performing Arts Board Of Trustees</u>

December 22, 2020: Trump Nominated Former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi To The Kennedy Center Board Of Trustees. "The president also nominated former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi to serve on the board of trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, as well as White House staff secretary Derek Lyons, who notified Trump of his plans to leave the job earlier this month." [Politico, 12/22/20]

Former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi Was On Trump's Transition Team, Was Special Counsel In The Trump White House, Helped Defend His First Impeachment, And Has Been A Fox News Legal Commentator. "Being both an ardent supporter of President Donald Trump and having a major legal presence in Florida has worked for former state Attorney General Pam Bondi, who's served as a special White House adviser and helped defend his first impeachment. [...] Bondi was Florida's attorney general from 2011 to 2019, during which time she served on Trump's transition team, was special counsel to the president, and then went on to become a legal commentator on networks such as Fox News." [Law.com, 01/14/21]

Bondi Is Now A Partner At A Lobbying And Public Relations Firm Led By Republican Lobbyist Brian Ballard, Where She Chairs Its Corporate Regulatory Compliance Practice. "Now a partner at lobbying and public relations firm Ballard Partners, led by Republican lobbyist Brian Ballard, Bondi chairs the firm's corporate regulatory compliance practice from Washington, D.C." [Law.com, 01/14/21]

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Pamella DeVos, Betsy DeVos' Sister-In-Law And Luxury Fashion Designer, Was Appointed To The John F. Kennedy Center For The Performing Arts Board Of Trustees

Trump Named Pamella DeVos, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' Sister-In-Law, To The Kennedy Center Board Of Trustees. "Trump rolled out a similarly lengthy roster of appointments last week. He said he would name Pamella DeVos, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' sister-in-law, to the Kennedy Center board of trustees, and Brian Hook, the former U.S. special representative for Iran, to the board of trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars." [Politico, 12/08/20]

Pamella DeVos Is A Fashion Designer Whose Clothing Is Sold In Luxury Stores Like Bergdorf Goodman, Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue and Nordstrom. "President Donald Trump has appointed fashion designer Pamella DeVos to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. [...] A lifelong passion for design led her to start her own clothing design business, pamella roland, in 2002, according to her bio. The clothing line can be found at retailers around the world, including Bergdorf Goodman, Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue and Nordstrom." [MLive, 12/04/20]

Betsy DeVos Was Still Listed As An Emeritus Trustee Of The Kennedy Center Board, As Of February 19, 2021. [The Kennedy Center, accessed 02/19/21]

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Andrew Giuliani, Trump Lawyer Rudy Giuliani's Son, Trump's Special Assistant, And White House "Sports Liaison," Was Appointed To The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council

December 16, 2020: Trump Appointed Andrew Giuliani To The United States Memorial Council. "President Trump will appoint Andrew Giuliani to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, the White House announced Wednesday, saying the position is a 'Key Administration Post.' Giuliani, the son of former New York mayor and current Trump campaign lawyer Rudy Giuliani, said on Twitter that he was humbled by the appointment." [Washingtonian, 12/16/20]

Andrew Giuliani, Special Assistant And "Sports Liaison" For Donald Trump, Is The Son Of Former New York Mayor And Trump Lawyer Rudy Giuliani. "Andrew Giuliani, a special assistant to President Donald Trump and the son of Trump campaign lawyer Rudy Giuliani, said he tested positive for coronavirus Friday, a day after attending a crowded press conference where his father and other campaign attorneys did not wear masks. [...] Andrew Giuliani works as a sports liaison at the White House, with an annual salary of \$95,000, according to government documents." [CNBC, 11/20/20]

• Former New York Mayor And Trump Attorney Rudy Giuliani Was Closely Tied To A \$2.3 Million Criminal Fraud Case That Also Involved Obscuring The Source Of Political Donations. "A Florida businessman was sentenced Monday to just over a year in prison for swindling investors out of \$2.3 million and obscuring the source of political donations in a case closely tied to Rudy Giuliani, the former New York mayor and high-profile attorney for President Donald Trump." [Politico, 02/08/21]

The United States Holocaust Memorial Council Serves As The Governing Board Of Trustees Of The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. "The United States Holocaust Memorial Council was established by Congress in 1980 to lead the nation in commemorating the Holocaust and to raise private funds for and build the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Once the Museum opened in 1993, the Council became the governing board of trustees of the Museum, an independent establishment of the United States government operating as a public-private partnership that receives some federal funding to support operations of the Museum building." [U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, accessed 02/19/21]

<u>Lynn Friess, Republican Megadonor Foster Friess' Wife, Was Appointed To The</u> John F. Kennedy Center For The Performing Arts Board Of Trustees

December 8, 2020: Trump Nominated Lynn Friess, "Wife Of Republican Megadonor Foster Friess," To The Kennedy Center Board Of Trustees. "The president also announced the nominations of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and Lynn Friess, the wife of Republican megadonor Foster Friess, as members of the board of trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts." [Politico, 12/08/20]

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Marcus Bachmann, Accused Of Running "'Pray Away The Gay" Clinics And Cited For Failing To Keep Patients' Developmental Condition Records, Was Appointed To The The President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities

December 22, 2020: Trump Named Marcus David Bachmann To The President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. "Marcus David Bachmann, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities." [The White House, 12/22/20]

Marcus Bachmann, Spouse Of Former Rep. Michelle Bachmann (R-MN), Was Cited By State Officials For Failing To Keep Records On Developmental Conditions Among Patients In His "'Pray Away The Gay" Clinic. "A clinic that was accused of pushing bogus 'pray away the gay' therapy — and is owned by former Rep. Michele Bachmann's husband — was cited by Minnesota health inspectors for failing to properly keep patient records. Inspectors going through the paperwork at the Counseling Care clinic in Lake Elmo found last month that 'developmental condition' and other legally-required information was missing in the records they perused, a Minnesota Department of Human Services correction order dated March 20 states. Marcus Bachmann said they were guilty of making 'minor clerical errors." [NBC News, 03/24/17]

• Undercover Activists Have Obtained Evidence That Marcus Bachmann's Clinics Were Practicing "Discredited And Harmful" Conversion Therapy, Despite His Denials. "Bachmann, the husband of former Minnesota congresswoman and onetime presidential aspirant Michele Bachmann, has been accused of practicing conversion therapy at his so-called Christian counseling clinics. He has sometimes denied engaging in the discredited and harmful practice, designed to turn LGBTQ+ people straight or cisgender, and sometimes said it's up to the client whether to attempt such change. Undercover activists have, however, obtained evidence of conversion therapy going on at the clinics." [The Advocate, 12/24/20]

Rep. Michelle Bachmann (R-MN), Who Has Called Trump 'The Greatest President In My Lifetime,' Called Reports On The January 6, 2021 Capitol Insurrection A "'Fake Narrative.'" "Former Rep. Michele

Bachmann, R-Minn., accused Democrats on Monday of weaponizing the Jan. 6th Capitol riot and promoting a 'fake narrative' to serve their political ends. [...] Bachmann decried what she described as the mainstream media's 'absolutely sick' portrayal of the incident and the events that lead up to it, accusing them of 'trying to destroy the names, the legacy of all the people who voted for Donald Trump for a second term. A staunch Trump supporter, Bachmann praised the former commander-in-chief as 'the greatest president in my lifetime.' [Fox News, 02/08/21]

Rep. Bachmann Called Trump's Second Impeachment Trial "'Bad Political Dinner Theater." "Bachmann said the Senate impeachment trial which begins on Tuesday will prove to be little more than 'bad political dinner theater. 'The first purpose is to destroy Donald Trump, destroy any opportunity that he would have ... [at] a political future. They also want to send the signal that anyone who deviates from present-day groupthink is going to be gonesville in the future,' she argued." [Fox News, <u>02/08/21</u>]

The President's Committee For People With Intellectual Disabilities' Advises The President On Issues That Affect Those With Intellectual Disabilities. "PCPID aims to provide advice and assistance to the President of the U.S. and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on a broad range of topics that impact people with intellectual disabilities as well as the field of intellectual disabilities. The foundation of this mission is a goal to improve the quality of life experienced by people with intellectual disabilities by upholding their full citizenship rights, independence, self-determination, and lifelong participation in their communities." [ACL, Accessed 2/19/21]

John Yoo, Trump Adviser, Ardent Trump Supporter, And Author Of The George W. Bush "Torture Memos," Was Appointed To The National Board for Education Sciences Board Of Directors.

December 10, 2020: Trump Named John Yoo As A Member Of The National Board For Education Sciences. "John Yoo, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences." [The White House, 12/10/20]

John Yoo, Author Of The "Torture Memos" During The George W. Bush Administration And Ardent Trump Supporter, Was Among Eight Education Science Board Appointees Criticized For Having Apparently "No Expertise In The Subject Area." "One month before his term expires, President Donald Trump has revived a moribund federal education research advisory panel by appointing eight members who appear to have no expertise in the subject area. [...] The member with arguably the highest public profile is John Yoo, a law professor at the University of California, Berkeley. He served in the Department of Justice under former President George W. Bush, and authored the so-called "torture memos" that provided the legal justification for the war on terror waged in the aftermath of the September 2001 attacks. Yoo has also been vocal in defending Trump's action during his impeachment and in his attempts to overturn the results of this year's presidential election." [Science, 12/11/20]

July 2020: John Yoo Was Working With The Trump White House "To Find Ways To Skirt The Law To Impose His Own Policies" Following A Supreme Court Ruling That Enabled Presidents To More Easily Bypass Congress. "The lawyer who helped craft former President George W. Bush's legal justification for torture has confirmed that he is working with President Donald Trump's administration to find ways to skirt the law to impose his own policies. John Yoo told The Guardian on Monday that he has been talking to the White House about his argument that the Supreme Court's recent ruling on immigration would enable presidents to bypass Congress to impose their own policies." [Business Insider, 07/21/20]

Ahead Of Trump's First Impeachment, John Yoo Argued The Framers Of The Constitution "Would Never Have Wanted Impeachment Within A Year Of An Election." "The House began an impeachment investigation of Trump in September 2019, focused on his efforts to cajole the president of Ukraine into announcing a probe of Joe Biden, his eventual opponent in the 2020 presidential election. Trump was impeached that December and went on trial before the Senate in January 2020. In October 2019, as the investigation was underway, former George W. Bush administration official John Yoo — who would go on to advise the Trump administration — argued against moving forward with an impeachment with the election

looming. 'What the Framers thought was that the American people would judge a president at the time of an election,' Yoo said in an interview on Fox News that month. "They would never have wanted impeachment within a year of an election." [The Washington Post, 02/09/21]

The National Board For Education Sciences Has A Wide Range Of Duties Advising The Institute Of Educational Sciences, Which Is "The Statistics, Research, And Evaluation Arm Of The U.S. Department Of Education.". "The duties of the National Board for Education Sciences are to: Advise and consult with the Director on the policies of the Institute; Consider and approve priorities proposed by the Director to guide the work of the Institute; Review and approve procedures for technical and scientific peer review of the activities of the Institute; Advise the Director on activities to be supported by the Institute, including the general areas of research to be carried out by the National Center for Education Research; Present the Director with recommendations for strengthening education research and the funding of the Institute; Advise the Director on the funding of applications after the completion of peer review; Review and regularly evaluate the work of the Institute to ensure that its research, development, evaluation, and statistical analyses are consistent with the standards set out in the Education Sciences Reform Act; Advise the Director on ensuring that activities of the Institute are objective, secular, neutral, and nonideological and free of partisan influence and racial, cultural, gender, or regional bias; Solicit advice and information from the field regarding priorities for the Institute; Advise the Director on opportunities for the participation in, and the advancement of, women, minorities, and persons with disabilities in education research, statistics, and evaluation activities of the Institute; Recommend to the Director ways to enhance strategic partnerships and collaborative efforts among other federal and state research agencies; and Recommend to the Director individuals to serve as Commissioners of the National Education Centers." [Institute Of Educational Sciences, Accessed 2/19/21]

• The Institute Of Education Sciences "Is The Statistics, Research, And Evaluation Arm Of The U.S. Department Of Education." "The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) is the statistics, research, and evaluation arm of the U.S. Department of Education. We are independent and non-partisan. Our mission is to provide scientific evidence on which to ground education practice and policy and to share this information in formats that are useful and accessible to educators, parents, policymakers, researchers, and the public." [The Institute of Education Sciences, accessed 02/19/21]

<u>Thomas Emanuel Dans, A Businessman Whose "Expertise" Includes Oil And Gas, Mining, And Fisheries And Who Has Invested In Ventures In The Russian Arctic, Was Appointed To The Arctic Research Commission</u>

December 3, 2020: Trump Named Thomas Emanuel Dans To The Arctic Research Commission, Where The Trump Administration Had Blocked Research On Climate Change. "Thomas Emanuel Dans, of Texas, to be a Member of the Arctic Research Commission." [The White House, 12/03/20]

- The Trump Administration Had Been "Blocking Climate Work At The U.S. Arctic Research Commission," According To A Senior Biden Transition Official. "Some climate moves can't happen until Biden officials remedy those deficiencies, a senior transition official said, because 'those have been very carefully directed budget cuts to the very parts of the [EPA] that are going to be necessary to get rid of [Trump's] outrageous rollbacks.' [...] Elsewhere in government, the official said, the Trump administration has curtailed the Energy Department's Quadrennial Energy Review and other research; moved to cut the Treasury Department's office of energy and environment; and disengaged from the international Arctic Council while blocking climate work at the U.S. Arctic Research Commission." [Scientific American, 01/06/21]
- The US Arctic Research Commission Is An Independent Federal Agency That Develops Objectives For Scientific Research Goals In The Arctic. "The US Arctic Research Commission (USARC) is an independent federal agency created by the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984. It is a presidentially appointed advisory body supported by staff in Washington, DC, and in Anchorage, Alaska. In addition to delivering a biennial report to the President and Congress outlining recommended scientific research goals and objectives for the Arctic, the Commission develops and recommends an

integrated national Arctic research policy and builds cooperative links in Arctic research within the federal government, with the State of Alaska, and with international partners." [U.S. Arctic Research Commission, accessed 02/19/21]

Thomas Emanuel Dans Is The President Of Grand River Capital, Which Has Been Involved In "Oil Exploration In Kazakhstan" And "Mineral And Water Rights Opportunities" In The U.S. "Thomas Emanuel Dans, CFA President Mr. Dans (49) started Grand River Capital in 2006 to offer clients high caliber, value-added alternative asset consulting solutions, delivered with an unmatched level of personalized service and professionality. [...] Grand River takes a generalist approach but has particular expertise in food and agribusiness, energy, media and securities valuation. Past international assignments have included mobile communications in the Republic of Georgia, oil exploration in Kazakhstan and franchised pizza in Russia. In the U.S., Grand River has assisted therapeutic and medical technology clients, and helped on numerous pecan and permanent crop investments, mineral and water rights opportunities and distressed debt and bankruptcy matters." [Grand River Capital, accessed 02/19/21]

Thomas Dans' "Expertise" Includes "Oil And Gas, Mining, Renewable Energy, Agribusiness And Fisheries" And He Has Invested In Businesses Operating In The Russian Arctic. "His past investments have included businesses operating throughout the Russian Arctic and Far East as well as numerous joint U.S./Russian investments. Mr. Dans' sector expertise includes oil and gas, mining, renewable energy, agribusiness and fisheries, telecom, infrastructure and applied technologies." [U.S. Arctic Research Commission, accessed 02/19/21]

<u>Crawford Patkotak, Chairman And Executive At Arctic Slope Regional</u>

<u>Corporation, Which Is "Heavily Invested In Oil And Gas," Owns 92,000 Acres Of Subsurface Mineral Rights In Alaska, And Pushed For Drilling In The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Was Appointed To The Arctic Research Commission</u>

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Crawford Patkotak Is The Chairman Of The Board For The Arctic Slope Regional Corporation And Its Executive Vice President Of Stakeholder Engagement. "Crawford Patkotak (Ahkivgak) currently serves as

the chairman of the board for Arctic Slope Regional Corporation as well as the executive vice president of stakeholder engagement." [Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, accessed 02/19/21]

Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, "Alaska's Largest Private-Sector Employer," Is "Heavily Invested In Oil And Gas," Owns An Oil Refining Business, And Has Been Significantly Affected By Low Oil Prices Amid The Pandemic. "Alaska's largest private-sector employer, Arctic Slope Regional Corp., has laid off employees and cut charitable giving due to the collapse in oil prices and the economic shutdown caused by the global coronavirus pandemic. [...] "Unfortunately, the total impact of the COVID-19 response (and low oil prices) isn't quite known yet and it could get worse before it gets better," Hardt wrote, referencing the disease caused by the coronavirus. [...] The Alaska Native corporation is heavily invested in oil and gas, including ownership of an oil refining business, and represents residents and descendants of Iñupiat communities on Alaska's North Slope, from Point Hope to Kaktovik." [Alaska Public Media, 04/07/20]

The Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Which Has Subsurface Mineral Rights In 92,000 Acres Of Arctic Land, Supported Drilling In Alaska's National Wildlife Refuge—Which Was Also A "Decades-Long Quest" Among Republicans That Was Fulfilled When Trump Sold Oil And Gas Leases In The Refuge Just Two Weeks Before Leaving Office. "Trump administration officials auctioned off oil and gas leases in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge on Wednesday, capping Republicans' decades-long quest to drill in one of the nation's most vast unspoiled wild places. The move marks one of the most significant environmental rollbacks the president has accomplished in his term. [...] A number of Alaska Native officials — including those in Kaktovik, which lies within the refuge's boundaries and has surface land rights next to the coastal plain — back energy development on the refuge. The Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, which holds 92,000 acres of subsurface mineral rights, has also backed drilling there." [The Washington Post, 01/06/21]

Ezra Cohen-Watnick Was Appointed As A Member And The Chairman At The Public Interest Declassification Board, Which Helps Declassify Intelligence Information, Rose To Power By Being A Loyalist To Michael Flynn And Helped Trump Combat Russian Collusion Allegations By Developing Conspiracy Theories

December 3, 2020: The Trump Administration Named Ezra Cohen-Watnick To Be Chairperson And Member Of The Public Interest Declassification Board, Which Steers The Direction Of Public Declassification Efforts. "Ezra Cohen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member and Chairperson of the Public Interest Declassification Board." [The White House, 12/22/20; Politico, 12/22/20]

Cohen-Watnick A Member Of Michael Flynn's National Security Council And Was Flynn's Only Hire Trump Refused To Remove In The Wake Of Flynn's Resignation At The Urging Of Kushner And Steve Bannon. "Just 24 days into his tenure as Donald Trump's national-security adviser, Michael Flynn was forced to resign, having reportedly misled Vice President Mike Pence about his contacts with Russian officials. When Flynn departed, the men and women he'd appointed to the National Security Council grew nervous about their own jobs, and with good reason. [...] There was one person, however, who McMaster couldn't get rid of: Ezra Cohen-Watnick, the senior director for intelligence programs. McMaster tried to remove him in March, but President Trump, at the urging of Bannon and Jared Kushner, told McMaster that Cohen-Watnick was staying, as first reported by Politico." [The Atlantic, 7/23/17]

• Flynn Later Plead Guilty To Lying To The FBI About His Russia Ties And Was Subsequently Pardoned By Trump. "Donald Trump has pardoned Michael Flynn, his first national security adviser who pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about contacts with a Russian official." [The Guardian, 11/25/20]

Prior To Working At The National Security Council, Coehn-Watnick Worked At The Defense Intelligence Agency Under Flynn And Was Described By CIA Agents As A Spying On The Agency For Flynn. "According to a former senior intelligence official, Cohen-Watnick later served overseas in Afghanistan at a CIA base. 'He was embedded with the Agency guys," said a person familiar with Cohen-Watnick's career. "But the Agency guys were all like 'Fuck this guy, he's just here to spy on us for Flynn and the DIA." [...] It was Cohen-

Watnick's connection with Michael Flynn that would catapult him into the top ranks of America's intelligence officials." [The Atlantic, 7/23/17]

Cohen-Watnick Told Devin Nunes That Susan Rice Wanted To "Unmask" Trump Officials In Intelligence Documents While Investigating Possible Russian Collusion—A Move That Ignited Trump's False Conspiracy Theory That The Obama Administration Wiretapped His Residence. "Bannon and Ledeen may be wary of talking about Cohen-Watnick after his first, and thus far only, turn in the national spotlight. Washington got its first real look at Cohen-Watnick when he was identified as one of two White House sources who provided House Intelligence chairman Devin Nunes with evidence that former national security adviser Susan Rice requested the 'unmasking' of the names of Trump associates in intelligence documents. In the intelligence world, incidental collection refers to intelligence agencies obtaining, in the course of monitoring foreigners, communications that either refer to or involve Americans, whose names are typically 'masked' unless officials request that they be 'unmasked.' The incident, coming in the aftermath of Trump baselessly accusing his predecessor of wiretapping Trump Tower, became one of the first dust-ups related to the investigations into possible Russian collusion during the 2016 campaign that have gripped the White House. The president later accused Rice of having committed a crime; for her part, Rice has denied that she ordered the unmasking for political purposes." [The Atlantic, 7/23/17]

Cohen-Watnick's Role In Fomenting THe Fake Obama Wiretapping Conspiracy Led Qanon Followers To Believe That He Was "Q." "Since 2018, many members of the cult-like group have been convinced that its shadowy leader and founder is actually Ezra Cohen-Watnick, an intelligence specialist who worked in various Defense Department jobs before accepting a senior post on the National Security Council staff soon after President Donald Trump came into office in 2017. Cohen, who was brought in under former national security adviser Michael Flynn, became a figure of controversy when his run-ins with other intelligence officials spilled out into the press. [...] Cohen's resulting notoriety led many adherents of QAnon to regard him as "Q," who according to the conspiracy theory's lore is a Trump administration official working on the inside to expose a deep-state cabal of pedophiles and Satan-worshippers bent on undermining Trump." [Politico, 1/19/21]

Cohen-Watnick Later Served As The National Security Advisor To Former Trump AG Jeff Sessions As Well As Was The Former Deputy Assistant Secretary For Defense For Counternarcotics And Global Threats. "Mr. Cohen-Watnick's latest position in the Trump administration is deputy assistant secretary of defense for counternarcotics and global threats, Pentagon officials said on Monday. The job, which does not require Senate confirmation, will be Mr. Cohen-Watnick's third stint in the administration. [...] In April 2018, Mr. Cohen-Watnick was named national security adviser to Jeff Sessions, the attorney general at the time. Mr. Sessions resigned, at Mr. Trump's request, after the November 2018 midterm elections. Mr. Cohen-Watnick then decided to attend law school." [The New York Times, 5/11/20]

Lynn Franzoi, A Benefits Executive Who Has Worked For Major Corporations And Has Chaired The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce's Benefits Committee, Was Appointed To The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

December 22, 2020: Trump Named Lynn Franzoi To The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's Advisory Committee. "Lynn Franzoi, of California, to be a Member of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation." [The White House, 12/22/20]

• The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Oversees Defined Benefit Pension Plans Valued At Over \$3 Trillion For Over 34 Million Workers. "The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC or the Corporation) protects the retirement security of over 34 million American workers, retirees, and beneficiaries in both single-employer and multiemployer private-sector defined benefit pension plans. The benefits of these participants are valued at more than \$3 trillion. The Corporation's two insurance programs are legally separate and operationally and financially independent." [Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, accessed 02/19/21]

Franzoi Is A Benefits Executive Who "Has Served On The Boards Of Corporations, Hospitals And Non-Profit Organizations," Including Fox Entertainment Group, American Honda, And Whittaker

Corporation. "Lynn has managed the design, administration and financing of benefits for Fox Entertainment Group, a major global entertainment company, as well as other major Los Angeles-based companies, including American Honda and Whittaker Corporation. Lynn is an accomplished executive who has served on the boards of corporations, hospitals and non-profit organizations and who has provided advisory services to public, private and government agencies." [LLF Consulting, accessed 02/22/21]

• Lynn Franzoi Has Been Owner Of LLF Consulting, LLC Since November 2010. [Linkedin Profile for Lynn Franzoi, accessed <u>02/22/21</u>]

Franzoi Has Been On The Board Of Directors For The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce, Has Chaired Its Employee Benefits Committee, And Is Still A Member Of Its Employee Benefits Committee, According To Her Consulting Firm Biography. "U.S. Chamber of Commerce [...] Member, Board of Directors 2006 – 2013 [...] Chair, Employee Benefits Committee 2006 – 2013 [...] Member, Employee Benefits Committee 1995 – Present." [LLF Consulting, accessed 02/22/21]

• The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce Is "The World's Largest Business Organization," Whose Membership Includes "Leading Industry Associations And Large Corporations." "The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business organization representing companies of all sizes across every sector of the economy. Our members range from the small businesses and local chambers of commerce that line the Main Streets of America to leading industry associations and large corporations." [The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, accessed 02/22/21]

Preston Crabill, Who Was A Retirement And Benefits Executive At General
Motors For Over 26 Years And Was "A Lead Architect" In Negotiations That Cut
GM's Healthcare Costs By \$3 Billion And Saved It Over \$1 Billion In Cash, Was
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December 22, 2020: Trump Named Preston Crabill To The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. "Preston Crabill, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation." [The White House, 12/22/20]

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Preston Crabill Was An Executive At General Motors For Over 26 Years, Most Recently Serving As North America Director For Retirement And Profit Sharing Plans From 2013 To 2016 And Serving In Several Retirement And Benefits Roles Prior To That Since 1989. [Linkedin Profile for Preston Crabill, accessed 02/22/21]

2006: While General Motors' Director Of Pensions And Savings Plans, Crabill Was "A Lead Architect" In Healthcare Negotiations With The United Auto Workers That Cut The Corporation's Costs By \$3 Billion And Saved It Over \$1 Billion In Cash. "Preston Crabill '76 returned to Lehigh on April 3 to talk about labor relations and healthcare negotiations—and the many sleepless nights he's had lately as the director of pension and savings plans at General Motors (GM). That's because Crabill spent most of the past year in negotiations with the United Auto Workers (UAW) union drafting a new healthcare agreement between the two parties. [...] At issue was GM's healthcare benefit package. Crabill was a lead architect in the GM-UAW negotiation process, which was concluded in October 2005 after year-long discussions between the parties. The final agreement was amenable to UAW membership, who endorsed the plan with a 61 percent majority vote in November. [...] 'This truly was an historic agreement negotiated by GM and UAW,' added Crabill. GM

will save over \$1 billion in cash and \$3 billion in expenses as part of the deal, and both parties can continue to pursue additional opportunities to explore additional cost reduction initiatives in the future. An extra \$15 billion will be saved in scaling back its post-employment health care package." [Lehigh University, 04/07/06]

Juan Carlos Benítez, A Former Trump 2020 Campaign Advisor And Bundler For Disgraced Lobbyist Jack Abramoff, Was Appointed To The President's National Advisory Committee On Trade

December 22, 2020: Juan Carlos Benítez Was Appointed By Trump To The President's Export Council. "Juan Carlos Benítez, of Guam, to be a Member of the President's Export Council." [The White House, 12/22/20]

The President's Export Council Is The Principal National Advisory Committee On International
Trade. "The President's Export Council serves as the principal national advisory committee on
international trade. The Council advises the President of government policies and programs that affect
U.S. trade performance; promotes export expansion; and provides a forum for discussing and resolving
trade-related problems among the business, industrial, agricultural, labor, and government sectors."
[International Trade Administration, Accessed 2/19/21]

Benítez Served On The Advisory Board Of The Trump Campaign's 2020 Latinos For Trump Group, Which Was Paid For By Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.. [Latinos.DonaldJTrump.Com, Accessed 2/22/21]

Benítez Was A Bundler For Disgraced Lobbyist Jack Abramoff. "As chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, John McCain began hearings that helped bring down Jack Abramoff, the disgraced lobbyist who was the central figure in a political scandal that landed Mr. Abramoff in jail. Now, as Mr. McCain releases the names of hundreds of 'bundlers' -- his top money collectors -- one person who popped up is Juan Carlos Benitez, a lawyer and lobbyist whom Mr. Abramoff had championed for a Bush administration post." [New York Times, 7/17/08]

Abramoff Plead Guilty To Charges Of Conspiracy, Honest Services Fraud, And Tax Evasion For Defrauding Native America Tribes And Served 48 Months In Prison. "Former lobbyist Jack A. Abramoff was sentenced today to 48 months in prison and ordered to pay \$23,134,695 in restitution to victims based on his guilty plea to conspiracy, honest services fraud and tax evasion charges, Acting Assistant Attorney General Matthew Friedrich of the Criminal Division and Nathan J. Hochman, Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division announced. [...] According to the plea agreement signed by Abramoff, from 1994 through early 2004 he was employed in the Washington, D.C., offices of two law firms. During this time, Abramoff lobbied public officials in the federal government, principally members of Congress. He also sought to further his client's interests through grassroots work, public relations services and election campaign support. Abramoff admitted he received undisclosed kickbacks from former lobbyist Michael Scanlon, who owned and operated Capitol Campaign Strategies LLC (CCS). Abramoff and Scanlon conspired to defraud four Native American Indian tribes that either operated or were interested in operating gaming casinos. Each of these four clients, which were tribes located in Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Michigan, hired Abramoff through his employers to give advice regarding how best to limit competition from competing casinos or, in one instance, to re-open a previously closed casino." [Department Of Justice Press Release, 9/04/08]

Benitez Was Elected As A 2016 Republican National Convention Delegate From Guam. "National Republican Convention Delegates Gov. Eddie Calvo Sen. Frank Blas Jr. Sen. Tony Ada Juan Carlos Benitez Benny Pinaula Telo Taitague Mike Benito David Sablan Margaret Metcalfe" [Pacific Daily News, 3/12/16]

Alexander B. Gray, A Top Advisor To Extreme Trump Trade Adviser Peter Navarro And Trump Transition Team Member, Was Appointed To The Board Of Visitors To The Coast Guard Academy

December 22, 2020: Trump Named Alexander B. Gray To The Board Of Visitors To The Coast Guard Academy. "Alexander B. Gray, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Visitors to the Coast Guard Academy." [The White House, 12/22/20]

• The Coast Guard Academy's Board Of Visitors Reviews The Academy's Operations And Makes Recommendations. "A Board of Visitors to the Coast Guard Academy is established to review and make recommendations on the operation of the Academy." [U.S. Legal Code §1903, Accessed 2/19/21]

Gray Was Previously A Deputy For Trump Trade Advisor Peter Navarro, Who Was Known For "Extreme Policy Ideas" And Who Spread A Discredited Conspiracy On How The 2020 Election Was Stolen From Trump. "Robert O'Brien has appointed Alex Gray, formerly the National Security Council's Oceania & Indo-Pacific security director, to be a senior adviser, according to three people familiar with the plan. An NSC spokesman declined to comment. Gray previously worked as a deputy for Peter Navarro, Trump's trade and manufacturing adviser who has repeatedly warned about the need to re-balance the U.S. relationship with China." [Bloomberg, 10/01/19]

- Peter Navarro, One Of The Trump White House's "Top Trade Advisers" Was Known For His
 "Extreme Policy Ideas." "Peter Navarro, one of the White House's top trade advisers, is widely
 viewed throughout the West Wing and Capitol Hill as a prickly personality with extreme policy ideas."
 [Politico, 07/17/17]
- In December 2020, Navarro Spread "A Largely Fanciful Account Of How The Election Was Stolen From Trump, Based Primarily On Discredited Allegations." "In mid-December Navarro unveiled a largely fanciful account of how the election was stolen from Trump, based primarily on discredited allegations that no judge accepted." [Columbus Dispatch, 02/19/21]

Alexander Gray Was On Trump's Transition Team And Was One Of Only Two Of Peter Navarro's Staffers, As Of July 2017. "Navarro works out of a large office filled with trade to-do lists down a long, quiet hallway in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, about half-a-city block from the Oval Office. Although he technically runs the National Trade Council and Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy, serving as a liaison between the White House and Commerce, he only has two staffers. One of them, Alexander Gray, worked on defense issues as a former member of the presidential transition team." [Politico, 07/17/17]

Sheriff Grady Judd, Appointed To The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Publicly Supported A Law That Would Allow Individuals To Run Over Protestors Without Facing Criminal Penalty—Even In Instances Of Death

December 22, 2020: Sheriff Grady Judd Was Appointed To The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. "Sheriff Grady Judd, of Florida, to be a Member of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention." [The White House, 12/22/20]

The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Is An Independent
Executive Branch Organization That Examines How Federal, State, And Local Governments Can
Better Coordinate On Programs That Concern Affect At-Risk Juveniles And Juvenile
Delinquency. "The Council, an independent organization in the executive branch, examines how
federal juvenile delinquency programs and other federal programs and activities can be coordinated
among federal, state, and local governments to better serve at-risk children and juveniles. The Council

makes recommendations to the President, and to the Congress, at least annually." [Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Accessed 2/19/21]

Sheriff Grady Judge Is The Head Of The Polk County Sheriff's Office. "Grady Judd began his career at the Polk County Sheriff's Office (Florida) in 1972 as a dispatcher. After transferring to the Patrol Division in 1974, he quickly progressed through the ranks – holding every rank from Sergeant to Colonel. Polk County overwhelmingly elected Grady to serve as Sheriff in 2004." [Polk County Sheriff's Office, Accessed 2/22/21]

During The 2020 Black Lives Matter Protests, Judd Made A Public Statement Threatening Potential "Agitators," Encouraging The Residents Of Polk County To "Blow [Them] Back Out Of The House With Their Guns." "A Florida sheriff addressed rumors on social media of riot activity trickling into residential neighborhoods Monday, warning would-be agitators that 'the people of Polk County like guns, they have guns." I would tell them, if you value your life, you probably shouldn't do that in Polk County,' said Sheriff Grady Judd. 'I encourage them to own guns, and they're going to be inside their homes tonight with their guns loaded. And if you try to break into their homes tonight and try to steal, to set fires, I'm highly recommending they blow you back out of the house with their guns." [WATE, 6/01/20]

Judd Publicly Supported A Proposed Law By Florida Governor Ron DeSantis That Would Further Criminalizing Protesting Tactics, Including Obstructing A Roadway... "Under the proposed legislation, participating in violent assemblies would be a third degree felony. Tearing down or destroying monuments would be second degree felony. Obstructing roadways would be a third degree felony. [...] In a statement, Sheriff Judd said he supports peaceful protestors like the one that occurred at his headquarters, which is why he supports the governor's bill." [WFLA, 9/23/20]

...The Proposed Law Judd Supports Would Also Allow Drivers To Run Over Protestors Obstructing A Road Without Penalty—Even In The Event Of Their Death—If They Were "Fleeing For Safety From A Mob." "Prohibition on Obstructing Roadways: 3rd degree felony to obstruct traffic during an unpermitted protest, demonstration or violent or disorderly assembly; driver is NOT liable for injury or death caused if fleeing for safety from a mob." [Governor Of Florida's Office Press Release, 9/21/20]

Michael Gableman, A Former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice With A History
Of Cronyism And Allegations Of Ethics Violations, Was Appointed To The
Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

December 22, 2020: Michael J. Gableman Was Appointed To The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. "Michael J. Gableman, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention." [The White House, 12/22/20]

• The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Is An Independent Executive Branch Organization That Examines How Federal, State, And Local Governments Can Better Coordinate On Programs That Concern Of Affect At-Risk Juveniles And Juvenile Delinquency. "The Council, an independent organization in the executive branch, examines how federal juvenile delinquency programs and other federal programs and activities can be coordinated among federal, state, and local governments to better serve at-risk children and juveniles. The Council makes recommendations to the President, and to the Congress, at least annually." [Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Accessed 2/19/21]

Gableman Is A Former Wisconsin State Supreme Court Justice. "Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman announced Thursday he will not seek a second term next year, shaking up the April race for a seat on the high court." [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 6/15/17]

Gableman Was Accused Of An Ethics Violation For Running A "Willie Horton-Style" Attack Ad Against His Opponent While Running For Wisconsin Supreme Court. "Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman was uneasy with a Willie Horton-style ad attacking his opponent but eventually gave his approval anyway, state regulators said. Gableman is accused of violating an ethics rule that prohibits judges from knowingly

misrepresenting facts about an opponent. He is fighting the charge, arguing last year's ad attacking then-Justice Louis Butler was technically true. The Wisconsin Judicial Commission alleges Gableman willfully violated the rule and should be disciplined. In a recent filing outlining its case, the commission said Gableman's advisers urged him to run the ad falsely suggesting Butler helped free a sex offender who later raped again." [Twin Cities Pioneer Press, 3/17/09]

As A Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice, Gableman Refused To Recuse Himself From A Case Involving A Law Firm That Had Defended Him From An Ethics Allegation Pro-Bono. "State Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman said Friday he would not step aside in three matters, including an attempt to reopen last year's decision that allowed a new law to take effect that curbed the power of public unions. Attorneys in the cases asked Gableman to remove himself because other parties in the cases were represented by Michael Best & Friedrich, which defended Gableman against an ethics allegation without billing him. Lawyers have said the legal work was likely worth tens of thousands of dollars." [Miwaukee0Wisconsin Journal Sentinel, 1/20/12]

Gableman Authored An Opinion That Absolved Governor Scott Walker And Gableman's Two Largest Donors, Wisconsin Club For Growth And WMC Of Illegal Campaign Activity. "Gableman later wrote the horrendous decision shutting down the John Doe investigation of illegal campaign coordination between Gov. Scott Walker and the Wisconsin Club for Growth and WMC, though these two groups spent \$2.3 million on the judge's 2008 campaign, or 63 percent of all money spent to elect him. The opposing lawyer asked that Gableman recuse himself, but he declined, without bothering to offer any explanation. This is a man who clearly lacks any ethical compass." [Urban Milwaukee, 6/20/17]

Douglas MacGregor, Who Has "A History Of Making Xenophobic And Racist Comments About Immigrants," Who Called On The U.S. To "Shoot People" At The Mexican Border, And Who Sided With Russia In Its Illegal Annexation Of Crimea, Was Appointed To The Board Of Visitors To The United States Military Academy (West Point)

December 8, 2020, Trump Named Douglas MacGregor To The Board Of Visitors To The United States Military Academy (West Point Academy), Which Trains The U.S. Army's Commissioned Officers. "Douglas Macgregor, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy." [The White House, 12/08/20]

- The U.S. Military Academy's Board Of Visitors Inquires Into The Culture, Equipment, Fiscal Affairs, Academic Methods, And Other Operational Aspects Of The Academy. "Welcome to the Board of Visitors Web site. The board, under the provisions of 10 US Code 4355 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, shall inquire into the morale and discipline, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the academy that the board decides to consider." [West Point, Accessed 2/19/21]
- The U.S. Military Academy, Also Known As West Point Academy, Trains The U.S. Army's Commissioned Officers. "United States Military Academy, byname West Point Academy, institution of higher education for the training of commissioned officers for the United States Army." [Encyclopaedia Britannica, accessed 02/22/21]

Douglas Macgregor, One-Time Trump Nominee To Be U.S. Ambassador To Germany, Had "A History Of Making Xenophobic And Racist Comments About Immigrants And Refugees." "President Donald Trump's nominee to become the US ambassador to Germany has a history of making xenophobic and racist comments about immigrants and refugees in both Germany and the US." [CNN, 08/04/20]

The U.S. Senate MacGregor's Returned Ambassador Nomination On January 3, 2021. [PN2156 — Douglas Macgregor — Department of State, <u>07/29/20</u>]

MacGregor "Repeatedly Advocated To Institute Martial Law At The US-Mexico Border And 'Shoot People' If Necessary." "He warned Mexican cartels were 'driving millions of Mexicans with no education, no skills and the wrong culture into the United States, placing them essentially as wards of the American people.' He repeatedly advocated to institute martial law at the US-Mexico border and "shoot people" if necessary." [CNN, 08/04/20]

MacGregor Said Eastern Ukrainians Were "'Russians" On Russian State-Controlled TV As Russia Tried To Annex Crimea From Ukraine. "He also said that Eastern Ukrainians are 'Russians' on the Russian state-controlled TV network RT in 2014 after Russia tried to annex Crimea and began an ongoing war with Ukraine over the territory -- positions not supported by the European Union and United States." [CNN, 08/04/20]

A Brookings Institution Report Has Called Russia's Annexation Of Crimea "Illegal." "March 18 marks the sixth anniversary of Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea. Attention now focuses on the Russian-Ukrainian conflict in Donbas, a conflict that has taken some 14,000 lives, but Moscow's seizure of Crimea — the biggest land-grab in Europe since World War II — has arguably done as much or more damage to Europe's post-Cold War security order." [The Brookings Institution, 03/17/20]

Macgregor Said Muslim Migrants Had "The Goal Of Eventually Turning Europe Into An Islamic State." "Retired Army Col. Douglas Macgregor, a decorated combat veteran, author and frequent guest on Fox News, claimed that Muslim migrants were coming to Europe 'with the goal of eventually turning Europe into an Islamic state.' He criticized Germany for giving 'millions of unwanted Muslim invaders' welfare benefits rather than providing more funding for its armed services." [CNN, 08/04/20]

July 2020: A 40-Page Report Detailed West Point's Failure In "'Uprooting The Racism That Saturates Its History" And Included Testimonies Of Multiple Black West Point Cadets On How The Institution Didn't Take Racism Seriously. "Several Black cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point detailed their experience with racist incidents and said they weren't taken seriously by the renowned institution, according to an extensive policy proposal obtained by Business Insider. Their testimonies were included in a 40-page policy proposal to address the institution's failings in 'uprooting the racism that saturates its history' and to remove honors for Confederate soldiers, written by a group of US Army officers, all of them recent graduates and former student leaders at West Point." [Business Insider, 07/06/20]

Following The July 2020 Report, West Point's Inspector General Began A "Comprehensive Review Of All Matters Involving Race." "The alumni emailed their proposal June 25 to the academy's leadership. On Friday, West Point's Inspector General's Office started a "comprehensive review of all matters involving race," academy spokesman Lt. Col. Christopher Ophardt told Army Times." [Army Times, 07/07/20]

West Point States, "Discrimination Of Any Form, On Or Off Post, Will Not Be Tolerated" On Its Equal Opportunity Program Page. "The Equal Opportunity (EO) Program formulates, directs, and sustains a comprehensive effort to maximize human potential and to ensure fair treatment for all persons based on merit, fitness, and capability in support of readiness. EO philosophy is based on fairness, justice, and equity. The United States Military Academy will provide equal opportunity and treatment for all military personnel, family members, and civilian employees without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender or sexual orientation. Discrimination of any form, on or off post, will not be tolerated." [West Point, accessed 02/22/21]

Francis John Brooke, Jr.—Who Oversaw Energy Policy In The Trump White House, Who Helped Bypass Environmental Reviews For Pipelines And Other Projects, And Worked On Crude Oil Legislation While A Congressional Aide—Was Appointed To The Board Of Visitors For The Merchant Marine Academy, Which Trains Ship Officers Who Operate Oil Tankers And Other Vessels.

December 22, 2020: Trump Named Francis John Brooke, Jr. To The Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. "Francis John Brooke, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy." [The White House, 12/22/20]

- The United States Merchant Marine Academy Educates Students Who Are Committed To Serve
 As "Licensed Merchant Marine Officers And Commissioned Officers In The Armed Forces." "The
 United States Merchant Marine Academy is a federal service academy that educates and graduates
 leaders of exemplary character who are committed to serve the national security,
 marine transportation, and economic needs of the United States as licensed Merchant Marine Officers
 and commissioned officers in the Armed Forces." [United States Merchant Marine Academy, accessed
 02/19/21]
- The Merchant Marine Consists Of Civilian Ships, Including Tankers, That Import And Export Goods. "The Merchant Marine, sometimes called the merchant navy, consists of civilian vessels such as tankers and cargo ships that import and export goods to other countries. The U.S. transports 75% of its trade goods by sea, and mariners, also known as water transportation workers, serve on these vessels to make sure the products get to their destinations safely and on time. Mariners may be pilots, mates, captains or seamen, but they all play a role in ensuring the smooth travel of commercial vessels." [Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies, 08/27/20]
- The Petroleum Industry Is Heavily Reliant On Tankers, Which Make More Than 20,000 Calls Into American Ports Annually. "Tankers operate all over the world to safely deliver petroleum and other hydrocarbons to ports in the United States and beyond, making more than 20,000 calls into American ports each year." [American Petroleum Institute, 02/22/21]
- Merchant Marine Officers "Spend Thousands Of Hours In Rigorous Training And Evaluation" And "Must Obtain A Series Of Competencies And Specialized Credentials Before They Can Even Step Foot Aboard A Tanker Or Vessel." "Before setting foot on a tanker, future marine officers spend thousands of hours in rigorous training and evaluation. Additionally, they must obtain a series of competencies and specialized credentials before they can even step foot aboard a tanker or vessel. Maritime academies in the U.S. provide future mariners with comprehensive academic training in specific nautical and engineering studies that are essential for meeting the high standards of professionalism in the maritime industry." [American Petroleum Institute, 02/22/21]

Francis John Brooke "Oversaw Energy Policy At The White House" And Helped To Bypass Environmental Reviews For Major Infrastructure Projects, Including Pipelines, Before Becoming The Trump Administration's Deputy Director Of The National Economic Council. "President Donald Trump's top economic adviser Larry Kudlow has selected Francis Brooke, an aide who formerly oversaw energy policy at the White House, as the new deputy director of the National Economic Council." [Bloomberg, 06/18/20]

 Brooke Helped The Trump Administration To Develop Policies To Bypass Environmental Reviews For Major Infrastructure Projects, Including Pipelines. "Brooke, who is already a member of the National Economic Council, helped the White House develop policies intended to accelerate permitting for major infrastructure projects like pipelines and highways by using emergency authorities to bypass some environmental reviews." [Bloomberg, 06/18/20]

While A Congressional Aide, Brooke "Worked On Legislation That Lifted The Ban On U.S. Crude Oil Exports." "As a congressional aide, Brooke worked on legislation that lifted the ban on U.S. crude oil exports and helped finance the Strategic Petroleum Reserve." [Bloomberg, 06/18/20]

Dr. Darren Jeffrey Beattie—A Former Trump Speechwriter Who Was Fired For Attending A White Nationalist Conference That Has Hosted VDare Founder Peter Brimelow And Alt-Right Figure Richard Spencer—Has Been Named To The Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, Which Oversees Holocaust Sites And Others.

November 17, 2020: Trump Named Dr. Darren Jeffrey Beattie To The Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, Which Preserves Overseas Sites Of Historic Significance To U.S. Citizens—Including Sites Related To The Holocaust. "Dr. Darren Jeffrey Beattie, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad." [The White House, 11/17/20]

- The U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad Identifies Sites In Central And Eastern Europe That Are Of Significance To U.S. Citizens And Works With The State Department To Ensure That Foreign Governments Preserve These Sites. "The Commission is an agency of the Government of the United States of America separate from any other agency. It was established by U.S. Public Law 99-83. The law directs the Commission to—1. identify and report on cemeteries, monuments, and historic buildings in Eastern and Central Europe that are associated with the heritage of U.S. citizens, particularly endangered properties, and 2. obtain, in cooperation with the Department of State, assurances from the governments of the region that the properties will be protected and preserved." [U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, accessed 02/19/21]
- The Commission For The Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad Oversees Preservation Efforts For Overseas Holocaust Sites And Seeks Out New Sites To Be Protected. "The body was founded in 1985 and is tasked with seeking out, and overseeing, the preservation of overseas sites related to the Holocaust." [Business Insider, 11/19/20]

Darren Beattie, Once A Trump Speechwriter, Was Fired For Attending A Meeting Of White Nationalists—Beattie Initially Refused To Resign And Had To Be Fired. "A former speechwriter for President Donald Trump, who was previously fired for attending a meeting of white nationalists, has been given a new role to help oversee memorials commemorating the Holocaust genocide. Trump nominated Darren Beattie to become a board member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, the White House said in a Wednesday statement." [Business Insider, 11/19/20]

 The Trump White House Asked Beattie To Resign After News Of The White Nationalist Meeting Broke In August 2018, But He Refused And Had To Be Fired. "After CNN's report was published, the White House asked Beattie to step down in August 2018, but he refused, and was subsequently fired, according to The Washington Post." [Business Insider, 11/19/20]

Beattie Spoke Alongside Anti-Immigration Site Founder Peter Brimelow At A Conference Held By The H.L. Mencken Club, Which Has Hosted White Nationalists Including Richard Spencer. "CNN found that Beattie spoke on a panel alongside Peter Brimelow, the founder of anti-immigration website Vdare, at a conferences hosted by the right-wing society the H.L. Mencken Club. The Southern Poverty Law Center said Brimelow 'regularly publishes works by white supremacists, anti-Semites, and others on the radical right." [Business Insider, 11/19/20]

• The H.L. Mencken Club "'Has Hosted Some Of America's Most Prominent White Nationalist Ideologues In The Past, And Serves As A Safe Space For Professors To Vent Their Racist Views," According To The Southern Poverty Law Center. "The HL Mencken Club, founded in 2008, describes itself as 'a society' for "independent-minded intellectuals and academics of the Right". According to the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) advocacy group, the Mencken Club 'has hosted some of America's most prominent white nationalist ideologues in the past, and serves as a safe space for professors to vent their racist views'. Alt-right leader and white supremacist Richard Spencer has been a speaker at the Mencken Club's conferences in the past." [BBC, 08/20/18]

Maria Lee Kelly, A Long Time Trump Operative Who Was Described As The White House's "Gatekeeper Of Perceived Power," Was Appointed To The Committee For The Preservation Of The White House

December 3, 2020: Marcia Lee Kelly Was Appointed To The Committee For The Preservation Of The White House. "Marcia Lee Kelly, of California, to be a Member of the Committee for the Preservation of the White House." [The White House, 12/03/20]

• The Committee For The Preservation Of The White House "Is Tasked With Advising The President, The First Lady, And The Director Of The National Park Service On Preserving The Museum Quality Of The Public Spaces Of The White House." "The Committee, created in 1964 by Executive Order, is tasked with advising the President, the First Lady, and the Director of the National Park Service on preserving the museum quality of the public spaces of the White House. It works closely with the Executive Residence staff, especially the White House curator, and with the White House Historical Association, a supporting non-profit organization, that administers the White House Endowment Trust and the White House Acquisition Trust used to support the refurbishing projects and finance acquisitions." [The Obama White House Archives, 02/03/10]

Kelly Is A Former Assistant To President Trump And Director Of White House Management And Administration. [LinkedIn, Accessed 2/22/21]

Kelly Was The Director Of Operations Execution And The First Lady Designee Transition At The Trump For America Transition Team. [LinkedIn, Accessed 2/22/21]

Kelly Was Described As The "Gatekeeper Of Perceived Power" Of The Trump Administration, Acting As His Proxy Brokering Any And All Meetings Between Trump And Those Outside The Oval Office. "She previously stood proxy for him while working as what she calls the 'gatekeeper for perceived powe" in his administration. Anyone who wanted his or her office in the West Wing or near the Oval Office had to go through her first. At one point, there was a line so long to see her that she was gifted a deli counter 'take a number' machine." [Fortune, 2/24/20]

Kelly Was Described As Trump's Power Broker By Fortune. "The task of pleasing a President who prioritizes showmanship is not an easy one, and Trump is relying on Kelly, his 4-foot-11 first-generation Korean-American power broker, to make sure that this year's Republican National Convention is to his liking." [Fortune, 2/24/20]

Kelly Is A Former Event Planner For Rudy Giuliani. "Like the President, Kelly grew up in New York City, has ties to Rudy Giuliani (she planned large-scale events for him while he was mayor), and is used to dealing with the big personalities who work in commercial real estate: She spent years working at the whim of families like the Speyers of Tishman Speyer." [Fortune, 2/24/20]

Kelly Was The Director OF Operations At The 2016 Republican National Convention. [LinkedIn, Accessed 2/22/21]

Kelly Was The President And CEO Of The 2020 Republican National Convention. [LinkedIn, <u>Accessed 2/22/21</u>]

The D.C. Deputy Mayor For Planning And Economic Development Asked The Biden Administration To Dismiss Trump's 4 Last-Minute Appointees To The Commission On Fine Arts, Noting That "With These Appointments, The CFA Now Consists Entirely Of White, Male Trump Appointees."

December 22, 2020: Trump Named Four Members To The Commission on Fine Arts:

- **Steven W. Spandle.** "Steven W. Spandle, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Commission on Fine Arts." [The White House, 12/22/20]
- Chas Fagan. "Chas Fagan, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Commission on Fine Arts." [The White House, 12/22/20]
- Rodney Mims Cook, Jr. "Rodney Mims Cook, Jr., of Georgia, to be a Member of the Commission on Fine Arts." [The White House, 12/22/20]
- **Perry Guillot.** "Perry Guillot, of New York, to be a Member of the Commission on Fine Arts." [The White House, 12/22/20]
 - Melania Trump Hired Perry Guillot Ro Renovate The Rose Garden In 2020. "Maybe you heard the big Melania Trump news yesterday: three months out from the presidential election, the First Lady is on the verge of renovating parts of the White House Rose Garden. This is the first renovation of the garden in 58 years, according to the Washington Post, the first since Jackie Kennedy tapped Washington socialite Bunny Mellon to help make it over in 1961. But this time, the lead on the project is not a Washingtonian: Trump tapped a New Yorker, a landscape architect from the Hamptons named Perry Guillot." [Washingtonian, 7/28/20]

The U.S. Commission Of Fine Arts Is An Independent Federal Agency Charged With Giving The President, Congress, And Other Governmental Entities "Expert Advice" On "Matters Of Design And Aesthetics, As They Affect The Federal Interest And Preserve The Dignity Of The Nation's Capital." "The Commission of Fine Arts is an independent federal agency charged with giving expert advice to the President, the Congress and the federal and District of Columbia governments on matters of design and aesthetics, as they affect the federal interest and preserve the dignity of the nation's capital. The Commission is composed of seven presidentially appointed experts in relevant disciplines including art, architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design." [U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, accessed 02/19/21]

The D.C. Deputy Mayor For Planning And Economic Development Asked The Biden Administration To Dismiss Trump's Commission Of Fine Arts Nominees, Noting That "With These Appointments, The CFA Now Consists Entirely Of White, Male Trump Appointees" Who Support A Trump Proposal To Make "Make Our Nation's Capital A Mausoleum Of Neoclassical Architecture."

"The Biden administration has removed two Trump appointees from the National Capital Planning Commission as the District asks for more dismissals from the federal boards that weigh in on the D.C.'s built environment. The changes came after John Falcicchio, the D.C. Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development and Mayor Muriel Bowser's chief of staff, wrote to the administration asking Biden officials to take a look at Trump's appointees to the NCPC, the ACHP and the Commission of Fine Arts, according to the report. A White House spokesperson told the Post the administration is reviewing appointments. Changes could come to the CFA as well, where Trump appointed four new members on Jan. 19, the day before Biden's inauguration. 'With these appointments, the CFA now consists entirely of white, male Trump appointees supportive of the former administration's ill-conceived Executive Order, 'Promoting Beautiful Federal Civic Architecture,' which seeks to make our Nation's Capital a mausoleum of neoclassical architecture,' Falcicchio wrote, according to the Post report." [Washington Business Journal, 02/11/21]

Rachel Fulton Brown, A Conservative History Professor Who Wrote A Blog Post Titled "Three Cheers For White Men" And Has Opposed Multiculturalism, Was Named To The Cultural Property Advisory Committee, Which Focuses On Cultural Heritage Property Abroad.

December 22, 2020: Trump Named University Of Chicago History Professor Rachel Fulton Brown To The Cultural Property Advisory Committee. "Rachel Fulton Brown, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee." [The White House, 12/22/20]

Rachel Fulton Brown Is An Associate Professor Of History At The University Of Chicago.
 [University of Chicago, accessed <u>02/22/21</u>]

The Cultural Property Advisory Committee Is An Arm Of The US State Department Which Works To Develop International Cultural Property Agreements To Protect Cultural Heritage Property Abroad And Prevent The Illegal Trade Of Valuable Cultural Property. "U.S. efforts to protect and preserve cultural heritage through cultural property agreements promote stability, economic development, and good governance in other countries, while denying critical financing to terrorist organizations and other criminal networks that engage in illicit trade. [...] In essence, cultural property agreements are tools for preventing illicit activity. In some countries, it is unlawful to excavate, remove, or export cultural objects without a permit. Once a bilateral agreement is in place and corresponding import restrictions have been imposed, importation of designated objects into the United States is prohibited except under limited circumstances. The goal of such an agreement is to protect cultural heritage by reducing the incentive for further pillage of archaeological and ethnological material." [Bureau Of Education And Cultural Affairs, US Department Of State, Accessed 2/19/21]

Fulton Brown Is Known As A Conservative Academic, Prominently Known For A Blog Post Titled "'Three Cheers For White Men," Which One Professor Said "'Valorizes The Supposed Whiteness Of The Middle Ages." "Fulton Brown has reflected more generally on her experiences as a conservative in academia in a series of articles on her blog, *Fencing Bear at Prayer*. One of her oldest blog posts, 'Three Cheers for White Men,' received particular opposition from Brandeis University professor Dorothy Kim, who claimed that the article 'valorizes the supposed whiteness of the Middle Ages." [The Chicago Maroon, 01/04/21]

Fulton Brown Is "An Outspoken Defender Of The European Intellectual Tradition Against Relativism And Multiculturalism." "Fulton Brown, an outspoken defender of the European intellectual tradition against relativism and multiculturalism, believes Yiannopoulos has used his Bad Boy persona to pose serious questions about the long-term survival of the West." [Pacific Standard, 02/02/17]

Fulton Brown Controversially Defended And Associated With Former Breitbart Editor Milo Yinnapoulos, Who Stepped Down Following Accusations He Condoned Pedophilia. "Some of Fulton Brown's writing has generated controversy, specifically her association with and defense of former Breitbart News editor Milo Yiannopoulos. Yiannopoulos resigned from the outlet in 2017 after accusations that he had condoned pedophilia. In various articles and in her 2019 book *Milo Chronicles: Devotions 2016–2019*, Fulton Brown defended Yiannopoulos, spurring controversy among the University community." [The Chicago Maroon, 01/04/21]

Matt Schlapp, Husband Of Former Trump Communication Aide Mercedes
Schlapp And Chairman Of The Group That Runs The Prominent Conservative
Conference CPAC, Was Named To The Library Of Congress Trust Fund Board.

December 8, 2020: Trump Named Matthew A. Schlapp To The Library of Congress Trust Fund Board. "Matthew A. Schlapp, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board." [The White House, 12/08/20]

• The Library of Congress Trust Fund Board Helps To Oversee The Management Of The Library Of Congress' Funding. "Financial reports of the Library of Congress and select trust funds provide important financial information for the Congress, the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, and the American people on the stewardship, management, and leadership of the public and private funds entrusted to us." [Library of Congress, accessed 02/19/21]

Matt Schlepp Is The Chairman Of The American Conservative Union, Which Runs CPAC, The Prominent Annual Conservative Conference. "Matt Schlapp is the Chairman of the American Conservative Union, the nation's original grassroots conservative organization. During his five-year tenure as chairman, ACU has almost tripled in size, expanded CPAC to reach 25 million live viewers and 1 billion Twitter impressions at the most recent CPAC. ACU also hosts dozens of additional events, including Battleground CPACs in the US and international CPACs abroad." [CPAC, accessed 02/22/21]

CPAC Has Been "A Staple Of Republican Politics" For Decades, Known As A "Go-To Stop For Rising GOP Stars, Grassroots Organizers And Luminaries In The Trump Movement." "For decades, the Conservative Political Action Conference has been a staple of Republican politics. In recent years, the conservative confab has been the go-to stop for rising GOP stars, grassroots organizers and luminaries in the Trump movement." [Politico, 01/27/21]

Speakers At The 2020 CPAC Included Trump, Vice President Pence, And More Than 30 Trump Administration Figures, Including Jared And Ivanka Trump, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, And Secretary Of State Mike Pompeo. "The 2020 gathering was, for a brief moment, a crowning achievement for the conference's organizer, Schlapp. Delivering a 90-minute, chest-beating victory speech, Trump showed up to hype his survival of his first impeachment. Pence came as well. More than 30 Trump aides and officials in all spoke at the conference, ranging from Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to senior White House advisers Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump." [Politico, 01/27/21]

Schlapp, The Husband Of Former White House Communications Adviser Mercedes Schlapp, Was Hired For \$750,000 To Directly Lobby Trump To Pardon A Biopharmaceuticals Executive Convicted Of Securities Fraud. "The biggest fee reported by the clemency-seeking lobbying corps went to a staunch Trump ally: Matt Schlapp, chairman of the American Conservative Union, who charged \$750,000 for about a month of work, public filings show. Schlapp's lobbying client was Parker 'Pete' Petit, an Atlanta-area biopharmaceutical executive convicted of securities fraud on Nov. 19. His attorneys were trying to move quickly to secure a pardon before Trump left office. [...] Petit's attorneys decided they needed someone who could plead his case directly to Trump. They contacted Schlapp, the husband of former White House communications adviser Mercedes Schlapp. [...] Schlapp personally asked Trump about the pardon, according to a person familiar with the process. Petit's team was optimistic about his chances, but he was not on the final list." [The Washington Post, 02/05/21]

<u>Dr. Jonathan Bronitsky—Who Held A Prominent Role At The Conservative</u>
<u>Claremont Institute Under Michael Pack, Who Would Go On To Install Bronitsky</u>
<u>And Other Trump Loyalists In The Agency That Runs Voice Of America—Was</u>
<u>Named To The National Historical Publications And Records Commission.</u>

December 8, 2020: Trump Named Dr. Jonathan Bronitsky, Ph.D. To The National Historical Publications and Records Commission. "Dr. Jonathan Bronitsky, Ph.D., of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission." [The White House, <u>12/08/20</u>]

• The National Historical Publications And Records Commission, Affiliated With The National Archives And Records Administration (NARA), "Supports A Wide Range Of Activities To Preserve, Publish, And Encourage The Use Of Documentary Sources" Related To U.S. History. "The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), a statutory body affiliated with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), supports a wide range of activities to preserve, publish, and encourage the use of documentary sources, created in every medium ranging from quill pen to computer, relating to the history of the United States." [The National Archives, accessed 02/19/21]

Bronitsky Previously Served In The Office Of Personnel Management, Was A Chief Justice Department Speechwriter, And Held A Prominent Role At The Conservative Claremont Institute Under Michael Pack, Who Would Go On To Install Bronitsky And Other Trump Loyalists In The U.S. Agency for Global

Media, Which Runs The Voice Of America And Radio Free Europe. "President Donald Trump's pick to be the CEO of a federal media agency is moving ahead with installing loyal administration officials to key leadership roles. [...] Beyond adding new leaders to the agency, Michael Pack, the chief executive, terminated the membership of longtime board members on Wednesday that have been part of USAGM entities for years, including those on the boards of Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty, Radio Free Asia and the Open Technology Fund. [...] The newly appointed chief of staff to the U.S. Agency for Global Media [USAGM], once known as the Broadcasting Board of Governors, sent out a memo to staff about the changes that are being made. [...] The new director of public affairs is Jonathan Bronitsky, who once worked at the Office of Personnel Management, was a chief speechwriter at the U.S. Department of Justice and held a similar role at the Claremont Institute, a conservative think tank that was once led by Pack himself." [CNBC, 06/17/20]

 "USAGM Oversees The Voice Of America, A News Network That Has Been Publicly Under Siege By Trump And His Allies." [CNBC, 06/17/20]

<u>Trump Fundraiser, Campaign Advisor, And Unqualified National Security Advisor Ray Washburne Was Appointed To The National Security Education</u> Board

December 3, 2020: Ray W. Washburne Was Appointed To The National Security Education Board. "Ray W. Washburne, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board." [The White House, 12/03/20]

• The National Security Education Board Provides Strategic Consultation To The National Security Education Program, Which Oversees U.S. Department Of Defense Requirements On "Language, Regional Expertise, And Culture." "The 14-member National Security Education Board was established as part of NSEP [The National Security Education Program], prescribed in the National Security Education Act of 1991, P.L. 102-183, December 1991, as amended. The National Security Education Board provides strategic consultation, as outlined in 50 U.S.C 1903. Oversight for the National Security Education Program is provided by the National Security Education Board, which meets 'to review and make recommendations based on program mission and objectives." [National Security Education Board, accessed 02/19/21]

Washburne Was The Vice Chair Of The 2016 Trump Victory Leadership Team. "In Texas, Trump's most visible fundraiser is Dallas investor Ray Washburne, who put out word Monday that the presumptive nominee will visit the state next week to raise money for his campaign. Washburne is a vice chair of the 2016 Trump Victory Leadership Team, which is chasing millions of dollars for a candidate who spent the primary largely self-funding his campaign." [Texas Tribune, 6/06/16]

Washburne Donated Over \$100,000 To Trump And Republican Committees In The 2016 Election Cycle. "Three years ago, Dallas businessman Ray Washburne was vice chairman of the Trump Victory Committee, helping then-candidate Donald Trump and the Republican party raise millions of dollars ahead of the 2016 election – in addition to the more than \$100,000 of his own donations to the candidate's and the party's committees." [ABC News, 8/28/19]

Washburne Was Nominated By Trump And Unanimously Confirmed By The Senate To Be The Head of The Overseas Private Investment Corporation. "President Donald Trump's nominations of former Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison as NATO ambassador and Dallas investor Ray Washburne as head of the Overseas Private Investment Corp. were unanimously approved by the Senate on Thursday." [Dallas Morning News, 8/02/17]

Washburne Was Appointed To The President's Intelligence Advisory Board, A Board Of Unpaid Private Citizens Which Has Access To High Levels Of Classified Information, Despite Lacking Relevant Experience. "Now Washburn has formally joined an intelligence panel chosen by the president that has access to some of America's most closely held secrets and a line to the Oval Office. Washburne is one of a

handful of appointees on the secretive President's Intelligence Advisory Board, or PIAB, who appears to be light on national security experience but has given generously to Republican causes – though Washburne disputes any correlation. [...] The PIAB is an unpaid, part-time panel made up of private citizens that was created in 1956 by then-President Dwight Eisenhower to provide an independent perspective on the way the U.S. intelligence community goes about its normally cloistered business." [ABC News, 8/28/19]

David Legates—An Academic Who Has Called Climate Change Scientists

"Alarmists And Charlatans" And Is A Member Of The Fossil Fuel Friendly

Heartland Institute—Was Named To The President's Committee On The National

Medal Of Science, Which Is Supposed To Be Given To Those Who Have Made

"Outstanding Contributions To Knowledge."

December 3, 2020: David R. Legates Was Appointed To The President's Committee On The National Medal Of Science. "David R. Legates, of Delaware, to be a Member of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science." [The White House, 12/03/20]

• The President's Committee On The National Medal Of Science Evaluates Nominees For The National Medal Of Science, Which Is Given To Those Who Have Made "Outstanding Contributions To Knowledge In The Physical, Biological, Mathematical, Or Engineering Sciences." "The National Medal of Science was established by the 86th Congress in 1959 as a Presidential Award to be given to individuals 'deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to knowledge in the physical, biological, mathematical, or engineering sciences.' In 1980 Congress expanded this recognition to include the social and behavioral sciences. A Committee of 12 scientists and engineers is appointed by the President to evaluate the nominees for the Award. Since its establishment, the National Medal of Science has been awarded to 506 distinguished scientists and engineers whose careers spanned decades of research and development." [National Science Foundation, accessed 02/19/21]

Legates Is An Academic And A Member Of The Heartland Institute. "David Legates, Ph.D. is professor of climatology in the Department of Geography at the University of Delaware and an adjunct professor at the university's Physical Ocean Science and Engineering Program and in the Department of Applied Economics." [Heartland Institute, Accessed 2/22/21]

The Heartland Institute Is A Climate Denying Think Tank That Promotes Increased Domestic Fossil Fuel Productions. "Few entities have worked harder to instill doubt in American minds about the science of climate change than the Heartland Institute. The self-styled 'action tank' has published dozens of books and other media amplifying the voices of those who reject the scientific consensus on climate change. Last year, the libertarian organization mailed instructional materials questioning whether global warming is real to science teachers across the nation. Now, the group is declaring itself victorious in its crusade to convince Americans that climate science is debatable — despite the broad scientific agreement that it is not — and says it is instead pursuing economic and moral arguments to advance policies that bolster domestic fossil fuel production." [Frontline, 11/02/18]

Legates Co-Authored An Article Accusing Climate Researchers Of Exaggerating Their Climate Models In Order To Get More Funding. "Climate models have always overstated the warming. But even though modelers have admitted that their models are 'tuned' – revised after the fact to make it look like they predicted temperatures accurately – the modelers have made no attempt to change the climate sensitivity to match reality. Why not? They know disaster scenarios sell. Disaster forecasts keep them employed, swimming in research money – and empowered to tell legislators and regulators that humanity must we take immediate, draconian action to eliminate all fossil fuel use – the economic, human and environmental consequences be damned. And they probably will never admit their mistakes or duplicity, much less be held accountable. [...] So now we must demand honest, factual, evidence-based climate model as well. No more alarmists and charlatans setting climate and energy policy. Our economy, livelihoods, lives and liberties are too vital." [Heartland Institute, 4/13/20]

Legates Also Wrote An Article That Claimed That Climate Change Is Not Responsible For Rising Sea Levels. "[I]ncreasing CO2 concentrations are not significantly affecting the rate of sea level rise. As these concentrations have increased from before the industrial age when atmospheric CO2 levels were about 280 ppm to current conditions where they exceed 400 ppm, the lack of a significant change in the rate of increase implies that sea level rise is not responding to changes in greenhouse gas concentrations." [Heartland Institute, 2/07/19]

Former Football Player, Personal Friend Of Trump, And #StopTheSteal Promoter Herschel Walker Was Appointed By Donald Trump To The President's Council On Sports, Fitness & Nutrition

December 11, 2020: Herschel Junior Walker Was Appointed By Donald Trump To The President's Council On Sports, Fitness & Nutrition. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Herschel Junior Walker, of Georgia, Co-Chair." [The White House, 12/11/20]

• The President's Council On Sports, Fitness & Nutrition "Works To Increase Sports Participation Among Youth Of All Backgrounds And Abilities And To Promote Healthy And Active Lifestyles For All Americans." "The President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition (PCSFN) is a federal advisory committee supported by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) that works to increase sports participation among youth of all backgrounds and abilities and to promote healthy and active lifestyles for all Americans." [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, accessed 02/19/21]

Walker Is A Former Professional Football Player Who Said He Has A "'Deep Personal Friendship" With Trump. "Walker first met Trump in 1983 when he was drafted by the New Jersey Generals. The team was part of the short-lived United States Football League, which Trump owned at the time. Walker says he immediately formed a friendship with the famous real-estate developer, one that has lasted over the last 37 years. 'I'm talking about a deep personal friendship," Walker said on Monday." [CNBC, 8/25/20]

Walker Urged GOP Members Of Congress To Back The #StopTheSteal Campaign.



[Twitter, <u>12/17/20</u>]

Walker Called For Federal Charges To Be Filed Against Black Lives Matter Protestors. "Former NFL football player Herschel Walker is calling on local leaders to put an end to rioting across the United States. In a video posted to Twitter Monday, Walker argued that rioters should get federal time for destroying cities and citizens' businesses." [Fox News, 9/07/20]

All Non-Senate-Confirmed Appointees Since November 2020

Adams Memorial Commission

The Adams Memorial Commission Oversees The Creation Of A Planned D.C. Memorial To Former President John Adams. "In 2001, Public Law 107-62 authorized the Adams Memorial Foundation (Foundation) to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor former President John Adams and his legacy. [...] In 2003, Congress approved locating the Adams Memorial in the monumental core area of Washington, DC, referred to in the Commemorative Works Act as Area I. [...] In 2003, Congress approved locating the Adams Memorial in the monumental core area of Washington, DC, referred to in the Commemorative Works Act as Area I." [DOI H.R. 1120 Press Release, 12/12/18]

Jackie Gingrich Cushman. "Jackie Gingrich Cushman, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Adams Memorial Commission." [The White House, 11/17/20]

• Jackie Gingrich Cushman Is Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich's Daughter. "Jackie Gingrich Cushman is a nationally syndicated columnist for Creators Syndicate and an author who focuses on politics, business, faith, and American culture. Her most recent book is "Our Broken America: Why Both Sides Need to Stop Ranting and Start Listening," She is the daughter of former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and a Georgia voter." [Fox News, 10/07/19]

<u>Advisory Council on Historic Preservation</u>

ACHP: "The Advisory Council On Historic Preservation Promotes The Preservation, Enhancement, And Sustainable Use Of Our Nation's Diverse Historic Resources, And Advises The President And The Congress On National Historic Preservation Policy." [ACHP, <u>Accessed 2/19/21</u>]

Anna Cristina "Rickie" Niceta. "Anna Cristina "Rickie" Niceta, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation." [The White House, <u>12/16/20</u>]

 Niceta Was The White House Social Secretary Who Resigned In The Aftermath Of The Capitol Riots. "White House social secretary Anna Cristina 'Rickie' Niceta also resigned Wednesday effective immediately, a White House official told CNN." [STL Today, 1/07/21]

Arctic Research Commission

The US Arctic Research Commission Is An Independent Federal Agency That Develops Objectives For Scientific Research Goals In The Arctic. "The US Arctic Research Commission (USARC) is an independent federal agency created by the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984. It is a presidentially appointed advisory body supported by staff in Washington, DC, and in Anchorage, Alaska. In addition to delivering a biennial report to the President and Congress outlining recommended scientific research goals and objectives for the Arctic, the Commission develops and recommends an integrated national Arctic research policy and builds cooperative links in Arctic research within the federal government, with the State of Alaska, and with international partners." [U.S. Arctic Research Commission, accessed 02/19/21]

• The Trump Administration Was "Blocking Climate Work At The U.S. Arctic Research Commission," According To A Senior Biden Transition Official. "Some climate moves can't happen until Biden officials remedy those deficiencies, a senior transition official said, because 'those have been very carefully directed budget cuts to the very parts of the [EPA] that are going to be necessary to get rid of [Trump's] outrageous rollbacks.' [...] Elsewhere in government, the official said, the Trump administration has curtailed the Energy Department's Quadrennial Energy Review and other research; moved to cut the Treasury Department's office of energy and environment; and disengaged from the international Arctic Council while blocking climate work at the U.S. Arctic Research Commission." [Scientific American, 01/06/21]

Thomas Emanuel Dans. "Thomas Emanuel Dans, of Texas, to be a Member of the Arctic Research Commission." [The White House, 12/03/20]

- Thomas Dans' "Expertise" Includes "oil and gas, mining, renewable energy, agribusiness and fisheries" And He Has Invested In Businesses Operating In The Russian Arctic. "His past investments have included businesses operating throughout the Russian Arctic and Far East as well as numerous joint U.S./Russian investments. Mr. Dans' sector expertise includes oil and gas, mining, renewable energy, agribusiness and fisheries, telecom, infrastructure and applied technologies." [U.S. Arctic Research Commission, accessed 02/19/21]
- Thomas Emmanuel Dans Is The President Of Grand River Capital, Which Has Been Involved In "Oil Exploration In Kazakhstan" And "Mineral And Water Rights Opportunities" In The U.S. "Thomas Emanuel Dans, CFA President Mr. Dans (49) started Grand River Capital in 2006 to offer clients high caliber, value-added alternative asset consulting solutions, delivered with an unmatched level of personalized service and professionality. [...] Grand River takes a generalist approach but has particular expertise in food and agribusiness, energy, media and securities valuation. Past international assignments have included mobile communications in the Republic of Georgia, oil exploration in Kazakhstan and franchised pizza in Russia. In the U.S., Grand River has assisted therapeutic and medical technology clients, and helped on numerous pecan and permanent crop investments, mineral and water rights opportunities and distressed debt and bankruptcy matters." [Grand River Capital, accessed 02/19/21]

Crawford Patkotak. "Crawford Patkotak, of Alaska, to be a Member of the Arctic Research Commission." [The White House, 12/03/20]

- Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, "Alaska's Largest Private-Sector Employer," Is "Heavily Invested In Oil And Gas," Owns An Oil Refining Business, And Has Been Significantly Affected By Low Oil Prices Amid The Pandemic. "Alaska's largest private-sector employer, Arctic Slope Regional Corp., has laid off employees and cut charitable giving due to the collapse in oil prices and the economic shutdown caused by the global coronavirus pandemic. [...] "Unfortunately, the total impact of the COVID-19 response (and low oil prices) isn't quite known yet and it could get worse before it gets better," Hardt wrote, referencing the disease caused by the coronavirus. [...] The Alaska Native corporation is heavily invested in oil and gas, including ownership of an oil refining business, and represents residents and descendants of Iñupiat communities on Alaska's North Slope, from Point Hope to Kaktovik." [Alaska Public Media, 04/07/20]
- The Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Which Has Subsurface Mineral Rights In 92,000 Acres Of Arctic Land, Supported Drilling In Alaska's National Wildlife Refuge—Which Was Also A "Decades-Long Quest" Among Republicans That Was Fulfilled When Trump Sold Oil And Gas Leases In The Refuge Just Two Weeks Before Leaving Office. "Trump administration officials auctioned off oil and gas leases in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge on Wednesday, capping Republicans' decades-long quest to drill in one of the nation's most vast unspoiled wild places. The move marks one of the most significant environmental rollbacks the president has accomplished in his term. [...] A number of Alaska Native officials including those in Kaktovik, which lies within the refuge's boundaries and has surface land rights next to the coastal plain back energy development on the refuge. The Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, which holds 92,000 acres of subsurface mineral rights, has also backed drilling there." [The Washington Post, 01/06/21]

Dr. Julia Nesheiwat, Ph.D. "Dr. Julia Nesheiwat, Ph.D., of Florida, to be a Member of the Arctic Research Commission." [The White House, 12/10/20]

David Kennedy. "David Kennedy, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Arctic Research Commission." [The White House, 12/08/20]

Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center

The American Folklife Center Was Established By The Library Of Congress To Document, Archive, And Preserve Past And Present American Folk Arts. "The American Folklife Center was created in 1976 by the U.S. Congress to 'preserve and present American folklife' through programs of research, documentation, archival preservation, reference service, live performance, exhibitions, publications, and training. Designated by the U.S. Congress as the national center for folklife documentation and research, the American Folklife Center continues to collect and document living traditional culture, while preserving for the future its unparalleled collections in the state-of-the-art preservation facilities of the Library of Congress. The American Folklife Center Archive, established in the Library of Congress Music Division in 1928, is now one of the largest archives of ethnographic materials from the United States and around the world, encompassing millions of items of ethnographic and historical documentation recorded from the nineteenth century to the present." [Library Of Congress, Accessed 2/19/21]

Garrick Davis. "Garrick Davis, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center." [The White House, <u>12/03/20</u>]

Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Kennedy Center Board Of Trustees Appointments "Often Go To Donors, Fundraisers And Other High Profile Figures Who Have Been Loyal Supporters To Presidents." "The appointments often go to donors, fundraisers and other high profile figures who have been loyal supporters to presidents of either party. [...] The Kennedy Center board is extensive: It currently has 36 members appointed by the president, according to the center website, along with 21 ex officio members designated by Congress." [Variety, 03/26/19]

Pam Bondi. "The president also nominated former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi to serve on the board of trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, as well as White House staff secretary Derek Lyons, who notified Trump of his plans to leave the job earlier this month." [Politico, 12/22/20]

Pamella DeVos (Betsy DeVos' Sister-In-Law). "Trump rolled out a similarly lengthy roster of appointments last week. He said he would name Pamella DeVos, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' sister-in-law, to the Kennedy Center board of trustees, and Brian Hook, the former U.S. special representative for Iran, to the board of trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars." [Politico, 12/08/20]

Lynn Friess. "The president also announced the nominations of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and Lynn Friess, the wife of Republican megadonor Foster Friess, as members of the board of trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts." [Politico, 12/08/20]

Paolo Zampolli. "The list includes people who have contributed to Trump's political campaigns, as well as Paolo Zampolli, who has boasted of introducing Trump to now-first lady Melania Trump. Zampolli was nominated for a position on the Kennedy Center board." [Politico, 12/22/21]

Derek Lyons. "The president also nominated former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi to serve on the board of trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, as well as White House staff secretary Derek Lyons, who notified Trump of his plans to leave the job earlier this month." [Politico, 12/22/20]

Edward McMullen, Jr. "Edward McMullen, Jr., of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts." [The White House, 12/22/20]

Douglas Manchester. "Douglas Manchester, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts." [The White House, 12/08/20]

Hannah F. Buchan. "Hannah F. Buchan, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts." [The White House, 12/08/20]

Catherine B. Reynolds. "Catherine B. Reynolds, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts." [The White House, <u>12/08/20</u>]

Robert Castellani. "Robert Castellani, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts." [The White House, <u>12/03/20</u>]

Brian D. Ballard. "Brian D. Ballard, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts." [The White House, <u>12/03/20</u>]

Mary Helen Bowers. "Mary Helen Bowers, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts." [The White House, <u>12/03/20</u>]

Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy

The U.S. Air Force Academy's Visitors Board Inquires Into The Culture, Equipment, Fiscal Affairs, Academic Methods, And Other Operational Aspects Of The Academy. "The U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors is established under Title 10 U.S. Code, § 9355. The Board inquires into the morale, discipline, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods and other matters relating to the Academy which the Board decides to consider." [USAFA, Accessed 2/19/21]

Kellyanne Conway. "President Donald Trump announced Tuesday that he would appoint former White House aide Kellyanne Conway to the board of visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy." [Politico, <u>12/08/20</u>]

- Reuters Reported That Conway Was Not Affected By A Biden Administration Purge Of DOD
 Advisory Boards. "New Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has stripped several hundred appointees of
 their posts on Pentagon advisory boards, a number of whom took office at the end of President Donald
 Trump's administration, two U.S. officials said on Tuesday. [...] The move does not affect at least two
 well-known Trump aides: Sean Spicer, a former White House spokesman who was appointed to the
 Naval Academy Board of Visitors, and Kellyanne Conway, a senior Trump aide who was appointed to
 the Air Force Academy Board of Visitors." [Reuters, 02/02/21]
- DOD's Purge Memo Said The Air Force Academy Board Would Retain Its Members:
 - 9. Board of Visitors of the U. S. Air Force Academy
 - Non-discretionary Advisory Committee
 - > Sponsor: Secretary of the Air Force
 - Member Appointment Authority: President of the United States and Congress
 - Subject to Zero-Based Review: Yes. Members will be retained, and Sponsor's Zero-Based Review submission will be submitted no later than April 30, 2021

[U.S. Department of Defense, 01/30/21]

Heidi H. Stirrup. "Heidi H. Stirrup, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy." [The White House, 12/03/20]

Wes Spurlock. "Wes Spurlock, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy." [The White House, 12/03/20]

Board Of Visitors to the Coast Guard Academy

The Coast Guard Academy's Board Of Visitors Reviews The Academy's Operations And Makes Recommendations. "A Board of Visitors to the Coast Guard Academy is established to review and make recommendations on the operation of the Academy." [U.S. Legal Code §1903, Accessed 2/19/21]

Alexander B. Gray. "Alexander B. Gray, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Visitors to the Coast Guard Academy." [The White House, <u>12/22/20</u>]

- Gray Was Previously A Deputy For Trump Trade Advisor Peter Navarro. "Robert O'Brien has appointed Alex Gray, formerly the National Security Council's Oceania & Indo-Pacific security director, to be a senior adviser, according to three people familiar with the plan. An NSC spokesman declined to comment. Gray previously worked as a deputy for Peter Navarro, Trump's trade and manufacturing adviser who has repeatedly warned about the need to re-balance the U.S. relationship with China." [Bloomberg, 10/01/19]
- Alexander Gray Was On Trump's Transition Team And Was One Of Only Two Of Peter Navarro's Staffers, As Of July 2017. "Navarro works out of a large office filled with trade to-do lists down a long, quiet hallway in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, about half-a-city block from the Oval Office. Although he technically runs the National Trade Council and Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy, serving as a liaison between the White House and Commerce, he only has two staffers. One of them, Alexander Gray, worked on defense issues as a former member of the presidential transition team." [Politico, 07/17/17]
- Peter Navarro, One Of The Trump White House's "Top Trade Advisers" Was Known For His
 "Extreme Policy Ideas." "Peter Navarro, one of the White House's top trade advisers, is widely
 viewed throughout the West Wing and Capitol Hill as a prickly personality with extreme policy ideas."
 [Politico, 07/17/17]
- In December 2020, Navarro Spread "A Largely Fanciful Account Of How The Election Was Stolen From Trump." "In mid-December Navarro unveiled a largely fanciful account of how the election was stolen from Trump, based primarily on discredited allegations that no judge accepted." [Columbus Dispatch, 02/19/21]

Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy

The Visitors Board Inquires Into The Culture, Equipment, Fiscal Affairs, Academic Methods, And Other Operational Aspects Of The Academy. "Welcome to the Board of Visitors Web site. The board, under the provisions of 10 US Code 4355 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, shall inquire into the morale and discipline, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the academy that the board decides to consider." [West Point, Accessed 2/19/21]

Douglas Macgregor. "Douglas Macgregor, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy." [The White House, <u>12/08/20</u>]

- Douglas Macgregor, One-Time Trump Nominee To Be U.S. Ambassador To Germany, Had "A
 History Of Making Xenophobic And Racist Comments About Immigrants And Refugees."
 "President Donald Trump's nominee to become the US ambassador to Germany has a history of
 making xenophobic and racist comments about immigrants and refugees in both Germany and the US."
 [CNN, 08/04/20]
 - The U.S. Senate MacGregor's Returned Ambassador Nomination On January 3, 2021.
 [PN2156 Douglas Macgregor Department of State, <u>07/29/20</u>]

- MacGregor "Repeatedly Advocated To Institute Martial Law At The US-Mexico Border And 'Shoot People' If Necessary." "He warned Mexican cartels were 'driving millions of Mexicans with no education, no skills and the wrong culture into the United States, placing them essentially as wards of the American people.' He repeatedly advocated to institute martial law at the US-Mexico border and "shoot people" if necessary." [CNN, 08/04/20]
- MacGregor Said Eastern Ukrainians Were "Russians" On Russian State-Controlled TV As
 Russia Tried To Annex Crimea From Ukraine. "He also said that Eastern Ukrainians are 'Russians'
 on the Russian state-controlled TV network RT in 2014 after Russia tried to annex Crimea and began
 an ongoing war with Ukraine over the territory -- positions not supported by the European Union and
 United States." [CNN, 08/04/20]
- Macgregor Said Muslim Migrants Had "'The Goal Of Eventually Turning Europe Into An Islamic State.'" "Retired Army Col. Douglas Macgregor, a decorated combat veteran, author and frequent guest on Fox News, claimed that Muslim migrants were coming to Europe 'with the goal of eventually turning Europe into an Islamic state.' He criticized Germany for giving 'millions of unwanted Muslim invaders' welfare benefits rather than providing more funding for its armed services." [CNN, 08/04/20]

Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy

The United States Merchant Marine Academy Educates Students Who Are Committed To Serve As "Licensed Merchant Marine Officers And Commissioned Officers In The Armed Forces." "The United States Merchant Marine Academy is a federal service academy that educates and graduates leaders of exemplary character who are committed to serve the national security, marine transportation, and economic needs of the United States as licensed Merchant Marine Officers and commissioned officers in the Armed Forces." [United States Merchant Marine Academy, accessed 02/19/21]

Francis John Brooke, Jr. "Francis John Brooke, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy." [The White House, 12/22/20]

- Francis John Brooke "Oversaw Energy Policy At The White House" Before Becoming The
 Trump Administration's Deputy Director Of The National Economic Council. "President Donald
 Trump's top economic adviser Larry Kudlow has selected Francis Brooke, an aide who formerly
 oversaw energy policy at the White House, as the new deputy director of the National Economic
 Council." [Bloomberg, 06/18/20]
- Brooke Helped The Trump Administration To Develop Policies To Bypass Environmental Reviews For Major Infrastructure Projects, Including Pipelines. "Brooke, who is already a member of the National Economic Council, helped the White House develop policies intended to accelerate permitting for major infrastructure projects like pipelines and highways by using emergency authorities to bypass some environmental reviews." [Bloomberg, 06/18/20]
- While A Congressional Aide, Brooke "Worked On Legislation That Lifted The Ban On U.S. Crude
 Oil Exports." "As a congressional aide, Brooke worked on legislation that lifted the ban on U.S. crude
 oil exports and helped finance the Strategic Petroleum Reserve." [Bloomberg, 06/18/20]
- The Merchant Marine Consists Of Civilian Ships, Including Tankers, That Import And Export Goods. "The Merchant Marine, sometimes called the merchant navy, consists of civilian vessels such as tankers and cargo ships that import and export goods to other countries. The U.S. transports 75% of its trade goods by sea, and mariners, also known as water transportation workers, serve on these vessels to make sure the products get to their destinations safely and on time. Mariners may be pilots, mates, captains or seamen, but they all play a role in ensuring the smooth travel of commercial vessels." [Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies, 08/27/20]

• Merchant Marine Officers "Spend Thousands Of Hours In Rigorous Training And Evaluation" And "Must Obtain A Series Of Competencies And Specialized Credentials Before They Can Even Step Foot Aboard A Tanker Or Vessel." "Before setting foot on a tanker, future marine officers spend thousands of hours in rigorous training and evaluation. Additionally, they must obtain a series of competencies and specialized credentials before they can even step foot aboard a tanker or vessel. Maritime academies in the U.S. provide future mariners with comprehensive academic training in specific nautical and engineering studies that are essential for meeting the high standards of professionalism in the maritime industry." [American Petroleum Institute, 02/22/21]

Eugene R. Lutz. "Eugene R. Lutz, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy." [The White House, <u>12/03/20</u>]

Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy

The Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy Monitors The Curriculum, Fiscal Affairs, And Other Aspects Of The Naval Academy And Issues Recommendations To The President On Its Findings. "The duty of the Academy's Board of Visitors is to inquire into the state of morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the academy which the Board decides to consider. The Board consists of six members appointed by the President, three appointed by the Vice President, four appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one designated by the Senate Armed Services Committee and one designated by the House Armed Services Committee. The President of the United States receives an annual written report of the Board's findings and recommendations." [The United States Naval Academy, accessed 02/19/21]

Sean Spicer. "Spicer left behind the Foxtrot and flashy blouses of his recent stint on "Dancing with the Stars," donning a suit and magenta tie for his first Naval Academy Board of Visitors meeting Monday, where an expected budget approval delay was discussed despite infrastructure needs at the academy. President Donald Trump appointed Spicer to the board in July, two years after Spicer resigned as Trump's first White House press secretary." [Military.com, 12/03/19]

- Reuters Reported That Spicer Was Not Affected By A Biden Administration Purge Of DOD
 Advisory Boards. "New Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has stripped several hundred appointees of
 their posts on Pentagon advisory boards, a number of whom took office at the end of President Donald
 Trump's administration, two U.S. officials said on Tuesday. [...] The move does not affect at least two
 well-known Trump aides: Sean Spicer, a former White House spokesman who was appointed to the
 Naval Academy Board of Visitors, and Kellyanne Conway, a senior Trump aide who was appointed to
 the Air Force Academy Board of Visitors." [Reuters, 02/02/21]
- DOD's Purge Memo Said The Naval Academy Board Would Retain Its Members:
 - 42. United States Naval Academy Board of Visitors
 - Non-discretionary Advisory Committee
 - Sponsor: Secretary of the Navy
 - Member Appointment Authority: President of the United States, and Congress
 - Subject to Zero-Based Review: Subject to Zero-Based Review: Yes. Members will be retained, and Sponsor's Zero-Based Review submission will be submitted no later than April 30, 2021

[U.S. Department of Defense, 01/30/21]

Russ Vought. "Other administration hands include Russ Vought, Trump's Office of Management and Budget director, who was nominated for a spot on the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors." [Politico, 12/22/21]

 Reuters Reported That Another Naval Academy Board Member, Sean Spicer, Was Not Affected By A Biden Administration Purge Of DOD Advisory Boards. "New Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has stripped several hundred appointees of their posts on Pentagon advisory boards, a number of whom took office at the end of President Donald Trump's administration, two U.S. officials said on Tuesday. [...] The move does not affect at least two well-known Trump aides: Sean Spicer, a former White House spokesman who was appointed to the Naval Academy Board of Visitors, and Kellyanne Conway, a senior Trump aide who was appointed to the Air Force Academy Board of Visitors." [Reuters, 02/02/21]

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[U.S. Department of Defense, 01/30/21]

John Coale. "John Coale, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy." [The White House, <u>12/03/20</u>]

Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad

The U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad Identifies Sites In Central And Eastern Europe That Are Of Significance To U.S. Citizens And Works With The State Department To Ensure That Foreign Governments Preserve These Sites. "The Commission is an agency of the Government of the United States of America separate from any other agency. It was established by U.S. Public Law 99-83. The law directs the Commission to—1. identify and report on cemeteries, monuments, and historic buildings in Eastern and Central Europe that are associated with the heritage of U.S. citizens, particularly endangered properties, and 2. obtain, in cooperation with the Department of State, assurances from the governments of the region that the properties will be protected and preserved." [U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, accessed 02/19/21]

Dr. Darren Jeffrey Beattie. "Dr. Darren Jeffrey Beattie, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad." [The White House, 11/17/20]

- The Commission For The Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad Oversees Preservation Efforts For Overseas Holocaust Sites And Seeks Out New Sites To Be Protected. "The body was founded in 1985 and is tasked with seeking out, and overseeing, the preservation of overseas sites related to the Holocaust." [Business Insider, 11/19/20]
- Darren Beattie, Once A Trump Speechwriter, Was Fired For Attending A Meeting Of White
 Nationalists—Beattie Initally Refused To Resign And Had To Be Fired. "A former speechwriter for
 President Donald Trump, who was previously fired for attending a meeting of white nationalists, has
 been given a new role to help oversee memorials commemorating the Holocaust genocide. Trump
 nominated Darren Beattie to become a board member of the Commission for the Preservation of
 America's Heritage Abroad, the White House said in a Wednesday statement." [Business Insider,
 11/19/20]
 - The Trump White House Asked Beattie To Resign After News Of The White Nationalist Meeting Broke In August 2018, But He Refused And Had To Be Fired. "After CNN's report was published, the White House asked Beattie to step down in August 2018, but he refused, and was subsequently fired, according to The Washington Post." [Business Insider, 11/19/20]

- Beattie Spoke Alongside Anti-Immigration Site Founder Peter Brimelow At A Conference Held By The H.L. Mencken Club, Which Has Hosted White Nationalists Including Richard Spencer.
 "CNN found that Beattie spoke on a panel alongside Peter Brimelow, the founder of anti-immigration website Vdare, at a conferences hosted by the right-wing society the H.L. Mencken Club. The Southern Poverty Law Center said Brimelow 'regularly publishes works by white supremacists, anti-Semites, and others on the radical right." [Business Insider, 11/19/20]
 - The H.L. Mencken Club "'Has Hosted Some Of America's Most Prominent White Nationalist Ideologues In The Past, And Serves As A Safe Space For Professors To Vent Their Racist Views," According To The Southern Poverty Law Center. "The HL Mencken Club, founded in 2008, describes itself as 'a society' for "independent-minded intellectuals and academics of the Right". According to the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) advocacy group, the Mencken Club 'has hosted some of America's most prominent white nationalist ideologues in the past, and serves as a safe space for professors to vent their racist views'. Altright leader and white supremacist Richard Spencer has been a speaker at the Mencken Club's conferences in the past." [BBC, 08/20/18]

Committee for the Preservation of the White House

The Committee For The Preservation Of The White House "Is Tasked With Advising The President, The First Lady, And The Director Of The National Park Service On Preserving The Museum Quality Of The Public Spaces Of The White House." "The Committee, created in 1964 by Executive Order, is tasked with advising the President, the First Lady, and the Director of the National Park Service on preserving the museum quality of the public spaces of the White House. It works closely with the Executive Residence staff, especially the White House curator, and with the White House Historical Association, a supporting non-profit organization, that administers the White House Endowment Trust and the White House Acquisition Trust used to support the refurbishing projects and finance acquisitions." [The Obama White House Archives, 02/03/10]

Marcia Lee Kelly. "Marcia Lee Kelly, of California, to be a Member of the Committee for the Preservation of the White House." [The White House, <u>12/03/20</u>]

- Kelly Is A Former Assistant To President Trump And Director Of White House Management And Administration. [LinkedIn, Accessed 2/22/21]
- Kelly Was The Director Of Operations Execution And The First Lady Designee Transition At THe Trump For America Transition Team. [LinkedIn, Accessed 2/22/21]
- Kelly Was The Director OF Operations At The 2016 Republican National Convention. [LinkedIn, Accessed 2/22/21]
- Kelly Was The President And CEO Of The 2020 Republican National Convention. [LinkedIn, Accessed 2/22/21]
- Kelly Was Described As The "Gatekeeper Of Perceived Power" Of The Trump Administration, Actnig As His Proxy Brokering Any And All Meetings Between Trump And Those Outside The Oval Office. "She previously stood proxy for him while working as what she calls the 'gatekeeper for perceived powe" in his administration. Anyone who wanted his or her office in the West Wing or near the Oval Office had to go through her first. At one point, there was a line so long to see her that she was gifted a deli counter 'take a number' machine." [Fortune, 2/24/20]
- Kelly Was Described As Trump's Power Broker By Fortune. "The task of pleasing a President who prioritizes showmanship is not an easy one, and Trump is relying on Kelly, his 4-foot-11 first-generation Korean-American power broker, to make sure that this year's Republican National Convention is to his liking." [Fortune, 2/24/20]

• Kelly Is A Former Event Planner For Rudy Giuliani. "Like the President, Kelly grew up in New York City, has ties to Rudy Giuliani (she planned large-scale events for him while he was mayor), and is used to dealing with the big personalities who work in commercial real estate: She spent years working at the whim of families like the Speyers of Tishman Speyer." [Fortune, 2/24/20]

Commission Of Fine Arts

The U.S. Commission Of Fine Arts Is An Independent Federal Agency Charged With Giving The President, Congress, And Other Governmental Entities "Expert Advice" On "Matters Of Design And Aesthetics, As They Affect The Federal Interest And Preserve The Dignity Of The Nation's Capital." "The Commission of Fine Arts is an independent federal agency charged with giving expert advice to the President, the Congress and the federal and District of Columbia governments on matters of design and aesthetics, as they affect the federal interest and preserve the dignity of the nation's capital. The Commission is composed of seven presidentially appointed experts in relevant disciplines including art, architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design." [U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, accessed 02/19/21]

Steven W. Spandle. "Steven W. Spandle, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Commission on Fine Arts." [The White House, <u>12/22/20</u>]

Chas Fagan. "Chas Fagan, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Commission on Fine Arts." [The White House, 12/22/20]

Rodney Mims Cook, Jr. "Rodney Mims Cook, Jr., of Georgia, to be a Member of the Commission on Fine Arts." [The White House, <u>12/22/20</u>]

Perry Guillot. "Perry Guillot, of New York, to be a Member of the Commission on Fine Arts." [The White House, 12/22/20]

• Melania Trump Hired Perry Guillot Ro Renovate The Rose Garden In 2020. "Maybe you heard the big Melania Trump news yesterday: three months out from the presidential election, the First Lady is on the verge of renovating parts of the White House Rose Garden. This is the first renovation of the garden in 58 years, according to the Washington Post, the first since Jackie Kennedy tapped Washington socialite Bunny Mellon to help make it over in 1961. But this time, the lead on the project is not a Washingtonian: Trump tapped a New Yorker, a landscape architect from the Hamptons named Perry Guillot." [Washingtonian, 7/28/20]

The D.C. Deputy Mayor For Planning And Economic Development Asked The Biden Administration To Dismiss Trump's Commission Of Fine Arts Nominees, Noting That "With These Appointments, The CFA Now Consists Entirely Of White, Male Trump Appointees" Who Support A Trump Proposal To Make "Make Our Nation's Capital A Mausoleum Of Neoclassical Architecture."

"The Biden administration has removed two Trump appointees from the National Capital Planning Commission as the District asks for more dismissals from the federal boards that weigh in on the D.C.'s built environment. The changes came after John Falcicchio, the D.C. Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development and Mayor Muriel Bowser's chief of staff, wrote to the administration asking Biden officials to take a look at Trump's appointees to the NCPC, the ACHP and the Commission of Fine Arts, according to the report. A White House spokesperson told the Post the administration is reviewing appointments. Changes could come to the CFA as well, where Trump appointed four new members on Jan. 19, the day before Biden's inauguration. 'With these appointments, the CFA now consists entirely of white, male Trump appointees supportive of the former administration's ill-conceived Executive Order, 'Promoting Beautiful Federal Civic Architecture,' which seeks to make our Nation's Capital a mausoleum of neoclassical architecture,' Falcicchio wrote, according to the Post report." [Washington Business Journal, 02/11/21]

Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys

The Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Is A Permanent Bipartisan Commission Within The US Commission On Civil Rights Tasked With Making Policy Recommendations To The Federal Government On Issues That Disproportionately Affect Black Males. "Today the U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act (S.2163/H.R. 1636), introduced by Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson, to establish a 19-member commission examining the social disparities that disproportionately affect black males in America. [...] The Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act establishes a permanent, bipartisan commission within the United States Commission on Civil Rights. Its 19 members will include congressional lawmakers, executive branch appointees, issue experts, activists, and other stakeholders who will examine social disparities affecting black men and boys in America. Based on its findings, the commission will issue policy recommendations to Congress, the White House, and federal agencies. The bipartisan, bicameral Caucus on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, which Congresswoman Wilson founded and co-chairs, will craft legislation to implement those recommendations." [Congressswoman Frederica Wilson Press Release, 7/27/20]

Jack Brewer. "Jack Brewer, of Florida, to be a Member of the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys for a term of four years." [The White House, <u>11/17/20</u>]

- Brewer Was A Member Of Black Voices For Trump And An Outspoken Public Supporter Of His Presidency, Even Calling Him The "First Black President." "Jack Brewer, a member of Black Voices for Trump who is scheduled to speak at the Republican National Convention on Wednesday, was charged with insider trading by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission earlier this month. [...] Brewer has become a prominent supporter of President Trump's reelection, making frequent appearances on Fox News and tweeting that 'Trump has done more for blacks than any [President] since Lincoln.' At a White House event in February, Brewer called Trump, 'the first Black President." [NPR, 8/25/20]
- Brewer Was Charged With Insider Trading By The SEC In August 2020. "Jack Brewer, a member of Black Voices for Trump who is scheduled to speak at the Republican National Convention on Wednesday, was charged with insider trading by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission earlier this month. Brewer is a former NFL player who went on to work in financial services. The SEC alleges he sold 100,000 shares in a penny stock because he had inside information that the company's share price was likely to drop." [NPR, 8/25/20]

Community Development Advisory Board

The Community Development Advisory Board Advises The Director Of The Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund. "Section 104(d) of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 established the Community Development Advisory Board to advise the Director of the Fund on policies regarding the activities of the CDFI Fund. The Advisory Board is to meet at least annually." [Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, accessed 02/19/21]

Rep. Mike Sanders. "Rep. Mike Sanders, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Community Development Advisory Board." [The White House, 12/08/20]

Christopher C. Papagianis. "Christopher C. Papagianis, of New York, to be a Member of the Community Development Advisory Board." [The White House, <u>12/08/20</u>]

J. Steven Grist. "J. Steven Grist, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Community Development Advisory Board." [The White House, <u>12/08/20</u>]

James H. Herbert II. "James H. Herbert II, of Wyoming, to be a Member of the Community Development Advisory Board." [The White House, 12/08/20]

Robert Benedict Bowes. "Robert Benedict Bowes, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Community Development Advisory Board." [The White House, 12/03/20]

- Bowes Was A Senior White House Advisor On Health And Insurance Under Trump. "Mr. Trump nominated Robert Benedict Bowes, a senior adviser on health and insurance in the White House Office of Personnel Management, to a five-year term at the CFTC. Mr. Bowes would replace outgoing Republican commissioner Brian D. Quintenz, who said earlier this year that he plans to step down by the end of October." [The Wall Street Journal, 8/13/20]
- Bowes Was A Field Director For Donald J. Trump For President Inc Prior To Joining The Trump Administration. [ProPublica, Accessed 2/22/21]

Julie T. Radford. "Julie T. Radford, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Community Development Advisory Board." [The White House, 12/16/20]

• Radford Was The Chief Of Staff To Ivanka Trump. "Radford's role as an official chief of staff to a first daughter is unique. Ivanka Trump is focused on women's issues, but shealso has been described by her attorney as a looming presence who serves as 'her father's eyes and ears' in the White House. Ivanka Trump also has an assistant, and she continues to work closely with her father's longtime senior communications adviser, Hope Hicks, who worked for the Trump Organization before joining the campaign. She also retains an outside spokeswoman. A White House official declined to comment on how many more staffers she planned to hire." [Politico, 4/21/17]

Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Is An Independent Executive Branch Organization That Examines How Federal, State, And Local Governments Can Better Coordinate On Programs That Concern Of Affect At-Risk Juveniles And Juvenile Delinquency. "The Council, an independent organization in the executive branch, examines how federal juvenile delinquency programs and other federal programs and activities can be coordinated among federal, state, and local governments to better serve at-risk children and juveniles. The Council makes recommendations to the President, and to the Congress, at least annually." [Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Accessed 2/19/21]

Sheriff Grady Judd. "Sheriff Grady Judd, of Florida, to be a Member of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention." [The White House, <u>12/22/20</u>]

- Sheriff Grady Judge Is The Head Of The Polk County Sheriff's Office. "Grady Judd began his career at the Polk County Sheriff's Office (Florida) in 1972 as a dispatcher. After transferring to the Patrol Division in 1974, he quickly progressed through the ranks holding every rank from Sergeant to Colonel. Polk County overwhelmingly elected Grady to serve as Sheriff in 2004." [Polk County Sheriff's Office, Accessed 2/22/21]
- During The 2020 Black Lives Matter Protests, Judd Made A Public Statement Threatening Potential 'Agitators,' Encouraging The Residents Of Polk County To "Blow You Back Out Of The House With Their Guns." "A Florida sheriff addressed rumors on social media of riot activity trickling into residential neighborhoods Monday, warning would-be agitators that 'the people of Polk County like guns, they have guns." I would tell them, if you value your life, you probably shouldn't do that in Polk County,' said Sheriff Grady Judd. 'I encourage them to own guns, and they're going to be inside their homes tonight with their guns loaded. And if you try to break into their homes tonight and try to steal, to set fires, I'm highly recommending they blow you back out of the house with their guns." [WATE, 6/01/20]
- Judd Publicly Supported A Proposed Law By Florida Governor Ron DeSantis That Would Further Criminalizing Protesting Tactics Including Obstructing A Roadway. "Under the proposed

legislation, participating in violent assemblies would be a third degree felony. Tearing down or destroying monuments would be second degree felony. Obstructing roadways would be a third degree felony. [...] In a statement, Sheriff Judd said he supports peaceful protestors like the one that occurred at his headquarters, which is why he supports the governor's bill." [WFLA, 9/23/20]

The Proposed Law Judd Supports Would Also Allow Drivers To Run Over Protestors
 Obstructing A Road Without Penalty. "Prohibition on Obstructing Roadways: 3rd degree felony to
 obstruct traffic during an unpermitted protest, demonstration or violent or disorderly assembly; driver
 is NOT liable for injury or death caused if fleeing for safety from a mob." [Governor Of Florida's Office
 Press Release, 9/21/20]

Michael J. Gableman. "Michael J. Gableman, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention." [The White House, <u>12/22/20</u>]

- Gableman Is A Former Wisconsin State Supreme Court Justice. "Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman announced Thursday he will not seek a second term next year, shaking up the April race for a seat on the high court." [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 6/15/17]
- Gableman Was Accused Of An Ethics Violation For Running A "Willie Horton-Style" Attack Ad Against His Opponent While Running For Wisconsin Supreme Court. "Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman was uneasy with a Willie Horton-style ad attacking his opponent but eventually gave his approval anyway, state regulators said. Gableman is accused of violating an ethics rule that prohibits judges from knowingly misrepresenting facts about an opponent. He is fighting the charge, arguing last year's ad attacking then-Justice Louis Butler was technically true. The Wisconsin Judicial Commission alleges Gableman willfully violated the rule and should be disciplined. In a recent filing outlining its case, the commission said Gableman's advisers urged him to run the ad falsely suggesting Butler helped free a sex offender who later raped again." [Twin Cities Pioneer Press, 3/17/09]
- As A Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Gableman Refused To Recuse Himself From A Case Involving A Law Firm That Had Defended Him From An Ethics Allegation Pro-Bono. "State Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman said Friday he would not step aside in three matters, including an attempt to reopen last year's decision that allowed a new law to take effect that curbed the power of public unions. Attorneys in the cases asked Gableman to remove himself because other parties in the cases were represented by Michael Best & Friedrich, which defended Gableman against an ethics allegation without billing him. Lawyers have said the legal work was likely worth tens of thousands of dollars." [Miwaukee0Wisconsin Journal Sentinel, 1/20/12]
- Gableman Authored An Opinion That Absolved Governor Scott Walker And Gableman's Two Largest Donors, Wisconsin Club For Growth And WMC Of Illegal Campaign Activity. "Gableman later wrote the horrendous decision shutting down the John Doe investigation of illegal campaign coordination between Gov. Scott Walker and the Wisconsin Club for Growth and WMC, though these two groups spent \$2.3 million on the judge's 2008 campaign, or 63 percent of all money spent to elect him. The opposing lawyer asked that Gableman recuse himself, but he declined, without bothering to offer any explanation. This is a man who clearly lacks any ethical compass." [Urban Milwaukee, 6/20/17]

Von L. Best. "Von L. Best, of Texas, to be a Member of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention." [The White House, $\frac{12/22/20}{2}$]

Council of the Administrative Conference of the United States

The Council Of The Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS), Consisting Of Private And Public Experts, Oversees The ACUS, Which Issues Recommendations On Federal Administrative Process And Procedure. "The ten-member ACUS Council is composed of government officials and private citizens. All Council members are appointed by the President for three-year terms. The President also

designates the Vice Chairman. The Council is responsible for calling plenary sessions, proposing bylaws and regulations for adoption by the Assembly, reviewing budgetary proposals and approving the appointment of public members and the conducting of research studies." [Administrative Conference of the United States, accessed 02/19/21]

• The Administrative Conference Of The United States, Consisting Of Experts From The Private And Public Sector, Is An Independent Federal Agency That "Recommend[s] Improvements To Administrative Process And Procedure." "ACUS is an independent federal agency charged with convening expert representatives from the public and private sectors to recommend improvements to administrative process and procedure. ACUS initiatives promote efficiency, participation, and fairness in the promulgation of federal regulations and in the administration of federal programs." [Administrative Conference of the United States, accessed 02/19/21]

Andrew Kloster. "Andrew Kloster, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council of the Administrative Conference of the United States." [The White House, 12/08/20]

- Kloster Is A Member Of The Federalist Society. [Federalist Society Profile, <u>Accessed 2/22/21</u>]
- Kloster Served As The Legal Advisor To General Counsel Of The Department Of Transportation In The Trump Administration. [Andrew Kloster OGE Form 278e Form, 9/11/17]
- Kloster Was A Legal Fellow At The Heritage Foundation. [Andrew Kloster OGE Form 278e Form, 9/11/17]

Cultural Property Advisory Committee

The Cultural Property Advisory Committee Is An Arm Of The US State Department Which Works To Develop International Cultural Property Agreements To Protect Cultural Heritage Property Abroad And Prevent The Illegal Trade Of Valuable Cultural Property. "U.S. efforts to protect and preserve cultural heritage through cultural property agreements promote stability, economic development, and good governance in other countries, while denying critical financing to terrorist organizations and other criminal networks that engage in illicit trade. [...] In essence, cultural property agreements are tools for preventing illicit activity. In some countries, it is unlawful to excavate, remove, or export cultural objects without a permit. Once a bilateral agreement is in place and corresponding import restrictions have been imposed, importation of designated objects into the United States is prohibited except under limited circumstances. The goal of such an agreement is to protect cultural heritage by reducing the incentive for further pillage of archaeological and ethnological material." [Bureau Of Education And Cultural Affairs, US Department Of State, Accessed 2/19/21]

Rachel Fulton Brown. "Rachel Fulton Brown, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee." [The White House, <u>12/22/20</u>]

- Rachel Fulton Brown Is An Associate Professor Of History At The University Of Chicago.
 [University of Chicago, accessed <u>02/22/21</u>]
- Fulton Brown Is Known As A Conservative Academic, Prominently Known For A Blog Post Titled "Three Cheers For White Men," Which One Professor Said "Valorizes The Supposed Whiteness Of The Middle Ages." "Fulton Brown has reflected more generally on her experiences as a conservative in academia in a series of articles on her blog, Fencing Bear at Prayer. One of her oldest blog posts, 'Three Cheers for White Men,' received particular opposition from Brandeis University professor Dorothy Kim, who claimed that the article 'valorizes the supposed whiteness of the Middle Ages." [The Chicago Maroon, 01/04/21]
- Fulton Brown Is "An Outspoken Defender Of The European Intellectual Tradition Against Relativism And Multiculturalism." "Fulton Brown, an outspoken defender of the European intellectual

tradition against relativism and multiculturalism, believes Yiannopoulos has used his Bad Boy persona to pose serious questions about the long-term survival of the West." [Pacific Standard, 02/02/17]

Fulton Brown Controversially Defended And Associated With Former Breitbart Editor Milo Yinnapoulos, Who Stepped Down Following Accusations He Condoned Pedophilia. "Some of Fulton Brown's writing has generated controversy, specifically her association with and defense of former Breitbart News editor Milo Yiannopoulos. Yiannopoulos resigned from the outlet in 2017 after accusations that he had condoned pedophilia. In various articles and in her 2019 book Milo Chronicles: Devotions 2016–2019, Fulton Brown defended Yiannopoulos, spurring controversy among the University community." [The Chicago Maroon, 01/04/21]

Mark C. Hendricks. "Mark C. Hendricks, of Utah, to be a Member of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee." [The White House, <u>11/17/20</u>]

Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico

The Financial Oversight And Management Board For Puerto Rico "Is Tasked With Working With The People And Government Of Puerto Rico To Create The Necessary Foundation For Economic Growth And To Restore Opportunity To The People Of Puerto Rico." "The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico was created under the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act of 2016. The Board consists of seven members appointed by the President of the United States and one ex officio member designated by the Governor of Puerto Rico. The Board is tasked with working with the people and Government of Puerto Rico to create the necessary foundation for economic growth and to restore opportunity to the people of Puerto Rico." [The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, accessed 02/19/21]

Antonio L. Medina Comas. "Antonio L. Medina Comas, of Puerto Rico, to be a Member of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico." [The White House, 12/14/20]

Andrew George Biggs. "Andrew George Biggs, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico." [The White House, <u>12/08/20</u>]

Dr. Betty A. Rosa, Ph.D. "Dr. Betty A. Rosa, Ph.D., of New York, to be a Member of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico." [The White House, 12/08/20]

John E. Nixon. "John E. Nixon, of Utah, to be a Member of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico." [The White House, 12/08/20]

J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board

The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board Supervises The U.S. State Department's Fulbright Program, Which Offers Grants For U.S. Citizens To Conduct Research Abroad Or For Non-Citizens To Study In The U.S. "Appointed by the President of the United States, the 12-member Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board was established by Congress to supervise the global Fulbright Program as authorized by the Fulbright-Hays Act of 1961." [U.S. Department of State, accessed 02/19/21] "The Fulbright Program Offers Grants To Study, Teach And Conduct Research For U.S. Citizens To Go Abroad And For Non-U.S. Citizens To Come To The United States." [U.S. Department of State, accessed 2/19/21]

Hope Hicks. "The president named Hope Hicks to be a member of the board overseeing the prestigious Fulbright scholarship. Hicks has long been one of Trump's closest confidants outside of members of his own family and returned to the White House this year after leaving earlier in his presidency. Her Covid-19 diagnosis this fall touched off a deluge of positive tests throughout Trump's orbit, including the president himself." [Politico, 12/22/20]

Amy Hanson Swonger. "Amy Hanson Swonger, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board." [The White House, 12/22/20]

William Ruger. "William Ruger, of Virginia, to be a Member of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board." [The White House, 12/08/20]

Library of Congress Trust Fund Board

The Library of Congress Trust Fund Board Helps To Oversee The Management Of The Library Of Congress' Funding. "Financial reports of the Library of Congress and select trust funds provide important financial information for the Congress, the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, and the American people on the stewardship, management, and leadership of the public and private funds entrusted to us." [Library of Congress, accessed 02/19/21]

Matthew A. Schlapp. "Matthew A. Schlapp, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board." [The White House, <u>12/08/20</u>]

- Matt Schlepp Is The Chairman Of The American Conservative Union, Which Runs CPAC, The
 Prominent Annual Conservative Conference. "Matt Schlapp is the Chairman of the American
 Conservative Union, the nation's original grassroots conservative organization. During his five-year
 tenure as chairman, ACU has almost tripled in size, expanded CPAC to reach 25 million live viewers
 and 1 billion Twitter impressions at the most recent CPAC. ACU also hosts dozens of additional events,
 including Battleground CPACs in the US and international CPACs abroad." [CPAC, accessed 02/22/21]
 - CPAC Has Been "A Staple Of Republican Politics" For Decades, Known As A "Go-To Stop For Rising GOP Stars, Grassroots Organizers And Luminaries In The Trump Movement." "For decades, the Conservative Political Action Conference has been a staple of Republican politics. In recent years, the conservative confab has been the go-to stop for rising GOP stars, grassroots organizers and luminaries in the Trump movement." [Politico, 01/27/21]
- Speakers At The 2020 CPAC Included Trump, Vice President Pence, And More Than 30 Trump Administration Figures, Including Jared And Ivanka Trump, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, And Secretary Of State Mike Pompeo. "The 2020 gathering was, for a brief moment, a crowning achievement for the conference's organizer, Schlapp. Delivering a 90-minute, chest-beating victory speech, Trump showed up to hype his survival of his first impeachment. Pence came as well. More than 30 Trump aides and officials in all spoke at the conference, ranging from Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to senior White House advisers Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump." [Politico, 01/27/21]
- Schlapp, The Husband Of Former White House Communications Adviser Mercedes Schlapp, Was Hired For \$750,000 To Directly Lobby Trump To Pardon A Biopharmaceuticals Executive Convicted Of Securities Fraud. "The biggest fee reported by the clemency-seeking lobbying corps went to a staunch Trump ally: Matt Schlapp, chairman of the American Conservative Union, who charged \$750,000 for about a month of work, public filings show. Schlapp's lobbying client was Parker 'Pete' Petit, an Atlanta-area biopharmaceutical executive convicted of securities fraud on Nov. 19. His attorneys were trying to move quickly to secure a pardon before Trump left office. [...] Petit's attorneys decided they needed someone who could plead his case directly to Trump. They contacted Schlapp, the husband of former White House communications adviser Mercedes Schlapp. [...] Schlapp personally asked Trump about the pardon, according to a person familiar with the process. Petit's team was optimistic about his chances, but he was not on the final list." [The Washington Post, 02/05/21]

Medal of Valor Review Board

The Medal Of Valor Review Board "Reviews The Nominations And Recommends Individuals For Recognition" Of The Medal Of Valor, The "Highest National Award" For Public Safety Officers. "On

January 14, 2002, the Charter for the Medal of Valor Review Board was signed by the Attorney General. As required by the legislation, the eleven-member board was appointed by the President, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the U.S. Senate, and the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives. The board, which comprises representatives of the public safety community and the general public, reviews the nominations and recommends individuals for recognition." [Bureau of Justice Assistance, accessed 02/19/21]

• The Medal Of Valor Is "The Highest National Award For Valor By A Public Safety Officer." "Every day, public safety officers risk their lives to protect America's citizens and communities. To honor that commitment, Congress passed The Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001, which created the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, the highest national award for valor by a public safety officer. The medal is awarded annually by the President or Vice President to public safety officers who have exhibited exceptional courage, regardless of personal safety, in the attempt to save or protect human life." [Bureau of Justice Assistance, accessed 02/19/21]

Peter Lamelas, MD. "Peter Lamelas, MD, of Florida, to be a Member of the Medal of Valor Review Board." [The White House, <u>12/22/20</u>]

National Board for Education Sciences

The National Board For Education Sciences Has A Wide Range Of Duties Advising The Institute Of Educational Sciences, Which Is "The Statistics, Research, And Evaluation Arm Of The U.S. Department Of Education." "The duties of the National Board for Education Sciences are to: Advise and consult with the Director on the policies of the Institute; Consider and approve priorities proposed by the Director to guide the work of the Institute; Review and approve procedures for technical and scientific peer review of the activities of the Institute; Advise the Director on activities to be supported by the Institute, including the general areas of research to be carried out by the National Center for Education Research; Present the Director with recommendations for strengthening education research and the funding of the Institute; Advise the Director on the funding of applications after the completion of peer review; Review and regularly evaluate the work of the Institute to ensure that its research, development, evaluation, and statistical analyses are consistent with the standards set out in the Education Sciences Reform Act: Advise the Director on ensuring that activities of the Institute are objective, secular, neutral, and nonideological and free of partisan influence and racial, cultural, gender, or regional bias; Solicit advice and information from the field regarding priorities for the Institute; Advise the Director on opportunities for the participation in, and the advancement of, women, minorities, and persons with disabilities in education research, statistics, and evaluation activities of the Institute: Recommend to the Director ways to enhance strategic partnerships and collaborative efforts among other federal and state research agencies; and Recommend to the Director individuals to serve as Commissioners of the National Education Centers." [Institute Of Educational Sciences, Accessed 2/19/21]

• The Institute Of Education Sciences "Is The Statistics, Research, And Evaluation Arm Of The U.S. Department Of Education." "The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) is the statistics, research, and evaluation arm of the U.S. Department of Education. We are independent and non-partisan. Our mission is to provide scientific evidence on which to ground education practice and policy and to share this information in formats that are useful and accessible to educators, parents, policymakers, researchers, and the public." [The Institute of Education Sciences, accessed 02/19/21]

John Yoo. "John Yoo, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences." [The White House, 12/10/20]

• John Yoo, Author Of The "Torture Memos" During The George W. Bush Administration And Ardent Trump Supporter, Was Among Eight Education Science Board Appointees Criticized For Having Apparently "No Expertise In The Subject Area." "One month before his term expires, President Donald Trump has revived a moribund federal education research advisory panel by appointing eight members who appear to have no expertise in the subject area. [...] The member with arguably the highest public profile is John Yoo, a law professor at the University of California, Berkeley. He served in the Department of Justice under former President George W. Bush, and authored the so-

called "torture memos" that provided the legal justification for the war on terror waged in the aftermath of the September 2001 attacks. Yoo has also been vocal in defending Trump's action during his impeachment and in his attempts to overturn the results of this year's presidential election." [Science, 12/11/20]

Michael Faulkender. "Michael Faulkender, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences." [The White House, <u>12/10/20</u>]

Michael Faulkender Was An Assistant Secretary In The Trump Treasury Department. "One month before his term expires, President Donald Trump has revived a moribund federal education research advisory panel by appointing eight members who appear to have no expertise in the subject area. [...] Some of the new members have backgrounds in banking or international finance. Michael Faulkender is an assistant secretary at the Department of the Treasury for economic policy on leave from the University of Maryland, College Park [...]" [Science, 12/11/20]

Stephanie Grisham. "Stephanie Grisham, the former White House press secretary who never held a formal public media briefing during her tenure, was nominated to the National Board for Education Sciences." [Politico, 12/22/21]

Jeremy Carl. "Jeremy Carl, of Montana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences." [The White House, <u>12/22/20</u>]

Professor Adam Candeub. "Professor Adam Candeub, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences." [The White House, 12/16/20]

James O'Neill. "James O'Neill, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences." [The White House, <u>12/16/20</u>]

Kristan King Nevins. "Kristan King Nevins, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences." [The White House, <u>12/16/20</u>]

Siri Terjesen. "Siri Terjesen, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences." [The White House, 12/14/20]

Michael Anton. "Michael Anton, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences." [The White House, 12/10/20]

Lisa Cutone. "Lisa Cutone, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences." [The White House, 12/08/20]

Marina A. DeWit. "Marina A. DeWit, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences." [The White House, <u>12/08/20</u>]

Larry Schweikart. "Larry Schweikart, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences." [The White House, 12/08/20]

Professor Steve H. Hanke. "Professor Steve H. Hanke, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences." [The White House, 12/03/20]

Dale Ahlquist. "Dale Ahlquist, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences." [The White House, <u>12/03/20</u>]

National Cancer Advisory Board

The National Cancer Institute Is A Federal Research Institute Focused On Lessening The Impact Of Cancer. "The paramount goal of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) is to develop the knowledge base that will ultimately lessen the impact of cancer. Among the most important contributors to this base are the outstanding extramurally funded scientists supported by the NCI through grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements. The DEA was established within the NCI to provide the NCI and the scientific community with expert scientific review of the merits of extramural research, procedures, and policies to help the Institute achieve its goal. An important part of DEA's mission is to manage and coordinate the second level of grants review with the National Cancer Advisory Board and the concept review of all new and reissued Request for Applications (RFAs) and research and development (R&D) Request for Proposals (RFPs) with the Board of Scientific Advisors (BSA)." [DEA NCI, Accessed 2/19/21]

The National Cancer Advisory Board Advises The Secretary Of The National Cancer Institute On Its Operations, Review Institute Grants, Make Institute Data Public With Approval, And Convene Internal Advisory Groups. "The Board may recommend to the Secretary, in accordance with section 231 of the PHS Act, as amended, acceptance of conditional gifts, which support research, training, health information dissemination, and other programs with respect to the cause, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of cancer. rehabilitation from cancer, and the continuing care of cancer patients and the families of cancer patients. for the acquisition of grounds, or for the construction, equipping, or maintenance of facilities for the Institute. The Board may review applications for grants and cooperative agreements for research and training and recommend approval of applications for projects which show promise of making valuable contributions to human knowledge; may review any grant, contract, or cooperative agreement proposed to be made or entered into by the Institute; may collect, by correspondence or by personal investigation, information as to studies which are being carried on in the United States or any other country and, with the approval of the Director of NCI, make available such information through appropriate publications for the benefit of public and private health entities, health professions personnel and scientists, and for the information of the general public; and with the approval of the Executive Secretary, may call upon special consultants, assemble ad hoc working groups, appoint subcommittees and convene workshops and conferences." [NCAB Charter, Accessed 2/19/21]

Chang Oh Turkmani. "Chang Oh Turkmani, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Cancer Advisory Board." [The White House, 12/08/20]

Elizabeth M. Fago. "Elizabeth M. Fago, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Cancer Advisory Board." [The White House, <u>12/08/20</u>]

- Fago Is A Senior Living Facility Magnate Based In Florida. "The plan for the Institute first was proposed in 2010 by Palm Health Partners, which consists of philanthropist and nursing home magnate Elizabeth Fago and her son, Paul Walczak." [Daily Commercial, 11/07/19]
- Fago's Was Unable To Reliably Pay Her Staff At A Luxury Senior Living Facility She Owned Because Her Payroll Company Owed The IRS \$8.3 Million In Back Payroll Taxes. "On a Tuesday in April, executives at NuVista Living at Wellington Green held meetings with anxious employees, hoping to calm fears and explain why paychecks had been late, held back or bounced in recent months. Officials at the luxury rehabilitation and senior living facility blamed payroll problems on two factors: a delayed Medicare payment and a shortfall from an investment partner. NuVista officials, including chairwoman Elizabeth Fago, promised the workers they would be paid that coming Friday. [...] Meanwhile, Fago's payroll company, owned with her son, Paul Walczak, owes a stunning \$8.3 million in liens to the IRS for back payroll taxes." [Palm Beach Post, 5/26/18]
- Fago Has A History Of Refusing To Pay Her Employees And Large State And Federal Tax Leins. Fago] has left a trail of federal and state tax liens, contested debts and litigation in her rise from real estate agent to self-proclaimed nursing-home mogul... Ms. Fago borrowed heavily to take over nursing homes in remote communities. She drives \$100,000 cars, spirits political friends in a private jet and has contributed at least \$400,000 to Republican candidates and to the party since 2001.... Beneath the public persona, however, is a woman who: refused for 13 years to pay a \$200 florist bill; went to court at least 35 times, often over petty financial disputes such as her refusal to pay an employee a \$5,000

commission; built up \$110,000 in federal tax liens, including a 1986 debt of \$75,000 that remained until 2000; and, during an interview with a Post reporter, conveniently forgot about her 1985 marriage to a drug dealer." [Broward Palm Beach New Times, 4/12/13]

Dr. Jack T. Evjy, M.D. "Dr. Jack T. Evjy, M.D., of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the National Cancer Advisory Board." [The White House, <u>12/08/20</u>]

National Council On Disability

The National Council on Disability Is An Independent Federal Agency That Advises The President, Congress, And Federal Agencies On Policies And Procedures That Affect People With Disabilities. "NCD is an independent federal agency charged with advising the President, Congress, and other federal agencies regarding policies, programs, practices, and procedures that affect people with disabilities. NCD is comprised of a team of Presidential and Congressional appointees, an Executive Director appointed by the Chair, and a full-time professional staff." [National Council on Disability, accessed 02/19/21]

Munr Kazmir. "Munr Kazmir, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability." [The White House, <u>12/16/20</u>]

David D'Arcangelo. "David D'Arcangelo, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability." [The White House, <u>12/16/20</u>]

National Historical Publications and Records Commission

The National Historical Publications And Records Commission, Affiliated With The National Archives And Records Administration (NARA), "Supports A Wide Range Of Activities To Preserve, Publish, And Encourage The Use Of Documentary Sources" Related To U.S. History. "The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), a statutory body affiliated with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), supports a wide range of activities to preserve, publish, and encourage the use of documentary sources, created in every medium ranging from quill pen to computer, relating to the history of the United States." [The National Archives, accessed 02/19/21]

Dr. Jonathan Bronitsky, Ph.D. "Dr. Jonathan Bronitsky, Ph.D., of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission." [The White House, <u>12/08/20</u>]

- Bronitsky Previously Served In The Office Of Personnel Management, Was A Chief Justice Department Speechwriter, And Held A Prominent Role At The Conservative Claremont Institute Under Michael Pack, Who Would Go On To Install Bronitsky And Other Trump Loyalists In The U.S. Agency for Global Media, Which Runs The Voice Of America And Radio Free Europe. "President Donald Trump's pick to be the CEO of a federal media agency is moving ahead with installing loyal administration officials to key leadership roles. [...] Beyond adding new leaders to the agency, Michael Pack, the chief executive, terminated the membership of longtime board members on Wednesday that have been part of USAGM entities for years, including those on the boards of Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty, Radio Free Asia and the Open Technology Fund. [...] The newly appointed chief of staff to the U.S. Agency for Global Media [USAGM], once known as the Broadcasting Board of Governors, sent out a memo to staff about the changes that are being made. [...] The new director of public affairs is Jonathan Bronitsky, who once worked at the Office of Personnel Management, was a chief speechwriter at the U.S. Department of Justice and held a similar role at the Claremont Institute, a conservative think tank that was once led by Pack himself." [CNBC, 06/17/20]
 - "USAGM Oversees The Voice Of America, A News Network That Has Been Publicly Under Siege By Trump And His Allies." [CNBC, 06/17/20]

National Infrastructure Advisory Committee

The National Infrastructure Advisory Committee Advises The President, Via The Homeland Security Secretary, On "The Security And Resilience Of The Nation's Critical Infrastructure Sectors." "NIAC, established on October 16, 2001, shall advise the President, through the Secretary of Homeland Security, on the security and resilience of the Nation's critical infrastructure sectors and their functional systems, physical assets, and cyber networks." [U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 12/06/19]

Richard Pluta. "Richard Pluta, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Infrastructure Advisory Committee." [The White House, <u>11/17/20</u>]

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

The National Institute Of Food And Agriculture Consolidates All Federally Funded Agriculture Research. "The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) was established by the Food Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Farm Bill) to find innovative solutions to issues related to agriculture, food, the environment, and communities. One of four agencies that make up USDA's Research, Education, and Economics (REE) mission area, the agency is structured to direct federal funding effectively to programs that address key national and global challenges. NIFA addresses these challenges by supporting a clear mission, a vision, and goals." [USDA NIFA, Accessed 2/19/21]

Carrie Castille. "Carrie Castille, of Louisiana, to be Director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture." [The White House, <u>12/22/20</u>]

National Museum and Library Services Board

The National Museum And Library Services Board Advises The Institute Of Museum And Library Services On Its General Policies Related To "Museum, Library, And Information Services, As Well As The Annual Selection Of National Medals Recipients." "The National Museum and Library Services Board, established by 20 U.S.C. § 9105a, advises the agency on general policies with respect to the duties, powers, and authority of IMLS relating to museum, library, and information services, as well as the annual selection of National Medals recipients." [Institute of Museum and Library Services, accessed 02/19/21]

Norma Thompson. "Norma Thompson, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board." [The White House, <u>12/22/20</u>]

Jennie Stapp. "Jennie Stapp, of Montana, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board." [The White House, 12/22/20]

Brian T. Allen. "Brian T. Allen, of Vermont, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board." [The White House, 12/10/20]

National Science Board

The National Science Board Establishes The Policies Of The National Science Foundation Advises Congress And The President, And Approves Major Awards. "The NSB establishes the policies of the National Science Foundation and serves as advisor to Congress and the President. The Board approves major NSF awards, provides congressional testimony and issues statements relevant to the nation's S&E enterprise." [NSF, Accessed 2/19/21]

• The National Science Foundation Is An Independent Agency That Support Fundamental Research And Education In All Non-Medical Fields Of Science And Engineering. "The National Science Foundation (NSF) is an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1950 "o promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense...' NSF is vital because we support basic research and people to create knowledge that transforms the future." [NSF, Accessed 2/19/21]

Scott Stanley. "Scott Stanley, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board." [The White House, 11/24/20]

Matthew Malkan. "Matthew Malkan, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board." [The White House, 11/24/20]

National Security Education Board

The National Security Education Board Provides Strategic Consultation To The National Security Education Program, Which Oversees U.S. Department Of Defense Requirements On "Language, Regional Expertise, And Culture." "The 14-member National Security Education Board was established as part of NSEP [The National Security Education Program], prescribed in the National Security Education Act of 1991, P.L. 102-183, December 1991, as amended. The National Security Education Board provides strategic consultation, as outlined in 50 U.S.C 1903. Oversight for the National Security Education Program is provided by the National Security Education Board, which meets 'to review and make recommendations based on program mission and objectives." [National Security Education Board, accessed 02/19/21]

Ray W. Washburne. "Ray W. Washburne, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board." [The White House, 12/03/20]

- Washburne Was The Vice Chair Of 2016 Trump Victory Leadership Team. "In Texas, Trump's most visible fundraiser is Dallas investor Ray Washburne, who put out word Monday that the presumptive nominee will visit the state next week to raise money for his campaign. Washburne is a vice chair of the 2016 Trump Victory Leadership Team, which is chasing millions of dollars for a candidate who spent the primary largely self-funding his campaign." [Texas Tribune, 6/06/16]
- Washburne Donated Over \$100,000 To Trump And Republican Committees In The 2016 Election Cycle. "Three years ago, Dallas businessman Ray Washburne was vice chairman of the Trump Victory Committee, helping then-candidate <u>Donald Trump</u> and the Republican party raise millions of dollars ahead of the 2016 election in addition to the more than \$100,000 of his own donations to the candidate's and the party's committees." [ABC News, 8/28/19]
- Washburne Was Nominated By Trump And Unanimously Confirmed By The Senate To Be The
 Head of The Overseas Private Investment Corporation. "President Donald Trump's nominations of
 former Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison as NATO ambassador and Dallas investor Ray Washburne as
 head of the Overseas Private Investment Corp. were unanimously approved by the Senate on
 Thursday." [Dallas Morning News, 8/02/17]

Henry Boland Howard. "Henry Boland Howard, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years." [The White House, <u>11/17/20</u>]

President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities

The President's Committee For People With Intellectual Disabilities' Advises The President On Issues That Affect Those With Intellectual Disabilities. "PCPID aims to provide advice and assistance to the President of the U.S. and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on a broad range of topics that impact people with intellectual disabilities as well as the field of intellectual disabilities. The foundation of this mission is a goal to improve the quality of life experienced by people with intellectual disabilities by upholding their full citizenship rights, independence, self-determination, and lifelong participation in their communities." [ACL, Accessed 2/19/21]

Marcus David Bachmann. "Marcus David Bachmann, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities." [The White House, 12/22/20]

• Marcus Bachmann, Spouse Of Former Rep. Michelle Bachmann, Was Cited By State Officials For Failing To Keep Records On Developmental Conditions Among Patients In His "'Pray Away The Gay" Clinic. "A clinic that was accused of pushing bogus 'pray away the gay' therapy — and is owned by former Rep. Michele Bachmann's husband — was cited by Minnesota health inspectors for failing to properly keep patient records. Inspectors going through the paperwork at the Counseling Care clinic in Lake Elmo found last month that 'developmental condition' and other legally-required information was missing in the records they perused, a Minnesota Department of Human Services correction order dated March 20 states. Marcus Bachmann said they were guilty of making 'minor clerical errors." [NBC News, 03/24/17]

Buffie Anderson. "Buffie Anderson, of Texas, to be a Member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities." [The White House, 12/22/20]

Kurt A. Kondrich. "Kurt A. Kondrich, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities." [The White House, <u>12/22/20</u>]

Kristin Yodock. "Kristin Yodock, of California, to be a Member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities." [The White House, 12/22/20]

Suzanna Sexton. "Suzanna Sexton, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities." [The White House, <u>12/16/20</u>]

Jeannie Leauma. "Jeannie Leauma, of California, to be a Member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities." [The White House, <u>12/16/20</u>]

Teri Geston. "Teri Geston, of California, to be a Member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities." [The White House, 12/16/20]

Sherie Kainz Ibarra. "Sherie Kainz Ibarra, of California, to be a Member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities." [The White House, <u>12/10/20</u>]

Alice Olsen. "Alice Olsen, of California, to be a Member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities." [The White House, 12/10/20]

Bethany A. Kozma. "Bethany A. Kozma, of Virginia, to be a Member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities." [The White House, 12/10/20]

James Kernochan. "James Kernochan, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities." [The White House, 12/10/20]

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Oversees Defined Benefit Pension Plans Valued At Over \$3 Trillion For Over 34 Million Workers. "The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC or the Corporation)

protects the retirement security of over 34 million American workers, retirees, and beneficiaries in both single-employer and multiemployer private-sector defined benefit pension plans. The benefits of these participants are valued at more than \$3 trillion. The Corporation's two insurance programs are legally separate and operationally and financially independent." [Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, accessed <u>02/19/21</u>]

Guy Pinkman. "Guy Pinkman, of Nebraska, to be a Member of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation." [The White House, <u>12/22/20</u>]

Lynn Franzoi. "Lynn Franzoi, of California, to be a Member of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation." [The White House, <u>12/22/20</u>]

- Lynn Franzoi Has Been Owner Of LLF Consulting, LLC Since November 2010. [Linkedin Profile for Lynn Franzoi, accessed <u>02/22/21</u>]
- Franzoi Is A Benefits Executive Who "Has Served On The Boards Of Corporations, Hospitals And Non-Profit Organizations," Including Fox Entertainment Group, American Honda, And Whittaker Corporation. "Lynn has managed the design, administration and financing of benefits for Fox Entertainment Group, a major global entertainment company, as well as other major Los Angelesbased companies, including American Honda and Whittaker Corporation. Lynn is an accomplished executive who has served on the boards of corporations, hospitals and non-profit organizations and who has provided advisory services to public, private and government agencies." [LLF Consulting, accessed 02/22/21]
- Franzoi Has Been On The Board Of Directors For The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce, Has Chaired Its Employee Benefits Committee, And Is Still A Member Of Its Employee Benefits Committee, According To Her Consulting Firm Biography. "U.S. Chamber of Commerce [...] Member, Board of Directors 2006 2013 [...] Chair, Employee Benefits Committee 2006 2013 [...] Member, Employee Benefits Committee 1995 Present." [LLF Consulting, accessed 02/22/21]
- The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce Is "The World's Largest Business Organization," Whose Membership Includes "Leading Industry Associations And Large Corporations." "The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business organization representing companies of all sizes across every sector of the economy. Our members range from the small businesses and local chambers of commerce that line the Main Streets of America to leading industry associations and large corporations." [The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, accessed 02/22/21]

Preston Crabill. "Preston Crabill, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation." [The White House, 12/22/20]

- Preston Crabill Was An Executive At General Motors For Over 26 Years, Most Recently Serving As North America Director For Retirement And Profit Sharing Plans From 2013 To 2016 And Serving In Several Retirement And Benefits Roles Prior To That Since 1989. [Linkedin Profile for Preston Crabill, accessed 02/22/21]
- 2006: While General Motors' Director Of Pensions And Savings Plans, Crabill Was "A Lead Architect" In Negotiations With The United Auto Workers That Cut The Corporation's Costs By \$3 Billion And Saved It Over \$1 Billion In Cash. "Preston Crabill '76 returned to Lehigh on April 3 to talk about labor relations and healthcare negotiations—and the many sleepless nights he's had lately as the director of pension and savings plans at General Motors (GM). That's because Crabill spent most of the past year in negotiations with the United Auto Workers (UAW) union drafting a new healthcare agreement between the two parties. [...] At issue was GM's healthcare benefit package. Crabill was a lead architect in the GM-UAW negotiation process, which was concluded in October 2005 after year-long discussions between the parties. The final agreement was amenable to UAW membership, who endorsed the plan with a 61 percent majority vote in November. [...] 'This truly was an historic agreement negotiated by GM and UAW,' added Crabill. GM will save over \$1 billion in cash

and \$3 billion in expenses as part of the deal, and both parties can continue to pursue additional opportunities to explore additional cost reduction initiatives in the future. An extra \$15 billion will be saved in scaling back its post-employment health care package." [Lehigh University, 04/07/06]

The President's Export Council

The President's Export Council Is The Principal National Advisory Committee On International Trade. "The President's Export Council serves as the principal national advisory committee on international trade. The Council advises the President of government policies and programs that affect U.S. trade performance; promotes export expansion; and provides a forum for discussing and resolving trade-related problems among the business, industrial, agricultural, labor, and government sectors." [International Trade Administration, Accessed 2/19/21]

Juan Carlos Benítez. "Juan Carlos Benítez, of Guam, to be a Member of the President's Export Council." [The White House, 12/22/20]

- Benitez Served On The Advisory Board Of The Trump Campaign's 2020 Latinos For Trump Group. [Lations.DonaldJTrump.Com, Accessed 2/22/21]
- Benitez Was Elected As A 2016 Republican National Convention Delegate From Guam. "National Republican Convention Delegates Gov. Eddie Calvo Sen. Frank Blas Jr. Sen. Tony Ada Juan Carlos Benitez Benny Pinaula Telo Taitague Mike Benito David Sablan Margaret Metcalfe" [Pacific Daily News, 3/12/16]
- Benitez Was A Bundler For Disgraced Lobbyist Jack Abramoff. "As chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, John McCain began hearings that helped bring down Jack Abramoff, the disgraced lobbyist who was the central figure in a political scandal that landed Mr. Abramoff in jail. Now, as Mr. McCain releases the names of hundreds of 'bundlers' -- his top money collectors -- one person who popped up is Juan Carlos Benitez, a lawyer and lobbyist whom Mr. Abramoff had championed for a Bush administration post." [New York Times, 7/17/08]
- Abramoff Plead Guilty To Charges Of Conspiracy, Honest Services Fraud, And Tax Evasion For Defrauding Native America Tribes And Served 48 Months In Prison. "Former lobbyist Jack A. Abramoff was sentenced today to 48 months in prison and ordered to pay \$23,134,695 in restitution to victims based on his quilty plea to conspiracy, honest services fraud and tax evasion charges, Acting Assistant Attorney General Matthew Friedrich of the Criminal Division and Nathan J. Hochman, Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division announced. [...] According to the plea agreement signed by Abramoff, from 1994 through early 2004 he was employed in the Washington, D.C., offices of two law firms. During this time, Abramoff lobbied public officials in the federal government, principally members of Congress. He also sought to further his client's interests through grassroots work, public relations services and election campaign support. Abramoff admitted he received undisclosed kickbacks from former lobbyist Michael Scanlon, who owned and operated Capitol Campaign Strategies LLC (CCS). Abramoff and Scanlon conspired to defraud four Native American Indian tribes that either operated or were interested in operating gaming casinos. Each of these four clients, which were tribes located in Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Michigan, hired Abramoff through his employers to give advice regarding how best to limit competition from competing casinos or, in one instance, to re-open a previously closed casino." [Department Of Justice Press Release, 9/04/08]

Richard Rigdon. "Richard Rigdon, of Florida, to be a Member of the President's Export Council." [The White House, 11/17/20]

Barron L. Hetherington. "Barron L. Hetherington, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the President's Export Council." [The White House, <u>11/17/20</u>]

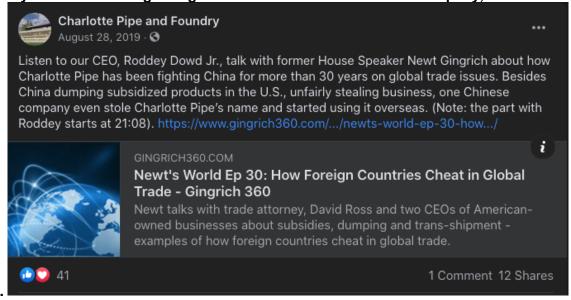
Deborah Maestas. "Deborah Maestas, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the President's Export Council." [The White House, 11/17/20]

Michael Stumo. "Michael Stumo, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the President's Export Council." [The White House, 11/17/20]

Robert Samuel Carl, Jr. "Robert Samuel Carl, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the President's Export Council." [The White House, 11/17/20]

Roddey Dowd Jr. "Roddey Dowd Jr., of North Carolina, to be a Member of the President's Export Council." [The White House, <u>11/17/20</u>]

- Dowd Is The CEO Off Charlotte Pipe And Foundry, A Manufacturing Company. [Council For A Secure America, Accessed 2/22/21] [CharlottePipe.com, Accessed 2/22/21]
- As CEO Of Charlotte Pipe Dowd Helped Secure A Trump Administration Ruling Against China, Accusing The Chinese Government Of Undermining Charlotte's Pipe's Business. "Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Co. and others have won a Trump administration ruling against the Chinese government. The Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute filed the complaint with the International Trade Commission on behalf of Charlotte Pipe and two other pipe-fitting manufacturers. It claimed the Chinese government is subsidizing its manufacturers of cast-iron plumbing fittings, which are then dumping those fittings into the United States at prices that are less than it costs to produce the items. [...] Roddey Dowd Jr., CEO of Charlotte Pipe, called the subsidies and dumping of products in the United States 'brazen cheating from the Chinese." [Charlotte Business Journal, 8/10/18]
- Dowd Has Public Praised Trump's Isolationist Trade Policies As They Related To Manufacturing
 "Dowd says he agrees with President Donald Trump that manufacturers are 'getting killed by
 hardgoods coming into' the United States. Some of that cast-iron pipe is imported through Canada and
 Mexico in an attempt to avoid tariffs through 'backdoor" 'methods, he says." [Charlotte Business
 Journal, 8/10/18]
- In 2019 Dowd Was Interviewed By Newt Gingrich To Discuss Anti-China Trade Policy,
 Specifically Accusations Regarding Chinese Treatment Of Dowd's Company, Charlotte Pipe.



[Facebook, <u>8/28/19</u>]

Public Interest Declassification Board

The Public Interest Declassification Board Advises The President On "Issues Pertaining To National Classification And Declassification Policy." "Established by statute, the Public Interest Declassification Board (PIDB) advises the President of the United States regarding issues pertaining to national classification and declassification policy. The PIDB is an advisory committee established by the United States Congress with the official mandate of promoting the fullest possible public access to a thorough, accurate, and reliable documentary record of significant U.S. national security decisions and activities. The PIDB advises the President and other executive branch officials on the identification, collection, review for declassification, and release of declassified records and materials of archival value." [National Archives and Records Administration, accessed 02/19/21]

Ezra Cohen-Watnick. "Ezra Cohen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member and Chairperson of the Public Interest Declassification Board." [The White House, 12/22/20] [Politico, 12/22/20]

- Cohen-Watnick Was An Appointment By Michael Flynn's National Security Council—And Was Flynn's Only Hire Trump Refused To Remove From It After Flynn Was Forced To Resign, At The Urging Of Kushner And Steve Bannon. "Just 24 days into his tenure as Donald Trump's national-security adviser, Michael Flynn was forced to resign, having reportedly misled Vice President Mike Pence about his contacts with Russian officials. When Flynn departed, the men and women he'd appointed to the National Security Council grew nervous about their own jobs, and with good reason. [...] There was one person, however, who McMaster couldn't get rid of: Ezra Cohen-Watnick, the senior director for intelligence programs. McMaster tried to remove him in March, but President Trump, at the urging of Bannon and Jared Kushner, told McMaster that Cohen-Watnick was staying, as first reported by Politico." [The Atlantic, 7/23/17]
- Prior To Working At The National Security Council, Coehn-Watnick Was Described By CIA
 Agents As A "Spy" Agency For Flynn. "According to a former senior intelligence official, CohenWatnick later served overseas in Afghanistan at a CIA base. 'He was embedded with the Agency guys,"
 said a person familiar with Cohen-Watnick's career. "But the Agency guys were all like 'Fuck this guy,
 he's just here to spy on us for Flynn and the DIA." [...] It was Cohen-Watnick's connection with Michael
 Flynn that would catapult him into the top ranks of America's intelligence officials." [The Atlantic,
 7/23/17]
- Flynn Was Later Plead Guilty To Lying To The FBI About His Russia Ties And Subsequently Pardoned By Trump. "Donald Trump has pardoned Michael Flynn, his first national security adviser who pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about contacts with a Russian official." [The Guardian, 11/25/20]
- Cohen-Watnick Told Devin Nunes That Susan Rice Wanted To "Unmask" Trump Officials In Intelligence Documents While Investigating Possible Russia—A Move That Ignited Trump's False Claims That The Obama Administration Wiretapped His Residence. "Bannon and Ledeen may be wary of talking about Cohen-Watnick after his first, and thus far only, turn in the national spotlight. Washington got its first real look at Cohen-Watnick when he was identified as one of two White House sources who provided House Intelligence chairman Devin Nunes with evidence that former national security adviser Susan Rice requested the 'unmasking' of the names of Trump associates in intelligence documents. In the intelligence world, incidental collection refers to intelligence agencies obtaining, in the course of monitoring foreigners, communications that either refer to or involve Americans, whose names are typically 'masked' unless officials request that they be 'unmasked.' The incident, coming in the aftermath of Trump baselessly accusing his predecessor of wiretapping Trump Tower, became one of the first dust-ups related to the investigations into possible Russian collusion during the 2016 campaign that have gripped the White House. The president later accused Rice of having committed a crime; for her part, Rice has denied that she ordered the unmasking for political purposes." [The Atlantic, 7/23/17]
- Cohen-Watnick's Role In Fomenting Fake Obama Wiretapping Conspiracy Led Qanon Believes To Believe He Was "Q" "Since 2018, many members of the cult-like group have been convinced that its shadowy leader and founder is actually Ezra Cohen-Watnick, an intelligence specialist who worked

in various Defense Department jobs before accepting a senior post on the National Security Council staff soon after President Donald Trump came into office in 2017. Cohen, who was brought in under former national security adviser Michael Flynn, became a figure of controversy when his run-ins with other intelligence officials spilled out into the press. [...] Cohen's resulting notoriety led many adherents of QAnon to regard him as "Q," who according to the conspiracy theory's lore is a Trump administration official working on the inside to expose a deep-state cabal of pedophiles and Satan-worshippers bent on undermining Trump." [Politico, 1/19/21]

Adam Telle. "Adam Telle, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Public Interest Declassification Board." [The White House, 12/14/20]

• Telle Was Trump's Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs For The Senate. "Hagerty also hired Adam Telle, who most recently headed up the Senate team of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs, to be his chief adviser." [Politico, 1/28/21]

Paul-Noel Chretien. "Paul-Noel Chretien, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Public Interest Declassification Board." [The White House, <u>12/14/20</u>]

President's Advisory Commission on Hispanic Prosperity

The President's Advisory Commission On Hispanic Prosperity Advises The President On Providing "Hispanic American Students, Workers, And Communities With Increased Access To Educational And Economic Opportunities." "Appointed by the President, the Commission is composed of outstanding individuals with relevant experience or subject matter expertise in promoting educational opportunities and economic success in the Hispanic American community. The Commission advises the President on matters pertaining to providing Hispanic American students, workers, and communities with increased access to educational and economic opportunities. The Commission meets periodically and works on key priorities for the Administration and Initiative." [U.S. Department of Education, accessed 02/19/21]

Bryan Lanza. "Bryan Lanza, of Virginia, to be a Member of the President's Advisory Commission on Hispanic Prosperity." [The White House, 12/14/20]

• **Stepped Down.** "Some Trump appointees decided to depart with Trump. Lobbyist Bryan Lanza, who worked on Trump's 2016 campaign and the transition, was tapped for the President's Advisory Commission on Hispanic Prosperity in December. He said he withdrew after Biden was sworn into office last week." [Politico, 01/28/21]

Rev. Eve Nunez. "Rev. Eve Nunez, of Arizona, to be a Member of the President's Advisory Commission on Hispanic Prosperity." [The White House, <u>12/14/20</u>]

Yesli Vega. "Yesli Vega, of Virginia, to be a Member of the President's Advisory Commission on Hispanic Prosperity." [The White House, 12/03/20]

• Yesli Vega, Prince William County, Virginia's First Latina Supervisor, "been called a racist, a traitor and [...] a smear of manure on the bottom of one's shoe," By Latino Community Members For Her Positions That They Feel Fail To Represent Them. "During her brief time as Prince William County's first Latina supervisor, Yesli Vega has been called a racist, a traitor and — by one woman spitting out her words in Spanish during a public meeting — a smear of manure on the bottom of one's shoe. The attacks come mostly from fellow Latinos. They don't care that she's a daughter of Salvadoran civil war refugees or that she's active in the Spanish-speaking church where her father is pastor to undocumented immigrants. They're instead focused on her party: Vega, 35, is a Republican, which they say doesn't reflect where their fast-changing community is heading." [The Washington Post, 10/17/20]

- Vega "Has Become A Political Lightning Rod" For Taking Tougher Immigration Positions And For Making Some Recall A Former County Official Who "Demonized Latino Immigrants." "Vega has become a political lightning rod since taking office in January, taking stands for tougher immigration enforcement, gun rights and other issues during meetings that have often featured angry exchanges between supervisors and with county residents. Longtime observers of county politics compare the angst to the mid-2000s, when then mostly White Prince William became known nationally as the place where former board chairman Corey A. Stewart (R) demonized Latino immigrants." [The Washington Post, 10/17/20]
- In A Previous Role, Vega Fought To Extend A Federal Contract That Allowed Undocumented Immigrants In Prince William County To Be Held For Deportation. "An auxiliary county sheriff's deputy, she unsuccessfully fought to extend a controversial federal contract, championed by Stewart, that allowed undocumented immigrants in Prince William's jail to be held for deportation. But she also opposed a \$300 million transportation project in her district that has pitted residents in a predominantly Latino immigrant mobile home park, where some are undocumented, against her Democratic colleagues." [The Washington Post, 10/17/20]

President's Committee on the National Medal of Science

The President's Committee On The National Medal Of Science Evaluates Nominees For The National Medal Of Science, Which Is Given To Those Who Have Made "Outstanding Contributions To Knowledge In The Physical, Biological, Mathematical, Or Engineering Sciences." "The National Medal of Science was established by the 86th Congress in 1959 as a Presidential Award to be given to individuals 'deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to knowledge in the physical, biological, mathematical, or engineering sciences.' In 1980 Congress expanded this recognition to include the social and behavioral sciences. A Committee of 12 scientists and engineers is appointed by the President to evaluate the nominees for the Award. Since its establishment, the National Medal of Science has been awarded to 506 distinguished scientists and engineers whose careers spanned decades of research and development." [National Science Foundation, accessed 02/19/21]

David R. Legates. "David R. Legates, of Delaware, to be a Member of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science." [The White House, 12/03/20]

- Legates Is An Academic And A Member Of The Heartland Institute. "David Legates, Ph.D. is
 professor of climatology in the Department of Geography at the University of Delaware and an adjunct
 professor at the university's Physical Ocean Science and Engineering Program and in the Department
 of Applied Economics." [Heartland Institute, Accessed 2/22/21]
- The Heartland Institute Is A Climate Denying Think Tank Which Promotes Increased Domestic Fossil Fuel Production. "Few entities have worked harder to instill doubt in American minds about the science of climate change than the Heartland Institute. The self-styled 'action tank' has published dozens of books and other media amplifying the voices of those who reject the scientific consensus on climate change. Last year, the libertarian organization mailed instructional materials questioning whether global warming is real to science teachers across the nation. Now, the group is declaring itself victorious in its crusade to convince Americans that climate science is debatable despite the broad scientific agreement that it is not and says it is instead pursuing economic and moral arguments to advance policies that bolster domestic fossil fuel production." [Frontline, 11/02/18]
- Legates Claimed That Climate Models Are Exaggerated To Be Alarmist In Order To Bolster Funding For Climate Researchers. "Climate models have always overstated the warming. But even though modeers have admitted that their models are "tuned" revised after the fact to make it look like they predicted temperatures accurately the modelers have made no attempt to change the climate sensitivity to match reality. Why not? They know disaster scenarios sell. Disaster forecasts keep them employed, swimming in research money and empowered to tell legislators and regulators that humanity must we take immediate, draconian action to eliminate all fossil fuel use the economic, human and environmental consequences be damned. And they probably will never admit their mistakes

or duplicity, much less be held accountable. [...] So now we must demand honest, factual, evidence-based climate model as well. No more alarmists and charlatans setting climate and energy policy. Our economy, livelihoods, lives and liberties are too vital." [Heartland Institute, 4/13/20]

• Legates Claimed That Climate Change Is Not Responsible For Rising Sea Levels. "[I]ncreasing CO2 concentrations are not significantly affecting the rate of sea level rise. As these concentrations have increased from before the industrial age when atmospheric CO2 levels were about 280 ppm to current conditions where they exceed 400 ppm, the lack of a significant change in the rate of increase implies that sea level rise is not responding to changes in greenhouse gas concentrations." [Heartland Institute, 2/07/19]

President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition

The President's Council On Sports, Fitness & Nutrition "Works To Increase Sports Participation Among Youth Of All Backgrounds And Abilities And To Promote Healthy And Active Lifestyles For All Americans." "The President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition (PCSFN) is a federal advisory committee supported by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) that works to increase sports participation among youth of all backgrounds and abilities and to promote healthy and active lifestyles for all Americans." [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, accessed 02/19/21]

Mariano Rivera. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Mariano Rivera, of New York, Co-Chair." [The White House, 12/11/20]

Misty May-Treanor. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Misty May-Treanor, of California, Co-Chair." [The White House, 12/11/20]

Herschel Junior Walker. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Herschel Junior Walker, of Georgia, Co-Chair." [The White House, 12/11/20]

- Walker Is A Former Professional Football Player Who Said He Has A "Deep Personal Friendship" With Trump. "Walker first met Trump in 1983 when he was drafted by the New Jersey Generals. The team was part of the short-lived United States Football League, which Trump owned at the time. Walker says he immediately formed a friendship with the famous real-estate developer, one that has lasted over the last 37 years. 'I'm talking about a deep personal friendship," Walker said on Monday." [CNBC, 8/25/20]
- Walker Urged GOP Members Of Congress To Back The #StopTheSteal Campaign.



[Twitter, 12/17/20]

 Walker Called For Federal Charges To Be Filed Against Black Lives Matter Protestors. "Former NFL football player Herschel Walker is calling on local leaders to put an end to rioting across the United States. In a video posted to Twitter Monday, Walker argued that rioters should get federal time for destroying cities and citizens' businesses." [Fox News, 9/07/20]

William Belichick. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] William Belichick, of Massachusetts." [The White House, 12/11/20]

- Belichick Is An NFL Head Coach Who Was An Early Supporter Of Trump's 2016 Campaign And Considers Himself A Long Time Friend Of Trump. "And make no mistake, until this moment, Belichick has fully established himself as being in Trump's corner. When Trump was on the campaign trail back in 2016, he proudly shared a fawning letter apparently written by Belichick. 'Congratulations on a tremendous campaign,' it began, in language that sounded suspiciously like Trump had written it himself. 'You have dealt with an unbelievable slanted and negative media and have come out beautifully. Beautifully.' Considering Trump's history of fabricating stories, there was justifiable skepticism that Belichick had actually written the letter. [...] Belichick, however, quickly declared his support of Trump. "Our friendship goes back many years,' he said, 'and I think that anybody who's spent more than five minutes with me knows I'm not a political person." [The Guardian, 1/12/21]
- Belichick Was Offered The Presidential Medal Of Freedom By Trump In January 2021, But
 Declined To Accept After The Capitol Riots. "On Monday night, Belichick released a statement
 saying that he would be passing on the honor. 'Recently, I was offered the opportunity to receive the
 presidential medal of freedom,' the statement read, 'which I was flattered by out of respect for what the
 honor represents and admiration for prior recipients. Subsequently, the tragic events of last week
 occurred and the decision has been made not to move forward with the award." The Guardian,
 1/12/21

Johnny David Damon. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Johnny David Damon, of Florida." [The White House, 12/11/20]

Nan Hayworth. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Nan Hayworth, of New York." [The White House, 12/11/20]

Natalie Gulbis. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Natalie Gulbis, of California." [The White House, 12/11/20]

Kyle Frederick Snyder. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Kyle Frederick Snyder, of Maryland." [The White House, <u>12/11/20</u>]

Julie Teer. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Julie Teer, of Michigan." [The White House, 12/11/20]

Brenda Larsen Becker. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Brenda Larsen Becker, of Michigan." [The White House, <u>12/11/20</u>]

Mehmet Oz. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Mehmet Oz, of New Jersey." [The White House, 12/11/20]

Amy Bockerstette. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Amy Bockerstette, of Arizona." [The White House, 12/11/20]

Robert Charles Wilkins. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Robert Charles Wilkins, of New Jersey." [The White House, <u>12/11/20</u>]

Trevor Joseph Drinkwater. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Trevor Joseph Drinkwater, of California." [The White House, 12/11/20]

Shauna Rohbock. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Shauna Rohbock, of Utah." [The White House, 12/11/20]

Chris Tisi. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Chris Tisi, of Florida." [The White House, 12/11/20]

Jake Olson. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Jake Olson, of California." [The White House, 12/11/20]

Linda Yaccarino. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Linda Yaccarino, of New York." [The White House, 12/11/20]

Urban Meyer. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Urban Meyer, of Ohio." [The White House, 12/11/20]

- Meyer Is A Current NFL Head Coach And A Former College Football Coach. "There's a brewing sense of optimism being cast upon the Jacksonville Jaguars this year. With a new leader, head coach Urban Meyer, in charge, the team's rise to success has been widely speculated among observers. [...] That's a key tenant to what has made Meyer so successful in the collegiate game. His ability to grow and adapt to new surroundings has elevated his game to new heights, earning him three national titles, two while at Florida, and one while at Ohio State." [Big Cat Country, 2/22/21]
- Meyer Was Put On Paid Administrative Leave For Covering Up That A Longtime Assistant Coach Of His Was Accused Of Domestic Abuse. "Ohio State announced Wednesday evening that Urban Meyer, the head coach of its storied football team, had been put on paid administrative leave while the university investigated allegations that Meyer knew a longtime former assistant coach had been accused of domestic abuse in 2015. Meyer, one of the most successful coaches of the past two decades, said last week that he had not heard of the domestic abuse accusations until recent days, but a report on Wednesday suggested that Meyer had known about the accusations for far longer." [New York Times, 8/01/18][
- Meyer Attempted To Hire An Assistant Coach That Left His Previous Job After Bullying College Students With Racist Taunts. "New Jacksonville Jaguars head coach Urban Meyer has turned heads with a controversial addition to his staff. The Jags on Thursday announced the hiring of former lowa strength and conditioning coach Chad Doyle as director of sports performance. Doyle, once the highest-paid strength coach in all of college football, parted ways with lowa last year amid allegations by several former Hawkeyes players that he had bullied them with racist taunts." [Radio.com, 2/11/21]

Troy Vincent. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Troy Vincent, of Virginia."

Jennifer Pharr Davis. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Jennifer Pharr Davis, of North Carolina." [The White House, <u>12/11/20</u>]

Scott Turner. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Scott Turner, of Texas." [The White House, 12/11/20]

Colby Covington. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Colby Covington, of Florida." [The White House, 12/11/20]

Mary Owen. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Mary Owen, of Texas." [The White House, 12/11/20]

Jorge Masvidal. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition for terms of two years: [...] Jorge Masvidal, of Florida." [The White House, 12/11/20]

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Daniel Z. Epstein. "Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to nominate the following individual to a key position in his Administration: Daniel Z. Epstein, of Texas, to be Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States. Daniel Z. Epstein is Director of Legal and Policy at Trust Ventures, a venture fund focused on regulated industries." [The White House, 12/10/20]

Securities Investor Protection Corporation

The Securities Investor Protection Corporation "Oversees The Liquidation Of Member Firms That Close When The Firm Is Bankrupt Or In Financial Trouble, And Customer Assets Are Missing." "SIPC was created under the Securities Investor Protection Act as a non-profit membership corporation. SIPC oversees the liquidation of member firms that close when the firm is bankrupt or in financial trouble, and customer assets are missing. In a liquidation under the Securities Investor Protection Act, SIPC and the court-appointed Trustee work to return customers' securities and cash as quickly as possible." [Securities Investor Protection Corporation, accessed 02/19/21]

William S. Jasien. "William S. Jasien, of Virginia, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. William S. Jasien is the CEO and Managing Director of StoneHedge Global Partners. He also serves as the Executive Chairman of the NACo Financial Services Corporation. Prior to that, Mr. Jasien spent 20 years with ING and served as President of the Government Business Division and Executive Vice President of the US Retirement Services business." [The White House, 11/24/20]

United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking

The United States Advisory Council On Human Trafficking "Provides A Formal Platform For Trafficking Survivors To Advise And Make Recommendations On Federal Anti-Trafficking Policies." "The United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking, established by the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act (JVTA), enacted on May 29, 2015, provides a formal platform for trafficking survivors to advise and make recommendations on federal anti-trafficking policies to the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (PITF). Each member is a survivor of human trafficking, and together they represent a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences. The Council is appointed by the President for two-year terms." [U.S. State Department, accessed 02/19/21]

Jenni Sue Jessen. "Jenni Sue Jessen, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking." [The White House, <u>12/22/20</u>]

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United States Holocaust Memorial Council

The United States Holocaust Memorial Council Serves As The Governing Board Of Trustees Of The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. "The United States Holocaust Memorial Council was established by Congress in 1980 to lead the nation in commemorating the Holocaust and to raise private funds for and build the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Once the Museum opened in 1993, the Council became the governing board of trustees of the Museum, an independent establishment of the United States government operating as a public-private partnership that receives some federal funding to support operations of the Museum building." [U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, accessed 02/19/21]

Andrew Giuliani (Rudy Giuliani's Son). "President Trump will appoint Andrew Giuliani to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, the White House announced Wednesday, saying the position is a "Key Administration Post." Giuliani, the son of former New York mayor and current Trump campaign lawyer Rudy Giuliani, said on Twitter that he was humbled by the appointment." [Washingtonian, 12/16/20]

Ric Grenell. "And Ric Grenell, Trump's former ambassador to Germany and acting director of national intelligence who later advised Trump's reelection campaign from a post at the Republican National Committee, was nominated to serve on the United States Holocaust Memorial Council." [Politico, 12/22/21]

Martin Oliner. "Martin Oliner, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council." [The White House, 12/22/20]

Susan Levine. "Susan Levine, of Arizona, to be a Member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council." [The White House, <u>12/22/20</u>]

Nicholas F. Luna. "Nicholas F. Luna, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council." [The White House, <u>12/16/20</u>]

Mitch Webber. "Mitch Webber, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council." [The White House, 12/16/20]

Max Miller. "Max Miller, of Ohio, to be a Member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council." [The White House, 12/14/20]

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Jared Smith. "Jared Smith, of Florida, to be a Member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council." [The White House, <u>12/08/20</u>]

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United States Section on the Great Lakes Fishery Commission

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission Facilitates Cooperation Between The U.S. And Canada For Managing The Great Lakes Fishery, Which Provides "More Than \$7 Billion Annually To The People Of The Two Nations." "Canada and the United States share the Great Lakes fishery, a binational treasure worth more than \$7 billion annually to the people of the two nations. The fishery attracts millions of anglers, supports valuable commercial and charter fishing, is a mainstay for native peoples, and is the very fabric of a healthy environment. The Great Lakes Fishery Commission, operating through the 1954 Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries, today facilitates successful cross-border cooperation that ensures the two nations work together to improve and perpetuate this fishery." [Great Lakes Fishery Commission, accessed 02/19/21]

Ethan Baker. "Ethan Baker, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner of the United States Section on the Great Lakes Fishery Commission." [The White House, 12/22/20]

Upper Colorado River Commission

The Upper Colorado River Commission Is An "Interstate Water Administrative Agency" To Oversee Water Allocation From The Colorado River Among Portions Of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, And New Mexico And Ensure Compliance With A Compact Affecting Nevada, Arizona, California, And Mexico. "The Upper Colorado River Commission (UCRC) is an interstate water administrative agency established by action of five state legislatures and Congress with the enactment of the 1948 Upper Colorado River Basin Compact. The Commission's role is to ensure the appropriate allocation of water from the Colorado River to the Upper Division States of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico and to ensure compliance with the 1922 Colorado River Compact to the Lower Division States of Nevada, Arizona, and California and to the Republic of Mexico." [The Upper Colorado River Commission, accessed 02/19/21]

Gregory Smith. "Gregory Smith, of Utah, to be the United States Commissioner of the Upper Colorado River Commission." [The White House, <u>12/22/20</u>]

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

The Woodrow Wilson International Center For Scholars The "National Memorial To President Wilson" And "The Nation's Key Non-Partisan Policy Forum For Tackling Global Issues Through Independent Research And Open Dialogue." "The Wilson Center is the nation's key non-partisan policy forum for tackling global issues through independent research and open dialogue to inform actionable ideas. The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, established by Congress in 1968 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is the living, national memorial to President Wilson. It is a nonpartisan institution, supported by public and private funds, engaged in the study of national and world affairs." [Linkedin Profile for The Wilson Center, accessed 02/19/21]

Tim Pataki. "Tim Pataki, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in the Smithsonian Institution." [The White House, 12/22/20]

Pataki Is Trump's Former Head Of The White House Office Of Public Liaison. "Candidates who
have been recommended to Trump include: Eric Ueland, deputy director of the White House Domestic
Policy Council and a former top Senate aide; Jonathan Slemrod, a former Office of Management and
Budget official who now works downtown at Harbinger Strategies; Monica Popp, the former chief of
staff to Texas Sen. John Cornyn; Ben Howard, the current deputy legislative affairs director and a
former House staffer; and Tim Pataki, current head of the White House Office of Public Liaison."
[Politico, 5/24/19]

Brian Hook. "Trump rolled out a similarly lengthy roster of appointments last week. He said he would name Pamella DeVos, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' sister-in-law, to the Kennedy Center board of trustees, and Brian Hook, the former U.S. special representative for Iran, to the board of trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars." [Politico, 12/08/20]

- Hook Was Trump's Special Envoy To Iran And Long Time Advisor Of Former Secretary Of States Tillerson And Pompeo. "Brian Hook, the State Department's special envoy for Iran and one of the few national security officials to survive the turmoil in the foreign policy team through most of President Trump's term, is stepping down from his post, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced on Thursday. [...] Mr. Hook joined the Trump administration in early 2017, under Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, as director of the State Department's office of policy planning. Mr. Tillerson gave that office increased influence over all the department's initiatives, and Mr. Hook became one of his closest advisers. [...] 'He has been a trusted adviser to me and a good friend,' Mr. Pompeo added." [New York Times, 6/08/20]
- Hook Also Served As Trump's Special Advisor For The Abraham Accords. [LinkedIn Accessed 2/22/21]

Trump Appointees Blocked Or Removed By Biden Administration

Defense Business Board

The Defense Business Board Advises And Issues Recommendations On The Pentagon's "'Management, Business Processes And Governance From A Private Sector Perspective.'" "The board reports to the defense secretary, allowing the Biden administration to handle the appointees as it sees fit beginning in January. Their job is to provide unpaid independent advice and recommendations about the Pentagon's 'management, business processes and governance from a private sector perspective,' according to the board's charter." [The Washington Post, 12/04/20]

Corey Lewandowski. "The Trump administration installed loyalists on a Pentagon advisory panel Friday, naming former campaign officials Corey Lewandowski and David Bossie among the new appointees to the Defense Business Board." [Washington Post, 12/04/21]

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Newt Gingrich. "The Trump administration continued efforts to replace Pentagon advisers with loyalists as it tapped former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and others Monday to replace ousted members of the Defense Policy Board, an independent outside body. Weeks after former Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger and Madeleine Albright were removed in a sudden purge of longstanding experts, Gingrich and nine others have been named as intended replacements, the Pentagon announced." [DefenseNews, 12/14/20]

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Earl Matthews. "Acting Defense Secretary Chris Miller today announced nine members of the Defense Business Board have been terminated and replaced. They have been replaced by incoming members Corey Lewandowski, President Trump's former campaign manager; David Bossie, the former deputy campaign manager who is now working on the president's unsuccessful election lawsuits; Henry Dreifus; Robert McMahon; Cory Mills; Bill Bruner; Christopher Shank; Joseph Schmidt; Keary Miller; Alan Weh and Earl Matthews." [Inside Defense, 12/04/20]

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Cory Mills. "Nine members of the Defense Business Board, an advisory panel of outside experts for the Defense Department, have been replaced, the Pentagon announced Friday. Among the newcomers are loyalists to President Donald Trump, Some of the incoming DBB members are Corey Lewandowski, Trump's former campaign manager; David Bossie, a Republican activist best known as leader of the Citizens United group who is organizing the effort to challenge election results; and Cory Mills, an Army veteran and columnist for the far-right Newsmax website, who has claimed the Nov. 3 election results as fraudulent." [DefenseNews, 12/04/20]

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Defense Policy Board

The Defense Policy Board Advises The Secretary And Deputy Secretary Of Defense "On Matters Concerning Defense Policy." "The Defense Policy Board was established to provide the Secretary of Defense and the Deputy Secretary of Defense independent advice and recommendations on matters concerning defense policy through the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P))." [The U.S. Department of Defense, 01/19/21]

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The Biden Administration Removed Trump's National Capital Planning Commission Appointees Gibson Worsham And Paul E. Dans Following After D.C. Government Raised Concerns About How They Might Impede Equitable, Affordable, And Climate-Sensitive Development. "The Biden administration has removed key Trump appointees from several federal agencies that oversee the look and feel of D.C. neighborhoods and buildings — and city officials are pushing for more. [...] The White House took action Feb. 3, when it notified the NCPC that Paul Dans, a member of the Trump administration who had been appointed chairman of the commission on Jan. 5, and Gibson Worsham, an architect and historic preservation expert who had been appointed Dec. 30, "are no longer members of the commission," according to NCPC spokesman Stephen Staudigl." [The Washington Post, 02/10/21]

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December 18, 2020: The Trump Administration Nominated 18 Individuals To The 1776 Commission. [White House, 12/18/20]

The 1776 Commission Was A Group Of Thinkers Commissioned By The Trump Administration To Draft The 1776 Report. 1776 Commission—comprised of some of America's most distinguished scholars and historians—has released a report presenting a definitive chronicle of the American founding, a powerful description of the effect the principles of the Declaration of Independence have had on this Nation's history, and a dispositive rebuttal of reckless "re-education" attempts that seek to reframe American history around the idea that the United States is not an exceptional country but an evil one." [White House, 1/18/21]

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January 21, 2021: The Biden Administration Dissolved The 1776 Commission Via Executive Order. "President Joe Biden on Wednesday issued an executive order to dissolve the 1776 commission, a panel stood up by President Donald Trump as a rebuttal to schools applying a more accurate history curriculum around slavery in the US, Biden's transition team announced Wednesday." [CNN, 1/21/21]