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# Liberalism Exposed

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Liberalism is a false and counterfeit religion that is incompatible with the Judeo-Christian worldview that built the United States and much of the western world.

The year 2023 is the 100-year anniversary of J. Gresham Machen's prophetic book *Christianity and Liberalism*. This book is just as accurate today as it was prophetic when he wrote it. His central thesis 100 years ago was that liberalism is its own religion, distinct and incompatible with Christianity. It acts as a parasite on Christianity, and can only be accurately understood as a separate and false religion.

Machen was right, of course, and the past 100 years of decline in American life bear him witness. Search the past century across the globe and you will find scores of previously Christian nations that adopted liberalism, declined every meaningful way, and lost their faith. Most of these Judeo-Christian nations have attempted to accommodate it rather than defeat it.

#### **Different From the Start**

Liberalism—whether it is Marxist class conflict, Critical Race Theory, feminism, or any other manifestation—has its own creation myth to contradict the Judeo-Christian creation events. The modern era founder of this myth is probably Jean Jacques Rousseau, who taught his theory of the "state of nature." In the state of nature, children are born in innocence as a blank slate. This is a rip-off of the Biblical Garden of Eden. In Eden, everyone was innocent and peaceful, but they reported to God. In Rousseau's state of nature, humankind emerged innocently out of their own essence and God is irrelevant.

This origin story for the human race explains much of the modern world. The modern world worships nature. If something comes "naturally" to a person, the modern psychologist assumes the thing must be inherently good for that person. If a child wants to "identify" as the opposite sex, then that innocent child must be correct, and adults ought to comply. The Judeo-Christian worldview believes it is the task of adults to correct, discipline, and train children, while the naturalist liberal view teaches the opposite. The result is millions of adults who reject all responsibility and act like children, and fail to parent their children in any meaningful way.

#### **Original Sin**

Every religion follows the creation narrative with an explanation for how things went bad. The Christian and Jewish faiths regard Adam and Eve's rebellion against God as the starting point for all sin and corruption. This is called "original sin," and everyone has it. The secular leftist says social conditions destroyed the innocent "blank slate." In this theory, children are born innocent, but social pressures push them toward greed, selfishness, and cruelty. The original sin in liberalism is social conflict, not individuals.

The Biblical explanation for sin says human societies are bad because human individuals are bad. Liberalism teaches the opposite. Liberalism teaches that sin is the result of society. Human individuals are innocent, but human societies cause all the sin. This is why liberals are always blaming things like systemic racism, class conflict, and other forms of structural inequalities or invisible boogeymen. There is no personal justice in liberalism, only social justice. They do not believe sin is anybody's fault, it is always society's fault. Naturally their solutions always point toward deconstructing society.

#### Redemption

All religions have a plan of redemption that addresses the root of original sin. If sin will be redeemed, it will require a sacrifice. If sin is individual, then an individual must pay the sacrifice. If sin is institutional, then the institutions must be sacrificed.

This is why liberals always demand that society bend and move based on personal sins. They insist that their sin is not their fault. It is social pressures, climate problems, poverty, or the like. There is no personal accountability, there is no justice, there is only social justice. There is no personal repentance, there is only institutional responsibility. They

delight when a corporation sacrifices its customer base by going woke, or a city removes an old statue, or changes the name of a highway. They believe these are institutional acts of repentance and redemption.

#### Salvation

Every religion has an eschatology of some kind. Eschatology is a word that means the building and escalating movement that culminates in the end of time. Christians believe in spreading the gospel of the kingdom to the ends of the earth until all the nations are discipled, followed by the return of Christ to make all things new. They believe this because they believe humankind is infected with original sin and unable to create a utopia on earth. It will require an act of God to bring all things right.

Liberals rejects this notion. They believe it is possible to demolish the wicked social and economic institutions that are the source of all the sin. Karl Marx taught what he called the communist paradise. Liberalism has subdivisions and sects within it. Just as Christianity can include every sect from Amish to Catholic to Coptic, liberalism can accommodate Black Lives Matter, feminism, LGBTQ+ ideology, cultural Marxism, and classical economic Marxism. All these streams flow in the same direction because they have the same faith and worldview at the core.

#### End Game

All religions have some sort of global commission too. Christianity has what is called "the Great Commission." Liberals have their global aspirations too. Liberals are always trying to create things like the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Health Organization. When the Soviet Union took over Russia it was not enough for them. They conquered Eastern Europe, and then to the ends of the earth with Cuba, China, North Korea, Vietnam, and so on. Che Guevara worked as a kind of travelling missionary, running to the farthest jungles on his motorcycle, bearing witness to the false gospel of communism.

This framework is the best way to understand the current culture wars. It is not a matter of differing political opinions or family values. It is a clash of religions from different starting points to different end points. This is why political differences could be overlooked 100 years ago, but today political differences create splits between family members. It is not a difference of opinion about politics. It is a different religion, and these religions are opposed to one another.

Nations and cities afflicted with modern liberalism are universally deconstructing. They are advancing their Great Commission with zeal. These nations switched religions, and they are sacrificing to a new god to appease a new sin. This explains why the decline of formerly Christian nations matches the rise of liberalism so closely.

In one faith there is a long record of flourishing nations and societies, and in the other faith there is a track record of destruction and decline. Both religions have a state of innocence, an original sin, a plan of redemption, and a future hope of salvation. Both religions have a global commission to disciple the nations. The future of the nation will boil down to the religion of the nation.

*—American Thinker*, July 29, 2023

# Teaching the New Math by Carole Hayes

Academic courses have become a vehicle for Marxist ideology, using "culturally relevant teaching" demands.

California has approved new radical K–12 math standards that are openly a vehicle for Marxist ideology. The stated goal is equity in math learning for non-whites and those from low-income families. The framework notes that "black, latinx, indigenous, women and poor students" have been "underrepresented in the curriculum throughout history." Equity will be implemented in the curriculum by dumbing down and sugar-coating the lessons and infusing them with political issues and student organizing.

Tom Loveless, education researcher and former Brookings Institute fellow, predicted that the new framework "would place Golden State 6th graders years behind the rest of the world—and could eventually skew education in the rest of the US, too."

The framework boldly states that "teaching toward social justice can play an important role in shifting students' perspectives," with reference to Constantinos Xenofontos's 2019 book *Equity in Mathematics Education: Addressing a Changing World.* The author notes that education for <u>social justice has its roots in Brazilian</u> Marxist education theorist, Paulo Freire. Xenofontos contends that teachers should "discuss controversial topics" and "allow social issues to drive instruction." To teach social justice and equity successfully, teachers must be activists themselves.

Culturally responsive teaching is to be implemented as early as transitional kindergarten—a euphemism for pre-K—"by exploring students' lives and histories and designing and implementing curricula that center contributions that historically marginalized people have made to mathematics." Rather than teach math facts and problem-solving, teachers will conduct gabfests using multicultural children's literature to show examples of what non-whites have contributed to mathematics.

Lessons are to connect math and "environmental and social justice," with students tasked to write an "opinion piece" or an "explanatory text." The framework notes that math lessons should empower students with tools "to examine inequities."

The Marxist tenet of "oppressor" and "oppressed" is addressed in the framework: "Teachers can begin with awareness that mathematics play a role in the power structures and privileges that exist within our society and can support action and positive change."

Students are to express their emotions and feelings in the "trauma-informed pedagogy" that will serve "as part of mathematics sense-making." The issue of "inclusion" is addressed by students weaving together six colored cords—"math identity rainbows"—to show classroom community spirit. Vague "big ideas," such as relationships, reign supreme over the normal course progression of arithmetic, Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II, trigonometry, pre-calculus, and so on. There will be less math facts memorization, and standard algorithms, such as long division, will be downgraded. Student selfdiscovery will replace explicit direct instruction.

Tom Loveless reviewed the research to determine what is cited or drawn upon and concluded that "the framework ignores the best research on K-12mathematics." It appears that the research did not support their progressive education biases.

Brian Conrad, professor of mathematics and director of undergraduate studies in math at Stanford University, spent much time reviewing the research used by the California framework. He documented many instances of false or misleading descriptions of citations from the literature that was ideology-driven rather than evidencebased conclusions.

Tom Loveless worries that the new math curriculum will influence other states. Because California is the largest textbook market in the United States, publishers are likely to produce instructional materials to cater to the state's preferences and then sell those to other school districts across the country.

Even before California's new standards, left-leaning publishers were sneaking Marxism into curricula.

Fusing political lessons into academic content, the Wit and Wisdom K–5 English language arts curriculum, published by Great Minds, skillfully navigates around state bans on Marxist Critical Race Theory. Age-inappropriate lessons deal with highly charged political issues including segregation, gender fluidity, racism, violence, brutality, slavery, graphic death, suicide, cannibalism, fear, anti-Christian and anti-American sentiment, gore, and pornographic images.

The recently released "Reparations Math and Reparations History" curriculum by the 1619 Project Education Materials Collections fuses Marxist propaganda into math and history lessons. Employing math skills, students determine whether trillions of free dollars should be doled out to descendants of enslaved people in the US by white taxpayers.

Once the best educated in the world, the American workforce has become the worst educated in the industrialized world, according to a policy brief by the National Center on Education and the Economy. Our workers are already at a disadvantage in competing with skilled workers of other nations. The new California math curriculum will inevitably impact the math in other states and cause further decline in the academic achievement of our workforce. That does not bode well for the future of the American economy

America's military is fast becoming the laughingstock of the world. We can add American education to that. As for crazed states, California is winning the blue ribbon hands down at all levels.

*—American Thinker,* July 28, 2023

# Remember Sibel Edmonds by Mark Adams

The independently produced movie, Sound of Freedom, grossed over \$85 Million in just 13 days. The faith-based thriller sheds light on America's child trafficking crisis and quickly soared to the number two movie after its July 4, 2023, release. Regarding the tawdry subject of child trafficking and other nefarious crimes let's pull the curtain back and take a glimpse into the government's reluctance to address these thorny issues.

Sibel Edmonds is a former contract translator for the FBI. She went to work as a Turkish and Farsi translator for the FBI five days after 9/11 with a top-level security clearance. Then, she revealed the scale of blackmail directed at high-level government officials. In April 2002, she was unceremoniously fired.

With people like the powerful senator from Iowa, Chuck Grassley, on her side, the government was forced to investigate why she was terminated. This led to the Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General ("OIG") conducting a two-year-long investigation. Finally, in July 2004, the OIG completed its report. However, before it was published and provided to the public, the FBI stepped in and declared it "classified," preventing its release!

After months of relentless pressure, in January 2005, the OIG issued a redacted, unclassified version. Even redacted, the report provided stunning vindication of Edmonds' credibility, stating that many of her claims "were supported" and were indeed a "significant factor in the FBI's decision to terminate her."

So, what was Edmond's alleging?

Edmond's job was to translate and transcribe recordings of conversations between suspected Turkish intelligence agents and their American contacts. Through that work, she discovered information so shocking that then-Attorney General Ashcroft gagged her *not once but twice* using the cagey States Secrets Privilege. The Justice Department also took the unusual step of retroactively classifying Edmonds' briefings, as well as FBI briefings, forcing Members of Congress who had the information posted on their Web sites to remove the documents.

In fact, the States Security Privilege doctrine has never been the subject of any congressional vote or statute, so it's quite controversial. However, in 1953, in *United States v. Reynolds*, the Supreme Court held that some things were so privileged that even the courts couldn't look at them: "[T]oo much judicial inquiry into the claim of privilege would force disclosure of the thing the privilege was meant to protect, while a complete abandonment of judicial control would lead to intolerable abuses."

However, Edmonds wasn't revealing national security information; that is unless one considers exposing the US government's brazenly and deeply embarrassing criminal acts to be a matter of national security. We do know some of what Edmonds alleged thanks to a October 27, 2002, interview on 60 Minutes.

Edmonds said that, after 9/11, the translation unit was ordered to deliberately slow its work and let documents pile up so that the FBI could request more money! According to Sen. Grassley, who was also interviewed on the same show, other people in the FBI "corroborated a lot of her story."

The FBI hired Jan Dickerson as another Turkish translator with a high-level security clearance. The FBI later admitted that, when it hired her, it was totally unaware she'd worked for a Turkish organization that was being investigated by the FBI's own counterintelligence unit! Even more astounding, the FBI apparently didn't know she'd had a relationship with a Turkish intelligence officer stationed in Washington who was the target of that investigation. When Edmonds checked Dickerson's translations, she discovered serious flaws, including omitting the fact that the Turkish intelligence officer was running spies in the State Department and The Pentagon!!!

Edmonds alleged that, at the turn of the last century, there were "several Bin Ladens" who were flying on private jets and NATO planes to places like Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Chechnya. Edmonds said that "people and weapons went one way, drugs came back."

NATO planes, said Edmonds, were being used to transport drugs to Belgium. Many drugs came to the US on military planes and, from there, "went to distribution centers in Chicago and Paterson, New Jersey." Edmonds also asserted that Turkish diplomats were entering our country with "suitcases of heroin."

Most people are probably unaware that, in 2007, six years after international forces invaded Afghanistan, the opium yield was the largest in human history. Opium sales increased Afghanistan's GDP by a whopping 66%. In fact, by 2007, opium revenue constituted 40% of the entire economy!

According to a 2006 *Daily Mail* article, northern Afghanistan wasn't just producing poppies and opium; it was also producing heroin on an industrial scale. This was the same region in which Osama Bin Laden was headquartered, the same man the CIA financed from 1979 to 1989 to fight the Soviets.

When we attacked Afghanistan, America engaged in air bombing raids "while the CIA paid, armed, and equipped the warlord drug barons—especially those grouped in the Northern Alliance—to do the ground occupation." After America's initial success against the Taliban (which Biden threw away), the warlords moved in to claim the spoils. They were made ministers in the new government so that the four largest players in the heroin business were all senior members of the Afghan government.

Edmond's duties also led to her discovering a rat's nest of culture rot in the US Congress. While translating recordings of conversations between suspected Turkish intelligence agents and their American contacts, one name stood out, a man the Turkish callers often referred to as "Denny boy." It turns out that this was a reference to the Republican congressman from Illinois and then-Speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert.

In May 2015, Hastert was indicted for structuring withdrawals of over \$900,000 to avoid bank reporting laws. The money was used to pay off blackmailers regarding pedophilia crimes he committed while he was a high school wrestling coach. These charges were just the tip of a burgeoning iceberg. Hastert, his top aide, and other high-ranking government officials were caught up in a criminal web of pedophilia, espionage, drugs, and blackmail.

Hastert's lawyers had no problem negotiating a plea bargain for the same reason Sibel Edmonds was gagged with the dubious States Secrets Privilege. In fact, Sibel has warned that the Hastert matter, which is "deep" and "dark," will never be fully explored because it was a bipartisan scandal that involved "people from both sides of the aisle."

Last August, as noted, we abandoned Afghanistan so that the Taliban once again reign supreme. Before the post-9/11 invasion of Afghanistan, the Taliban had essentially eradicated opium crop production. Now that they are back in charge, what will happen to the opium/ heroin yields? Will they be slashed to almost nothing, or will the Taliban be tempted to use the massive economy of scale and use heroin to fund terrorism?

Are we witnessing the unintended consequences of a 20-year occupation of one of the most vile places on Earth, or are there darker forces at work that Sibel Edmonds has been trying to warn us about for over two decades?

-American Thinker, July 27, 2023

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# Four Tenets of Global Warming by Lynne Balzer

The four main tenets of the human-caused [anthropogenic] global warming hypothesis are:

1) "Carbon dioxide [CO2] is the principal greenhouse gas."

This is a lie. Water vapor, making up about 3% of the atmosphere, is the most powerful "greenhouse gas." At 30,000 parts per million (ppm), water vapor has 70-100 times as much effect on the warming of the atmosphere as carbon dioxide, which, at 415 ppm, makes up only about 0.04% of the atmosphere.

2) "Carbon dioxide controls global temperature, which has been steadily increasing."

To find out if this is true, we first need to examine previous weather reports to learn how much the average global temperature has increased in the last 100 years. We also need to know how much of this has been natural change and how much of it was caused by humans.

3) "Industrialized nations especially must atone, or pay the price, for this warming."

This makes it very clear that climate change is a political—not a scientific—issue.

4) "Man can control the climate. We can fix this problem by emitting less CO2."

If it's true that mankind's addition of CO2 to the atmosphere has caused climate change above the beyond natural causes, then theoretically we could stop it. But has it ever been proved that carbon dioxide is the culprit?

### Climate Alarmism and the Environmentalist Cause

About 80% of a group of people recently surveyed said that they care deeply about the environment. Proponents of Climatism, the belief in anthropogenic (human caused) global warming (AGW), who say that without drastic action the world will end in ten years, have taken the moral high ground by attaching this issue to environmentalism. This has actually become a religion for many people.

Fortunately the Internet has made it easier than ever before to research this claim to verify its accuracy. Fifty years ago one would have had to comb through hundreds of books and periodicals in a huge library to get the same information that can now be obtained in just a few hours online.

But powerful forces are already closing some doors to the truth by censoring material that doesn't follow the official narrative—just as they've censored doctors warning us about COVID-19 MRNA "vaccines." So, to find the truth, we have no time to lose in checking out the facts about this vital matter that concerns us all. Hopefully you will check claims of impending doom cased by human-generated carbon dioxide and—almost as important—the probability that the proposed alternatives will work.

If you lack the confidence to make an informed decision about this important issue because you feel that you lack scientific knowledge or qualifications, this book will provide you with a clear and honest presentation of the facts. You don't need a PhD in climate science to grasp the issue when it's presented in concrete, down-to-terms.

—Lynne Balzer, *Exposing the Great Climate Change Lie*, p. 2, 3 Note: Mrs. Balzer's book is available on Amazon for \$15.25

# A Century of Climate Change by Pandra Selivanov

*The Washington Post* has released a story headlined "Arctic Ocean Getting Warm; Seals Vanish and Icebergs Melt." Highlights of the article include seals finding waters too hot, there is a radical change in climatic conditions, temperatures are rising in the arctic, and glaciers are disappearing. Same old story, and I do mean an old story—this particular item appeared in 1922.

The left has taken umbrage at the circulation of the story on social media because it was embellished with a warning that the sea level would rise and coastal cities would become uninhabitable. It's true that the archived article says nothing about rising sea levels or the habitability of coastal cities. It is also true that the mainstream media have been issuing strident warnings that melting polar ice will render coastal cities uninhabitable. The World Economic Forum lists cities at risk. CBS News informs us there will be zombie towns from rising sea levels. The United Nations considers melting ice a direct threat to humanity. I find myself wondering why anybody would have a problem with the extrapolation of the 1922 article that melting ice will endanger coastal cities, when that's what we've been told for years and years.

This is why I prefer actual science, like the discovery that thousands of years ago, glaciers retreated at the rate of one quarter of a mile a day. Apparently, the rate of glacial melt is affected, among other things, by the surface upon which the glacier rests. Thwaites glacier is called the Doomsday Glacier because it contains enough ice to raise the sea level by two feet all by itself if it melts. It was moving at the rate of about half a mile a year before it stabilized on a ridge in the bedrock. No one knows when it might start moving again, but it's only a couple of miles away from smooth flat bedrock.

Scientists have learned that smooth flat bedrock allows ice to practically float above the ground, which facilitates sliding into the sea. The more the glacier slides into the sea, the more pieces break off, and the faster it melts. It's simple physics, and it has nothing to do with so-called man-made global warming. Humans are not responsible for the topography of the land upon which glaciers rest. And if we're lucky, the scaremongers will be as accurate today as they were a hundred years ago.

*—American Thinker*, July 26, 2023

# The Bible and American Law by Molly Stag

We can gain an insight into just how far America has fallen by examining two facts that are neither generally known nor mentioned today: (1) The common law of England is the fundamental law of America, and (2) Biblical morality is embedded in the common law of England.

Someone will no doubt object to Fact No. 1 and assert, "The US Constitution says that it is the supreme law of the land."

True. The US Constitution is the supreme law of the law. But the common law of England is the fundamental law of the land. Let me explain.

Before the Founders signed off on the Declaration of Independence, the thirteen sisters were thirteen British colonies, and their law was the common law of England. After they executed the Declaration of Independence, the thirteen sisters were thirteen sovereign states, and there was a puzzle as to what their law should be. Over the span of a few months, all thirteen adopted the common law as their law.

Does that seem odd? Not at all, as the very purpose of the revolution was to preserve and protect the colonies' rights and privileges under the common law. All those rights now enshrined in the US Constitution's

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Bill of Rights originated in the common law, including the principle of "No taxation without representation."

Today, 49 American states (all of them but for Louisiana) have a statute or a state supreme court decision stating that the common law is the law of the state. This common law is an "unwritten" law that comes down only in the decisions of the courts.

In the mid-20th century, the states and the United States engaged in a vast movement to reduce major parts of the common law to writing. This statutory effort produced two kinds of statutes: those "declaratory" of the common law and those "derogatory" of the common law. The common law itself had principles of interpretation ready and waiting for these "declaratory" or "derogatory" statutes. The basic principle is that "all legislation is to be considered in the light of the common law."

More specifically, the principles of interpretation provided "statutes declaratory of the common law should be interpreted in light of the common law" and "statutes derogatory of the common law should be strictly construed." As Justice Antonin Scalia put it, "statutes will not be interpreted as changing the common law unless they effect the change with clarity."

And what about Fact No. 2, the Biblical basis of American law? One of the bedrock principles of the common law is that "Christianity is Part of the Common Law." Here we must be quick to explain that this principle is not about Christian theology—not "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." This principle is about Christian morality; that is, Biblical morality, that is, Judeo-Christian morality.

Many readers are now asking, "Why have I never heard this before?" The answer is that this principle is out of fashion. Although this principle remains in the books of the decisional literature, it has fallen into disuse among the judges as out of style. Likewise, no doubt many readers have never heard that the Supreme Court of the United States has declared that "America is a Christian Nation."

The fact that Americans do not know these principles is a measure of just how far America has fallen.

*—American Thinker*, July 23, 2023

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## Black Rock by Alex Newman

Despite what you may have heard, it *is* about much more than "money." It always has been.

The recent cultural transformation of corporate America—think Bud Light, Target, and Disney as some of the more recent examples—has shocked traditional Americans to the core. Suddenly, it seems that every major company in the nation has gone "woke," promoting everything from man-made global-warming alarmism and "transgender" mutilation of children's genitals to godless globalism and vicious racemongering. It is all happening under the guise of improving "Environmental, Social, Governance" (ESG) scores and "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" (DEI) metrics.

Customers hate it, of course, as many companies facing boycotts and steep financial penalties have learned the hard way. So do shareholders, managers, and employees. Yet, despite being a money loser and despite the endless "Go Woke, Go Broke" chorus chanted by conservatives, more and more companies and brands are jumping on the "woke" bandwagon, apparently oblivious to the catastrophic damage they are doing to their brands. But there is more to the story; a simple explanation to the madness is lurking just beneath the surface.

Behind the scenes, quietly, there is a vast power responsible for pushing all this "woke" corporate fanaticism. It has a name: BlackRock. The world's largest asset manager, the corporate giant has an estimated \$10 trillion under management. For perspective, that is more than the gross domestic product (GDP) of every country on the planet except the United States and Communist China. When the overlord of it all orders lesser mortals running Fortune 500 companies to jump in his annual "letter to CEOs," business leaders around the world stand at attention and ask, "How high, sir?"

Journalist Matt Taibbi famously referred to Goldman Sachs in a 2010 *Rolling Stone* article as a "great vampire squid wrapped around the face of humanity, relentlessly jamming its blood funnel into anything that smells like money." But as the largest stakeholder in the great vampire squid from hell, BlackRock, while less well known than its diabolical cephalopod minion, is now orders of magnitude more important in both business and politics. It is the Grand Poohbah of all the vampire squids, to borrow Taibbi's language.

The power of this corporate leviathan is unfathomable. It owns more than five percent of most S&P 500 companies, according to CNBC. And its tentacles extend to every corner of the global economy. In fact, along with State Street and Vanguard, BlackRock is among the largest stakeholders in most of the major companies you can name. It frequently is the largest stakeholder in companies that compete against each other, too.

In a three-part exposé of the financial monolith, independent journalist James Corbett of the *Corbett Report* begins with a thought experiment. In his scenario, you start by shopping at Walmart, where BlackRock is one of the top stakeholders. Then you buy some Coke, another company in which BlackRock dominates. Then you get your Moderna shot—again BlackRock is there with about a seven-percent stake. Next you fill up at Exxon, and again, BlackRock is there. Finally, frustrated, you decide to lock yourself in your house and do your shopping on Amazon, and *again*, BlackRock owns one of the largest stakes.

Once it buys these huge positions, BlackRock makes clear that the firm *will* go woke. Worst of all, perhaps, this evil imposed on companies is being advanced with *your* money. Despite the protests of investors, political leaders, and even institutions with massive amounts of money invested with BlackRock, the firm dutifully votes the shares that its clients technically own to promote the "woke" agenda. Indeed, the threat to board members who resist that they will be ousted from their lucrative posts looms large over corporate board meetings everywhere.

BlackRock Chairman and CEO Larry Fink has bragged repeatedly about what he is doing with your money. "Behaviors are going to have to change, and this is one thing that we are asking companies," Fink declared during a 2017 discussion hosted by *The New York Times.* "You have to force behaviors, and at BlackRock, we are forcing behaviors." It is true; BlackRock is, in fact, *forcing* behaviors on companies, as well as on the people who work in those companies and even consumers.

But the almost \$10 trillion it manages for clients like you (via your retirement funds) and your local and state governments is only part of the picture. While State Street and Vanguard are major players in investment management, both of those corporate giants, among many others, now rely on BlackRock's Artificial Intelligence platform known as Aladdin (Asset, Liability, Debt and Derivative Investment Network). The system now dominates the global economy, with lesser vampire squids everywhere taking their cues from the Dracula of cephalopods.

Aside from his company's unimaginable economic power, the man who created and continues to lead BlackRock, self-proclaimed globalist Fink, is also one of the most powerful global corporatists in the public eye in his own right. Among other roles, he sits on the board of trustees of Klaus Schwab's World Economic Forum (WEF), the organization bringing together leaders of government and business to advance the "Great Reset." In addition to being a top champion of ESG, the Switzerland-based WEF is also a "strategic partner" of the United Nations in radically transforming the world through the 17 "Sustainable Development Goals" known as UN Agenda 2030.

Fink also sits on the board of the globalist Council on Foreign Relations, which basically serves as Deep State headquarters in the United States. Then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton admitted that the CFR tells globalists like her "what we should be doing and how we should think about the future." Former Vice President Dick Cheney, a Republican, boasted of his longtime association with the group, though he admitted that he never told his constituents in Wyoming. Joe Biden once joked on stage that CFR President Richard Haass was his boss. And US Navy Admiral Chester Ward, who spent 16 years as a CFR member before defecting, said the group and its members were dedicated to the destruction of American sovereignty and the creation of a one-world government.

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