

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recognize the law enforcement officers serving on the front lines. Without them our streets would erupt into chaos, and the law and order our society relies on would crumble. We have seen this happen already too much in this country.

Our law enforcement officers have already incredibly difficult and dangerous jobs. That is why recent attacks on law enforcement by extreme elements wanting to upend our society deeply sadden millions of Americans, myself included, who support the police. Instead of providing the resources to assist our police, these radicals want to defund our police departments altogether.

This is insanity. We should ask ourselves how we can help police do their jobs more safely and effectively, not vilify them.

I am proud to back the blue. The majority of Americans who recognize their security and well-being depend upon the police to back the blue too.

All our law enforcement officers who serve us so faithfully should know that they have our sincere thanks and appreciation, not only during Police Appreciation Week, but always.

ELECTION INTEGRITY

(Mr. GAETZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with great concern that I report to the House that the Civil Rights Division of the Biden Justice Department is actually working against the civil rights and the voting rights of our citizens.

Brave patriots in Arizona have undertaken an election audit to ensure that an actual human being is attached to a vote that was cast. This will inform better public policy prospectively. But Pamela Karlan, the head of the Civil Rights Division of the Biden Justice Department, has worked to stop that endeavor, and we know Dr. Karlan from her testimony in the Judiciary Committee where she made fun of President Trump's son's name and where she said that conservative Republicans didn't want to even live around one another because apparently we are so repulsive.

This is deeply unfortunate. This person should not even have a job at the Justice Department, and she certainly should not be working to perpetuate the true big lie and that is that there is not a tremendous amount of work left to be done on election integrity.

CANCEL CULTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KAHELE). Under the Speaker's an-

nounced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. BUCK) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, cancel culture is a dangerous phenomenon, the total silencing and erasing of people and truths the progressives dislike.

Americans are beginning to see what cancel culture is really about. A recent survey found that 64 percent of Americans now believe cancel culture is a threat to freedom.

Cancel culture aims not only to cancel certain elements of society but to replace them. Consider the following: for years, the political left has attempted to erase parts of our American history, especially our founding and the story of 1776.

Why?

Because their goal is replacement. In place of America's true history, the progressives want to push the 1619 Project. This false narrative presents students with an alternate history and an alternate reality that our Nation was founded not on the principles outlined in the Declaration of Independence but instead on a racist pursuit of expanding slavery. Canceling 1776 makes sense only in the broader context of this effort to advance a false narrative.

Other areas of curriculum are being canceled in favor of critical race theory. Just last week, the Biden administration announced that it will use taxpayer funds to push critical race theory in public schools across the Nation. Critical race theory is the backdoor way to teach Marxism to students and adults in this country under the guise of pushing equity.

In my State of Colorado, the oil and gas industry is being canceled.

The goal?

Replace it with Green New Deal objectives.

Schools named after our Founders must be renamed after liberal icons according to the left. Professors and journalists who will not kowtow to the progressive agenda find themselves replaced in their jobs.

Our list of examples could go on.

I am joined tonight by my colleagues who wish to help expose cancel culture. The examples we will highlight touch on all aspects of cancel culture, but they all have one thing in common: in each instance, progressives seek to cancel, cut, censor, and silence so they can move to the next phase: replace cancel culture.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS), who is my good friend.

Mr. BIGGS. Cancel culture is eroding the very foundation of who we are as

an American people. Rowan Atkinson, the star of the British TV series "Maigret" said that it is like a medieval mob coming to burn witches. That is what the cancel culture is all about.

How about taking an analogy from George Orwell's "Nineteen Eighty-Four" novel where they take history and they throw it into the chute. They revise history constantly, and you can't even control what you think anymore, Mr. Speaker. That is what cancel culture is becoming.

How about from a book called "The Girl With Seven Names" about a courageous young woman who escaped from North Korea and she tells us how North Korea did the same thing?

How about China under the Chinese Communist Party as reported in "The Hundred-Year Marathon" by Mr. Pillsbury who wrote that book?

That is what we see happening, this attempt to erase who we are as individuals and then replace them with something else.

Let me give you some other examples. Pepe Le Pew is no longer tolerated by the left and by the woke mob. Miss Piggy is canceled. Dr. Seuss books are canceled.

Here are some others. How about this one: Goya Foods, because this guy had the temerity, Robert Unanue, who is the CEO of Goya Foods, had the temerity to support President Trump so people attempted to boycott and cancel his business. Senator JOSH HAWLEY wrote a book. He is canceled because he says that he wants election integrity.

How about Washington, Lincoln, and Jefferson?

San Francisco erases those schools named after Washington, Lincoln, or Jefferson.

Matthew Yglesias, the liberal opinion writer who resigned from Vox, a company that he cofounded, because his woke staff says he is too center right.

How about Tucker Carlson, Sean Hannity, and Laura Ingraham?

They were all attacked for being conservative voices.

The attack is to silence conservatives' voices. The new rule is we will only be tolerant if you are accepting of our views—not just accepting—if you comply—not just comply—you bow to the tyrannical rules of the left.

Gina Carano, the "Mandalorian" actress, was fired by Disney because she says that being a Republican in 2021 is like being a Jew in Nazi, Germany. So she has got to go. They canceled the action figure named after her.

Adam Rubenstein, a former New York Times reporter and editor, has got to go because he lets TOM COTTON's piece get published in The New York Times. Oops. We can't have that.

J. K. Rowling, the very successful author of the Harry Potter series, is canceled because she has the temerity to suggest that transgender rights might endanger women's rights. You can't have any conflicting view out there, Mr. Speaker. No, you can't do that.

Then Mike Lindell, you know him, he is the My Pillow guy. He is on TV all

the time advertising. You can't have him because he is a friend and supporter of Donald Trump and questions the election results.

We have reached the point in our society where the left says that if you do not bow your knee to what we say is the new norm—and the only acceptable dogma—if you are a heterodox in any way, Mr. Speaker, we will cancel you, we will dock you, and we will erase you. That cannot stand, and it will not stand.

This group and the gentleman from Colorado will continue to fight. I thank the gentleman for yielding. We will continue to fight this outrageous attack on who we are as American people.

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his remarks.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for a slightly different purpose. She will tell us about a very sad circumstance in her home State of North Carolina.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding tonight for a very short but very serious and solemn set of comments.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two members of the Watauga County Sheriff's Office who lost their lives in the line of duty on April 28.

Sergeant Chris Ward, an 8-year law enforcement officer, and K-9 Deputy Logan Fox, a former deputy of the Ashe County Sheriff's Office, left an indelible mark on Watauga County.

This is a tremendous loss not only for Watauga County, but also for law enforcement across the State and country. These two fallen heroes dedicated their lives to law enforcement, and many who knew them recognized that their passion for serving the community they were proud to call home was second to none.

This Monday, a Community Day of Remembrance in Boone, North Carolina, was held in their honor.

Businesses, organizations, and proud citizens of Watauga County came together to show their overwhelming support for law enforcement and for first responders.

Mr. Speaker, across America law enforcement officers like Sergeant Ward and Deputy Fox wake up every day with one important goal in mind: fulfilling their duty to uphold law and order. These proud men and women leave for work knowing that they may not come home to their families, but still, they answer the call to serve without a moment's hesitation. That level of commitment to one's duty and community is truly awe-inspiring, and I firmly believe that we owe law enforcement a profound debt of gratitude.

Mr. Speaker, I will always support law enforcement across this country. They are true gatekeepers of law and order, and they must be respected.

Calls to defund the police from the left are egregious and divisive. That rhetoric is profoundly dangerous and is

an insult to the men and women who work around the clock to protect us.

God bless the countless law enforcement officers across this country and their families. We are forever grateful for the sacrifices you continue to make.

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Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from North Carolina for her comments, and I assure her that our thoughts and prayers are with her and the families of those who have fallen.

I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY).

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Colorado for organizing this important topic of conversation.

I thank the gentlewoman from North Carolina for recognizing the law enforcement officers in her home State, much like the rest of our States, who put their lives on the line every single day to defend us, to protect our communities.

This is an important week, obviously, for law enforcement. I think it is germane to the point that my friend from Colorado is making about canceling because this whole notion of canceling isn't just about corporations; it is not just about technology; it is not just about Amazon; it is not just about Twitter and Facebook. It is about canceling the very people who are, like our friend from North Carolina was just talking about, these law enforcement officers—canceling police officers, canceling law enforcement, canceling those who are standing up and defending us every single day.

We hear it. I had a little girl in my home district in Austin who wrote a project for her school in which she was outlining how she was upset about how her father, her dad, who is a police officer, was being treated and how, when he would come home, he was despondent a little bit about the day because our law enforcement officers are being harassed, targeted, criticized, mocked, defunded.

This is purposeful. This is happening every single day. We are literally working to cancel law enforcement.

In Austin, Texas, they defunded police \$150 million. Now, we have seen a 50 percent spike in homicides. There are homeless encampments all across the streets. We have 1999 levels of funding for the police department for a city that has grown by leaps and bounds since then.

This canceling of law enforcement leaves us at risk, and it undermines the very security of our communities. But it is real, and it is happening in real-time.

Twenty major cities have cut police budgets. \$1.7 billion has been cut from police departments nationwide.

But it is not just law enforcement. We are talking about that here because of my friend from North Carolina. But it is about corporations. We are sitting

here in the people's House, in front of the American flag, and our Nation right now is increasingly run by corporations more than the men and women who are in this body.

I mean, think about it. We hardly ever meet. We never amend. We never debate. We never do any actual give-and-take here on the floor. We get up and speechify a little bit.

Meanwhile, corporations are deciding who gets to get their voice heard. Corporations are deciding, by the way, what election laws are warranted in Georgia or Texas, venerable corporations like Coca-Cola, Delta Air Lines, Major League Baseball.

In the United States of America, baseball has been politicized. I can't even watch baseball with my son without having to figure out and worry about how he is going to be viewing America because Major League Baseball has decided it is more important to be woke and move the All-Star Game from 50 percent Black Atlanta to 10 percent Black Denver. Why? So they can go around patting themselves on the back in Colorado while they say: Hey, look at me. I am driving my Subaru, and I have an Apple sticker on my car.

No offense to the gentleman from Colorado.

Is that woke?

Hank Aaron passed away this year. We could have celebrated his life with an All-Star Game in Atlanta, Georgia, and woke corporate Major League Baseball decides it is more important to make a statement about election laws in Georgia, which, by the way, the proposed laws differ very little from the laws in Colorado, as my friend from Colorado knows.

But they wanted to make a statement through their corporate power and their woke corporate boards that are packed with all these elite Harvard Business School and Yale school of business types that are going into these corporate boardrooms and trying to tell us how to live our lives in little ole Texas or Georgia or Colorado. That is what we face with these corporations that are trying to tell us how to live.

I appreciate my friend from Colorado giving us the time to focus on this important issue tonight. We have to reclaim our ability to live free in this country, and we ought to ask ourselves that question more and more: Are we truly free with wide-open borders and half a million apprehensions, \$30 trillion in debt, and corporations telling us how to live our lives? Are we truly free in this country? I think we ought to ask that question over and over and over.

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Texas, and I appreciate the points that he made.

I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GREEN).

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, before I jump into my remarks, I would like to echo what my colleague from Texas said.

The interesting thing about the Major League Baseball decision is, only 2 days before they decided that voter ID was too tough for them, they signed a deal with Tencent in China, where there are no elections whatsoever and where they are committing cultural genocide against the Uighurs.

That wasn't good enough in Georgia, but they signed a deal for millions of dollars to support what is going on in China.

Mr. Speaker, as a physician, I recognize that cancel culture is a sickness in our society. It is easy to diagnose, but we have to admit it is going to be difficult to cure because we are fighting the woke media and the woke left.

The left is using cancel culture to tear our country apart in its quest for their version of a utopia. They demonize conservatives as an enemy of a nation that we love and hold dear. But no one is safe from cancel culture, not even the liberals themselves.

Who has advanced progressivism more than Barack Obama during his 8 years as President? No one. Yet, leftists today are canceling Barack Obama, who was, until recently, their self-proclaimed hero. In his home State of Illinois, Thomas Jefferson Middle School was supposed to be renamed the Barack and Michelle Obama Middle School; that is, until the far radical left protested that Obama followed the laws in some instances by deporting illegal immigrants.

God forbid that a President, tasked in the Constitution to enforce the law, actually enforces the law.

So, please, my colleagues on the left, tell me how my colleagues on the right are safe from cancel culture when your side of the aisle isn't even safe. Iconic figures on the left are being canceled.

Just the other week, the famed atheist Richard Dawkins, who many fellow Christians and I find incredibly offensive for his bigoted attacks on our faith, was just canceled. Dawkins was stripped of his Humanist of the Year Award that he received back in 1996. Of what was he found guilty? He believed that a civil discussion on what constitutes gender was legitimate. Canceled.

A professor even canceled lecturing on the writings of James Baldwin, known for his participation in the civil rights and gay liberation movements, because his students said it made them "relive intergenerational trauma."

Matthew Yglesias, the founder of the liberal news website Vox, has been canceled simply because he didn't want to defund the police. Canceled.

Again, my colleagues on the left, tell me how cancel culture doesn't exist, and tell me that conservatives aren't being attacked.

Who are these conservatives getting canceled?

Well, the left tried unsuccessfully, as was mentioned earlier, to cancel Goya Foods executive Robert Unanue because he supported Donald Trump.

President Abraham Lincoln, who ended the Democrat Party's institution of slavery, is being canceled.

Lincoln's general, President Ulysses S. Grant: Canceled.

Covington Catholic children—yes, I said children—were completely slandered with lies by the left-wing media simply because they happened to be wearing MAGA hats.

Senate Democrats tried to cancel Justice Amy Coney Barrett because she actually believes what her Catholic faith teaches.

Vice President KAMALA HARRIS tried to cancel a lower court appointee just 3 years ago because he was a member of the Catholic charitable group Knights of Columbus. Apparently, they hold the controversial view that we shouldn't terminate the lives of innocent, unborn children.

Enough is enough. If we want our country to continue to prosper, we need to stop seeing each other as political enemies and candidates for cancellation. We need to remember the motto on the great seal above my head as I speak: E pluribus unum, out of many, one.

We are a nation of many different States, localities, ethnicities, religions, backgrounds, and political beliefs. We need to stop focusing on our differences and start seeing each other as Americans, once again, regardless of what we believe.

Cancel culture is anti-American and, for the sake of our Nation, it needs to end now. I urge my Democrat colleagues to join us in this. Your own icons are being canceled. You will be the next victim. You will be assimilated.

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his impassioned remarks and great research. We could all learn a lot from that. I appreciate it very much.

I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CLOUD).

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Colorado for organizing this. This is an essential topic in this essential time that we find ourselves.

We have a unique foundation, in that our Nation rests on the understanding that our inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are not a grant from this government but, rather, a gift from God.

Among these inalienable rights enshrined in our First Amendment is the freedom of speech. Indeed, the peace and tranquility of our entire Republic rest on the understanding that the people have a right to have their voice heard.

But we have entered into a most troubling time in our Nation. For all the talk of unity by this current administration, this government has sought only conformity.

In this Chamber, we have witnessed the unilateral march of the extreme-left legislation designed not to protect our liberties but, rather, force the American people to conform to their extreme ideas of government-mandated social engineering and the restruc-

turing of an economy from the most successful model in history to one of socialism, which has failed everywhere it has been tried.

Then there is Big Tech. These companies that arose to prominence in an environment that only economic freedom and opportunity provide have now embraced authoritarianism, fostering a world that is worse than the one they hoped to correct.

They have selectively canceled conservative voices while allowing leftist members, even in this body, to repeatedly call for unrest in our streets and violence against dissenting voices.

They have allowed their platforms to raise money to bail out violent rioters, these true insurrectionists who have called for an end to America, that have burned our flags and literally taken over city blocks, declaring them autonomous to the United States.

Yes, these Big Tech platforms continue to provide a platform for Communist China, for terrorist groups, and others to spew their propaganda.

Then there are the multinational corporations that have bought into this diabolical movement. They are either ignorant to history or simply care more about their quarterly earnings report than the liberty, opportunity, or personal prosperity of their neighbors, the American people.

They would rather cozy up to the powerful to gain access to crush their competition and to protect corporate profits than stand up for the very principles and economic opportunity that enabled their own success. They do a disservice to the people of this Nation. The hypocrisy is not overlooked.

To some in our Nation who have experienced the relative peace and security that comes with being heirs of these blessings of liberty, these trends could seem novel or perhaps part of the natural ebb and flow of politics in a free society.

Sometimes it is harder for us born here to see the signs, but some of the most compelling voices sounding the alarm right now are the immigrants who come here. I have spoken to many from Cuba, Ecuador, Iran, and Venezuela. They see the signs in a way that many of us do not, and they are fearful, angered, and heartbroken.

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Venezuela, just a few short years ago, was the economic jewel of South America. Today, it is a wasteland fraught with poverty, conflict, and oppression.

A couple in my district came from Iran. They are terrified by what they are now seeing here. One of them liked a post about the killing of Soleimani and found her account temporarily halted on the platform. The irony is too rich.

I spoke to a lady from Ecuador. She had come to this country at about 18 years of age with her family. Under severe persecution, she had fled the country to come here. She didn't refer to this as the United States of America.

She said: "I come to freedom country. We have to do everything we can to protect freedom country." Those were her words.

So we know that while the terminology and the methods may be new, the cancel culture movement is hardly new to history. Despotism regimes have worked to silence dissent for millennia.

What is different about this moment is the broad embrace of the movement by those in positions of power within the United States of America in order to consolidate political power or perhaps preserve their personal status quo, all at the sake of the liberties of their fellow citizens.

Ronald Reagan reminded us that freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like to live in the United States where men were free.

It is time to restore power to the American people. It is time for people across this Nation to stand up in boardrooms and classrooms and houses of worship and in this hallowed Chamber, to stand up with courage to this evil movement.

God forbid we be the generation that allows this precious and unique experiment in self-government, this imperfect but beautiful Republic, to sink, enveloped by the undertow of the forces of envy, strife, and division. Let us not let that happen.

Let us be that generation, like generations before, that work toward that more perfect union, one that protects and preserves our beloved freedom country.

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I surely thank my good friend, the gentleman from Colorado, for the opportunity to speak and the importance of this subject.

Ladies and gentlemen, in the thirties and forties, they banned and burned books. That was just what they had at the time. They weren't really banning the book; they were banning and burning the idea—the ideas, the differences of opinion. I submit to you that that fascist regime then did what this cancel culture is doing right now.

We have already talked about Major League Baseball canceling the All-Star Game in Atlanta and acting like we don't know that there are more restrictive States elsewhere, including the State that it went to. It is absolutely ridiculous.

Facebook canceled the Great Barrington Declaration, a declaration of medical professionals and scientists who declared that lockdowns had adverse effects on physical and mental health and we would be better served by focusing on the protection of people

who face a high risk of mortality should they become infected.

How dare they. How dare they not accept the narrative, the dogma, the groupthink. Who do they think they are?

Google fired employee Kevin Cernekee for the crime—what was his crime? He held conservative views.

How about OSU Coach Mike Gundy? What was his crime? Wearing the wrong T-shirt while fishing.

That is how absurd this gets. And it just keeps on going, ladies and gentlemen. It doesn't stop.

Of course, President Trump, the President of the United States, was canceled by big tech, banned from Twitter, likely permanently banned from Facebook and, as has already been stated, by the same companies doing business with and helping the Communist Chinese Government oppress its citizens, the same companies that allow the Ayatollah to freely transmit over their platform. No problem there. And it just keeps on going.

I mean, the President talked about hydroxychloroquine in the early stages of the pandemic as a potential solution or treatment. Man, who knows? I mean, it has been around since the 1940s. How dare he. And how dare the doctors who believe in him and believe the same thing. Who do they think they are when the press and the cancel culture says no way?

Of course, the worst of it, a Representative right here in this body, the gentlewoman from Missouri, and 54 of her colleagues sought to cancel 140 Members of Congress for objecting to the electors in several States due to the election irregularities and constitutional infractions in these States, including my home State of Pennsylvania. They introduced H. Res. 25, calling for the removal of those Members from the House of Representatives. They don't bother telling you that they themselves objected to more States in 2016 than the Republicans did in 2020. Let's cancel them. Free speech has been canceled.

If you want to protest and burn your city down, protest is great. Violence and rioting is not accepted, except when it is. But think you are going to the church in the same town? Canceled.

Your right to protest. You can riot, yes. But come to the Capitol and address your grievances with your elected representatives, no.

Ladies and gentlemen, cancel culture is a synonym for fascism; and the sooner we recognize it, the better off we are going to be at dealing with it.

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for not naming my home State as he was talking about the All-Star Game.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. TIFFANY), and I thank him for joining us in this Special Order hour.

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Speaker:

I do not like the cancel mob.

I do not like the groupthink blob.

We should not censor our own speech.

That's not a habit we should teach.

This isn't China or Iran.

Free speech belongs to every man.

This right belongs to women, too.

To teachers, students, me and you.

Don't let them tell you what to say.

Or what to think or how to pray.

America's for you and me.

For Dr. Seuss—not Jack Dorsey.

I thank the Speaker for the time.

And hope you liked my free speech rhyme.

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman, and I suggest he is in the wrong line of work. That was great. I thank him very much for that.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CLYDE).

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Colorado for hosting this Special Order on this very important and increasingly pervasive issue in our society: Cancel culture.

I hold very deep concerns about how this ugly movement is corrupting our youth and stands to seriously threaten the many core values shared by those in my district, those from north Georgia: altruism, patriotism, faith, and integrity, just to name a few.

While calling people out on their actions and/or behaviors is nothing new in our society, there is something inherently dangerous about fringe groups of people moving in a calculated manner to strip people of jobs, to strip businesses of revenue, and shutting down entire thought groups altogether, without a fair and just consideration being afforded to the targeted party.

Each of us has an understanding of what is right and wrong, just as we, as lawmakers, have our own ideas for what is good policy and what is not. We can debate and defend our personal opinions and sincerely held beliefs all we want, but when rights enshrined by the Constitution are at risk, I believe we have a duty to step up and defend those rights.

Whether we are talking about standing up for God-given, unalienable religious liberties, Second Amendment rights or First Amendment protections, I wholeheartedly believe that we should also be pointing to the truth within the Constitution.

It is easy to point to the Constitution as a blanketed rationale for countless issues. Both sides do it, and I find it does the public a disservice at large on two fronts, especially when one side just doesn't tell the truth.

For one, I believe blanketed statements pointing to enumerated rights inadvertently desensitizes Americans, especially our youth, to the importance of the Constitution.

Secondly, we are not challenging ourselves to push beyond the emotional sphere of these issues and to think critically and analytically to find the truth.

So we, as conservatives, need to stand up to cancel culture in two ways.

First, the Constitution has provided the basis for which the canceled individual and the "cancelor" engage in debate to begin with.

Second, we should be putting truth behind our decision to stand up in defense of those being targeted.

For example, I stand here today to oppose the progressive push to cancel biological genders, to cancel religious liberties, and to cancel the Second Amendment. Probably the most bold example of cancel culture that I have ever seen is that of Facebook and Twitter trying to cancel the sitting President of the United States, Donald Trump.

I stand in defense of biological genders because the truth is that women are biologically different from men. Young men should not have to compete against self-identified transgenders who are biological men. Moreover, the truth is that women are the bearers of life, and only women can give birth. Call them what they are. Moms are moms, not birthing people.

How ridiculous is that term, “birthing people”?

How about H.R. 5, the Equality Act. That was another brazen attempt by progressives to cancel biological sex by normalizing transgender equality.

As I have said before and will say again, transgender medical treatment for children is child abuse, and any effort to normalize such treatments is a serious violation of the welfare and bodily integrity of our children. Allowing children to undergo life-changing alterations to their bodies should be a violation of the law, and the child abuser should be criminally prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

I oppose efforts by progressives to cancel religious liberties in their entirety. While I could speak at length about the various targets of cancel culture that fall under religious liberties, there is no better example than the Democrats’ bill on the floor this week, H.R. 1065, that blatantly and knowingly leaves out protections for religious entities, as prescribed under the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Under this act, a religious employer could have to consider allowing an employee to take paid time off to have an abortion procedure. While religious liberty protections are the center of this cancellation attempt, the truth is that an unborn child is a living, human child, and we must protect it as such.

I stand strong against the Democrats’ all-out attack on the Second Amendment, because it is no secret they are trying to cancel Americans’ right to keep and bear arms in a piecemeal manner. The truth is that law-abiding gun owners are not the perpetrators of violent crimes. However, law-abiding gun owners will bear the brunt of the impact from this ploy. The facts are on the side of the law-abiding gun owners.

The Democrats know that and they just can’t stand it. That is why Democrats are rolling out rules to ban guns piece by piece so that guns in the homes of Americans, as we speak, become outlawed over time. They do this under the guise of abolishing firearms

made at home by individuals by calling them ghost guns.

The truth is that we see through this thinly veiled facade, and we will not sit by and allow them to cancel our rights.

Finally, I challenge all of my colleagues to not just stand up to the cancel culture in the name of the Constitution, but to do so by adding truth to the dialogue.

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS).

Mr. DONALDS. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Colorado for hosting the Special Order.

I will also tell you, Mr. Speaker, it is actually good to be able to talk in this Chamber without that thing on my face. It is messing up the enunciations.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues have talked at length about all of the examples and all of the damaging aspects of cancel culture, and I don’t want to go through and reiterate those points.

I think the purpose—what I want to take this time to do, Mr. Speaker, is to actually have a pleading with the people of our country.

You see, if you look at the history of world governments, even go before our own Government, the ability to speak has been sacrosanct in order for the ability to be free.

You see, there was a time, under the brutality of European kings, where you could dare not speak a word against the Crown. If you did, you were slaughtered, you were maimed, you were put into chains, you were put into slavery.

The very idea of freedom of speech canonized in our Constitution just wasn’t created by our Framers; it is something our Framers understood and they studied from their view of world history. And that very protection is the one thing, the most paramount thing, that the Members of this body, whether they be in our House, the Senate, or the person who occupies the White House at any point in time in American history, can never abridge or infringe.

The reason for that is very simple: Because the thoughts that roll around in your mind are yours alone. They are your thoughts. They were given by God. They were given by your own intellect. And your ability to express them should never be taken away or shamed by a government or by a sect or a substructure of any society, let alone American society.

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You see, Mr. Speaker, we have come to a very dangerous point in our politics. This has nothing to do with Social Security and Medicare which, by the way, for the American people, are going to go insolvent in somewhere between 5 and 7 years.

This isn’t about our issues talking about guns and supporting the Second Amendment. This isn’t about if you want to talk about green technology or embracing fossil fuels or actually embracing nuclear power, which is what

we should be doing as a country. This isn’t our views on what we do with respect to foreign policy and who our adversary might be.

This goes to the very core of our country. It goes to the very core of our culture. It goes to the very core of whether our society will have the ability to sustain itself for another 200 years into the future.

But I will promise you this, Mr. Speaker, it will not be possible if we have one group of Americans telling another group of Americans that what they say should no longer be heard simply because they don’t agree or even if they are offended or even if what somebody says is so vile that unilaterally every American finds it to be distasteful and doesn’t want to hear it.

You see, the very thought of any individual must be protected at all times. It is what separates our country from the other countries of the world today and the other societies on our Earth in years past. It is what creates the very foundation of a republic of people to be able to grow, to see, to do, to be their best, because they are free, and there is no government that can oppress them.

The only example I am going to cite tonight is the example of somebody who is actually not on my side of the political aisle. She is a reporter, Alexi McCammond. And Alexi, just so you know, I am not bringing your situation up to make a political point. Far from it. You see, she was a journalist. She was on MSNBC and an NBC contributor. I don’t think she would probably like my politics too much. But because of something she said when she was a freshman in college on social media, she was targeted. She was canceled. She had reached a pinnacle in her career through her hard work. I don’t even know her, but I know that she was able to accomplish something. But because somebody in her company, because of somebody at Teen Vogue decided they didn’t like what she had said, she became the new target.

Mr. Speaker, and frankly, my fellow Americans, we cannot continue as a society if we are quick to shut each other down before we actually decide to open up our ears and listen. There are so many debates on this very floor that are going to take place, not just in this Congress, but in many Congresses to come. There are going to be disagreements in our society, whether you are talking about policing or racism or the past or the future, but the one thing that must remain in our Republic is tolerance.

You see, Mr. Speaker, we have to adopt a standard; not a subjective one, but an objective one. But here is the truth: We already have had that standard. We have already adopted it. It is the objective standard that you are free to speak in the United States of America. And whether it is Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram or YouTube or Snapchat or TikTok, or The Washington Post or The Washington Times, whether you want to talk about The

New York Times or you want to talk about redstate.com, you want to talk about MSNBC or FOX News, Morning Joe or Sean Hannity, we must be free to speak at all times because the battlefield of ideas is the only thing that is going to propel our Republic forward. It is the only thing that is going to allow young kids to grow and actually increase their intellect and to be able to transform our economy in ways that none of us in this Capitol today can even fathom. It is the very basis of what makes our Nation the greatest nation. It is what makes us unique. It is what allows us to be able to fight it out every day on this floor, verbally, of course, Mr. Speaker.

My fellow Americans, we are all in this together. Mr. Speaker, we are in this together. We can't cancel each other. We can't move people out of the public square because we find their ideas even vile or distasteful. I may not like what you have to say, Mr. Speaker. We may disagree on votes on this very floor, but the one thing I will always respect, the one thing I will always defend is your ability to say it and your ability to vote that way. My only ask is that you do the same for people on my side of the political aisle.

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his profound remarks. I now yield to the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. CHENEY), my friend and my neighbor to the north.

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank very much my friend, colleague, Mr. BUCK, for yielding me time this evening.

I know the topic, Mr. Speaker, is cancel culture. I have some thoughts about that. But tonight I rise to discuss freedom and our constitutional duty to protect it.

Mr. Speaker, I have been privileged to see firsthand how powerful and how fragile freedom is. Twenty-eight years ago, I stood outside a polling place, a schoolhouse in western Kenya. Soldiers had chased away people who were lined up to vote. A few hours later, they came streaming back in, risking further attack, undaunted in their determination to exercise their right to vote.

In 1992, I sat across the table from a young mayor in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia. I listened to him talk of his dream of liberating his nation from communism. Years later, for his dedication to the cause of freedom, Boris Nemtsov was assassinated by Vladimir Putin's thugs.

In Warsaw in 1990, I listened to a young Polish woman tell me that her greatest fear was that people would forget; they would forget what it was like to live under Soviet domination, that they would forget the price of freedom.

Three men—an immigrant who escaped Castro's totalitarian regime, a young man who grew up behind the Iron Curtain and became his country's minister of defense, and a dissident who spent years in the Soviet gulag—

have all told me it was the miracle of America, captured in the words of President Ronald Reagan that inspired them.

I have seen the power of faith and freedom. I listened to Pope John Paul II speak to thousands in Nairobi in 1985, and 19 years later, I watched that same Pope take my father's hands, look in his eyes, and say, "God bless America."

God has blessed America, Mr. Speaker, but our freedom only survives if we protect it, if we honor our oath, taken before God in this Chamber, to support and defend the Constitution, if we recognize threats to freedom when they arise.

Today, we face a threat America has never seen before. A former President, who provoked a violent attack on this Capitol in an effort to steal the election, has resumed his aggressive effort to convince Americans that the election was stolen from him. He risks inciting further violence.

Millions of Americans have been misled by the former President. They have heard only his words but not the truth, as he continues to undermine our democratic process, sowing seeds of doubt about whether democracy really works at all.

I am a conservative Republican, and the most conservative of conservative principles is reverence for the rule of law. The electoral college has voted. More than 60 State and Federal courts, including multiple judges the former President appointed, have rejected his claims. The Trump Department of Justice investigated the former President's claims of widespread fraud and found no evidence to support them. The election is over. That is the rule of law. That is our constitutional process. Those who refuse to accept the rulings of our courts are at war with the Constitution.

Our duty is clear. Every one of us who has sworn the oath must act to prevent the unraveling of our democracy. This is not about policy. This is not about partisanship. This is about our duty as Americans. Remaining silent and ignoring the lie emboldens the liar.

I will not participate in that. I will not sit back and watch in silence while others lead our party down a path that abandons the rule of law and joins the former President's crusade to undermine our democracy.

As the party of Reagan, Republicans have championed democracy, won the Cold War, and defeated the Soviet Communists. Today, America is on the cusp of another Cold War. This time with Communist China. Attacks against our democratic process and the rule of law empower our adversaries and feed Communist propaganda that American democracy is a failure. We must speak the truth. Our election was not stolen, and America has not failed.

I received a message last week from a Gold Star father who said, "Standing up for the truth honors all who gave

all." We must all strive to be worthy of the sacrifice of those who have died for our freedom. They are the patriots Katharine Lee Bates described in the words of "America the Beautiful" when she wrote, Oh beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self, their country loved and mercy more than life.

Ultimately, Mr. Speaker, this is at the heart of what our oath requires: That we love our country more, that we love her so much that we will stand above politics to defend her, that we will do everything in our power to protect our Constitution and our freedom that has been paid for by the blood of so many. We must love America so much that we will never yield in her defense. That is our duty.

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman, and I inform the Speaker that we have no further speakers. I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow for morning-hour debate and noon for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 8 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

OATH OF OFFICE MEMBERS, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND DELEGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. 3331:

"I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Member of the 117th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 25:

TROY A. CARTER, of Louisiana.

BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF PAYGO LEGISLATION

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote