

suit their own political gain. If we allow this altering to take hold, are we not doomed in our pursuit of a more perfect Union?

It is part of the overall goal of the former President and the MAGA movement. This movement rejects the idea that history is complex and, in the process, casts aside efforts to reckon with it.

Former President Trump and his followers prefer to simplify things for an audience afraid of a changing world. In so doing, Trump and his loyal followers refuse to accept the existence of complexities and contradictions in our shared story.

It is why Donald Trump so staunchly defended Robert E. Lee, not because Trump has a grasp on history but because Lee represents a vision of the past some would like to reclaim. They would rather paint a vision of our story unsullied by racism, suppression of women's rights, or violence against indigenous people.

Even the definition of patriotism has been corrupted. Patriotism isn't about ignoring the realities of our wrongs. It is about recognizing them and vowing never again, trying to make things better. This approach fails to coexist with the MAGA agenda.

We have seen others claim the "great replacement theory" is not a white supremacist conspiracy theory but a goal of the Democratic Party.

Sadly, this battle is also playing out prominently in our educational institutions. Governors in red States have implemented civic standards that whitewash history rather than providing students with a full understanding of our Nation's founding.

One prominent Governor defended his State's African-American history curriculum standards, which claim some enslaved people develop skills that "could be applied for their personal benefit."

Our Nation's messy history and our present flaws don't serve the MAGA goals and certainly don't empower them.

They would rather rewrite the past than change the future because if they accept the truth, that would be relinquishing power. After all, it is power and the desire to retain it that drives this movement. Donald Trump lying to his followers about the results of the 2020 election was about holding onto power.

To suggest enslaved people potentially benefit from slavery is about power. Even suggesting that it is immigrants who are "poisoning the blood of our Nation" is about power.

All of this stokes fear, division, and ultimately violence. It also suggests to our allies and adversaries that we cannot be accountable for our wrongs.

We must show that we stand with the truth, not denialism, that we don't accept lies about claiming the election was stolen, and that we don't accept lies suggesting that Black people benefited from slavery, recognizing that these lies have consequences.

Today, we are witnessing what the wrongful rewrite of history can lead to. Vladimir Putin continues to falsely claim Ukraine is part of Russia in an attempt to justify his war. We may feel as though something like this—the deliberate brainwashing of the public—could never happen here. Well, it can, and it is.

We cannot allow this revisionist history to continue spreading so maliciously and effectively, not only for how the world perceives us but for our pursuit of a more perfect Union. We must recognize the darkest sides of the past and teach our children that recognition is not a criticism. It is a lesson.

If we are to maintain a grip on reality in our history, we must start at the local level, especially in our schools. We must ensure our children are taught the truth about the past.

We must keep working to uphold the truth at all costs, regardless of how agreeable it is. This is not an affront to our history or our values. It is a promise to build a better tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members to refrain from engaging in personalities toward presumptive nominees for the Office of President.

WEAPONIZING CO₂

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I am going to speak to you, once again, about our atmosphere, climate, and, most specifically, carbon dioxide, which has been weaponized in the argument around here, with government agencies against the people, as a tool, I think, to take more control of the economy and people's personal property.

Carbon dioxide, I will remind you, is 0.04 percent of the entire pie of our atmosphere; oxygen, 21 percent; nitrogen, 78 percent; trace gases other than that, 0.03. Argon is much bigger in our atmosphere than CO₂. Yet, you would think, with the CO₂ numbers creeping up slowly, it is the end of the world.

Everything around here has to be run through a CO₂ filter, a climate change filter, and it is much to the detriment of our economy and the U.S. position in the world.

Most recently, the Securities and Exchange Commission has adopted rules on their own to decide that people are going to have to start disclosing their climate impact of how they operate their businesses. You are going to have to start accounting for your CO₂ production and report that to a Federal entity.

This is pretty much going to mean everybody if they are connected to a certain size of business and what have you. Small suppliers to larger corporations that are caught in the snare of this will have to account for that.

For food production, let's say you have ingredients that are placed into a larger recipe for food products that you could buy from maybe a larger conglomerate. There are also individual small growers—say, a carrot farmer, a bean farmer. He is now going to have to disclose his CO₂ production on his farm because he might be selling to a larger entity that is caught in the snare of the SEC.

Where does this all end? How much time does an individual like that have to chase around and figure out what his CO₂ impact is going to be, especially since it is only 0.04 percent of our atmosphere?

There is much debate about what amount of the CO₂ is caused by human activity. Some want to say, oh, it is 50 percent. Others believe it is very small, a tiny percentage, like maybe 3 percent.

There are those that want to say, well, the science is settled, merely because they want to move on and take control over so many aspects of our economy.

What are some of the issues that we have seen grow out of that? We have what is known as ESG, environmental, social, and governance.

The country of Sri Lanka, just a few short years ago, decided to adopt and try to meet these ESG goals, much to the great harm of their economy. It almost collapsed good portions of their economy because they went whole hog as a whole country on that to try to adopt ESG goals.

On the environmental side of the E, they forced farmers to completely convert to organic materials for their fertilizer and whatever pesticide products they were able to use organically. What immediately happened? Rice yields in the country dropped 20 percent. The price of rice went up 50 percent for consumers.

We saw that that blew a great big hole in the ag economy in that small country. Their country had to come in and start doing bailouts, basically, to help keep those farmers afloat until they finally got their senses and abandoned a lot of those ESG goals.

They are also an important tea exporter, which caused their exports to fall. They lost hundreds of millions of dollars on that as well.

Their economy collapsed by trying to meet some arbitrary ESG goal brought on by outsiders that really have this idealistic, elite whim of what people should be doing instead of what actually works.

I run this all by you here because the Biden administration has been causing this kind of harm on our own economy in this country. The focus of every agency seems to be climate, climate, climate all the time because of a tiny increase in CO₂.

CO₂ is a rounding error in the overall atmospheric chart here, and the increase of that is minute. How much can we blame on human activity versus what might be happening with other naturally occurring issues?

What do we have? Our economy is being outclassed by China and others in the Pacific Rim that can produce at will, and they are the much larger so-called polluters than we are of CO₂.

Do you want to have a situation where we can actually have better control and reasonable regulations on how things are produced in this country, or do we want to export it all to China and places like that and have basically almost no control on how they are doing that?

What we are going to hear tonight when the President is going to be in this room, he is probably going to talk a whole bunch about climate and some new initiatives on that. Instead, why doesn't he focus on something that could have immediate help for the devastating things going on on our border in this country, eight steps he could take with the swing of a pen to clean up our border problems instead of blaming Republicans for his mess?

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MUSICIANS DESERVE A LIVING WAGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I am from Motown, where our music has changed the world in so many incredible ways forever.

But artists in my district and across our country are struggling to make ends meet in an industry where the money just keeps going to executives and shareholders.

It would take more than 800,000 streams per month to make the equivalent of \$15 an hour, and the vast majority of our artists are on platforms like Apple Music and Spotify, and they never, ever get to 800,000 streams in a year.

This is a big deal. Streaming now represents 84 percent of the recorded music industry's revenue in the United States, but most of the artists who bring joy to our lives and culture aren't seeing any of it.

The Living Wage for Musicians Act, which I introduced with Representative BOWMAN, would change that by creating a new fund that aims to pay artists at least one penny per stream.

The bill would completely reform the music industry, supporting a much more diverse set of artists, enabling more recording and touring, and sending a ripple effect throughout local economies by supporting professionals throughout the music industry.

I truly encourage my colleagues to learn more about this legislation, co-sponsor the bill, and help change artists' lives forever.

REMEMBERING CHEF MAXCEL HARDY

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, our community is deeply saddened by the loss of Chef Max Hardy, a Detroit native who was a trailblazer in his advocacy to end hunger.

Chef Max was the owner of Rosedale Park neighborhood restaurants River Bistro, COOP Caribbean Fusion inside the Detroit Shipping Company, and Jed's Detroit on Seven Mile Road.

He founded the One Chef Can 86 Hunger Foundation, a nonprofit organization that fights against hunger and raises awareness about food insecurity.

The New York Times named Hardy one of 16 Black Chefs Changing Food in America in 2021.

Chef Max also cowrote "The Marley Coffee Cookbook" with Rohan Marley, Bob Marley's son, and was featured on the Food Network.

He was a champion of aspiring young people in Detroit, teaching them the fundamentals of conscious cooking.

On behalf of the 12th Congressional District, we send our love and condolences to Chef Max's two daughters and his family. He truly will be missed.

DETROIT RESCUE MISSION MINISTRIES

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the remarkable work of the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, as they recently celebrated their 115th anniversary of service to our residents.

For over a century, Detroit Rescue Mission has been a beacon of hope, providing, food, shelter, and services to those in our community that are most vulnerable.

Detroit Rescue Mission was founded by David Stucky on February 14, 1909.

The Mission began as a soup kitchen with a mission to find permanent solutions for our most vulnerable residents in the city of Detroit.

The Detroit Rescue Mission has worked tirelessly to rebuild hundreds of thousands of lives destroyed by addiction, homelessness, and poverty.

I am so grateful for the work of the Detroit Rescue Mission for their incredible leadership in our community, and I am looking forward to witnessing all they will continue to accomplish in the years to come.

CHALLENGES AMERICA IS FACING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MANN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the challenges that America is facing and identify ways we can restore order in this country.

Tonight, President Biden will join us in this very Chamber to address the Nation. I am hopeful that he will speak to the real issues before us and detail how he plans to work with House Republicans to get America back on track.

The southern border, inflation and our national debt, and the weaponization of the Federal Government need his immediate attention.

Since last year, House Republicans have passed legislation after legislation to secure our southern border, reduce and reprioritize Federal spending, and end the weaponization of the Federal Government. We passed H.R. 2 to finish the border wall, increase the

number of Border Patrol agents, protect unaccompanied children from human trafficking, and terminate catch and release.

Since President Biden took office, there have been more than 8.5 million illegal crossings—that is almost three times the population of Kansas—including known criminals and terrorists on that list.

Just last month, the Nation was horrified by the brutal murder of Laken Riley by an illegal immigrant. Despite the illegal immigrant's criminal history in the United States, failed liberal policies allowed him to stay here, and an innocent young woman from Georgia paid the price.

Now that President Biden has visited the real southern border and witnessed the crisis he created, he should work with House Republicans to secure our southern border.

We passed legislation to limit future government spending, reclaim \$200 billion of unaccounted for COVID dollars, and promote progrowth energy and economic policy.

While the White House says inflation is cooling, those of us in middle America still feel the weight of Washington's spending problem. Our national debt has surpassed \$34 trillion, diesel is well over \$3.60 a gallon in Kansas, Americans' paychecks are grossly overtaxed, and Washington Democrats pretend that the President has a no-limit credit card.

This is no way to govern. It is irresponsible, it is fiscal insanity, and President Biden should work with House Republicans to rein in inflation and our national debt.

We passed legislation that ends the weaponization of the Federal Government, we are working to hold the U.S. Department of Justice accountable to applying justice equally, and we are pushing the U.S. EPA to fully implement the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that the EPA's waters of the U.S. rule is unconstitutional.

We are working to reduce the number of executive orders that the Biden administration uses as force of law. We are standing up for the unborn and fighting the radical agenda that promotes Federal funding for abortions. In the Big First, we know that the right to life is a right from God, not from the government. That right deserves to be protected.

President Biden should work with House Republicans to end the weaponization of the Federal Government once and for all.

I hope that President Biden will also discuss how he will work with us to enact a strong farm bill that will protect and strengthen crop insurance; incentivizes agricultural trade opportunities; promotes global food security; supports agriculture research; and reflects the needs of the American farmers, ranchers, and agriculture producers who work to feed, fuel, and clothe the world.