

House Administration Committee MAGA Republicans Host Conspiracy Theorists, Fringe Extremists

An Extreme Partisan With Ties To The Right Wing “Dark Money ATM,” Capital Research Center President Scott Walter’s Fringe Views Don’t Deserve A Congressional Platform

SUMMARY: Capital Research Center (CRC) President Scott Walter has a record of racially insensitive comments, working for an anti-LGBTQ group, and spreading election lies:

- Walter has claimed Black Lives Matter Leaders are calling for ending the nuclear family and that people “[enthralled by radical ideology](#)” like Black Lives Matter “[often harm lives and enslave those whose suffering they use for their political ends.](#)”
- [In 2018, Scott Walter and Capital Research Center vocally defended](#) an Ivy League law professor who came under fire for [making racially-charged statements](#) that echoed white supremacy. The professor’s statements included, “[I don’t shrink from the word, ‘superior’](#)” when discussing anglo-protestant culture and criticism of “[the anti-‘acting-white’ rap culture of inner-city Blacks.](#)”
- When he served as an editor for *The American Enterprise* magazine, Scott Walter wrote that average Americans have “[disgust at homosexual practice](#)” and asked, “[has one good thing from Monica-gate been that feminism will die, that sexual harassment laws will fizzle?](#)”
- In 2023, CRC and Scott Walter drew controversy for helping to anonymously funnel nearly [\\$600,000](#) to a conservative group led by Ginni Thomas, the wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas who played a [large role](#) in efforts to overturn the 2020 election.
- Scott Walter responded to a question about critical race theory by noting 1619 project author Nikole Hannah-Jones’ MacArthur fellowship and claiming “[everything they understand comes from a lust for money and power.](#)”
- Walter spent nearly four years as a [senior fellow at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty](#), a “hardline” religious group opposed to LGBTQ rights.
- Walter amplified the [Big Lie about the 2020 election](#) by peddling conspiracies about [Mark Zuckerberg stealing the election](#).
- Walter is a member of the [Council for National Policy](#), a secretive conservative organization which [sought to overturn the 2020 election](#).

Walter has used his powerful position at CRC to uplift dangerous beliefs and conspiracies as his organization has continued to expand, almost tripling its total revenue since Walter became president. Some of that money has even come from Donors Trust, the “[dark money ATM](#)” of the extreme right.

Capital Research Center (CRC) President Scott Walter Has A Personal Record Of Racially Insensitive Remarks And Homophobia.

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Capital Research Center (CRC) President Scott Walter: Black Lives Matter Leaders Are Calling For Ending The Nuclear Family Because Marx Called For That In The Communist Manifesto.

“Are you surprised Black Lives Matter leaders call for ending the nuclear family? Why? In 1848 Marx demanded Abolition of the family! in *The Communist Manifesto*.” [Scott Walter, Capital Research Center, [11/18/20](#)]

CRC President Walter: People “Enthralled By Radical Ideology” Like Black Lives Matter “Often Harm Lives And Enslave Those Whose Suffering They Use For Their Political Ends.” “I affirm that black lives matter, because as a Christian I believe all lives are infinitely precious. But I also distinguish between the sentiment that black lives matter and the leaders of the movement so named. As I will show, persons enthralled by radical ideology often harm lives and enslave those whose suffering they use for their political ends.” [Scott Walter, Capital Research Center, [11/18/20](#)]

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Asked How Critical Race Theory Fits "Into Leftist Control Of Educational Institutions," CRC President Scott Walter Noted The 1619 Project's Author Nikole Hannah-Jones' MacArthur Fellowship And Said "Everything They Understand Comes From A Lust For Money And Power Above All." "How does critical race theory fit into leftist control of educational institutions? Who did the 1619 project? Nikole Hannah-Jones. What was she before that? She was a MacArthur Genius fellow, she got a \$600,000 grant as a genius fellow from afar, which you can be sure didn't hurt having on her resume when the New York Times just decided whether to hire her. That's another central thing to this, everything they understand comes from a lust for money and power above all, but money's really helpful to get the power and it's obviously a happy circle there." [Hillsdale Collegian, [2/10/22](#)]

CRC President Walter Implied That Research Into The History Of Slavery In America Was An Extension Of A 20th Century Operation By Leftists To Take Over Cultural Institutions. “The smarter leftists in the 20th century came to realize that cultural institutions are the way to take power. It's not going to work through economics because socialist economics doesn't work at all. So the left must take them over, whether it's the churches, the universities, and the rest. They had an enormous amount of money. Because of the big foundations in America: Ford, Carnegie, Rockefeller, MacArthur Foundations provided the money. The radicals hired their own and rose higher and higher until they had control of institutions. [...] Who did the 1619 project? Nikole Hannah-Jones. What was she before that? She was a MacArthur Genius fellow, she got a \$600,000 grant as a genius fellow from afar, which you can be sure didn't hurt having on her resume when the New York Times just decided whether to hire her. That's another central thing to this, everything they understand comes from a lust for money and power above all, but money's really helpful to get the power and it's obviously a happy circle there.” [Hillsdale Collegian, [2/10/22](#)]

In 2018, Walter And Capital Research Center Defended An Ivy League Law Professor Who Came Under Fire For Making Racially-Charged Statements That Echoed White Supremacism—The Professor’s Statements Included, “I Don’t Shrink From The Word, ‘Superior’” When Discussing Anglo-Protestant Culture

In A 2018 CRC Podcast Episode, Scott Walter Defended University Of Pennsylvania (UPenn) Law Professor Amy Wax After She Was Disciplined By The University For Making Numerous Offensive Comments On Race. In August 2017, Prof. Wax gained widespread notoriety for publishing an op-ed in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* in which she and another law professor espoused blatant white supremacist views and called for a return to “bourgeois values”. [Philadelphia Inquirer, [08/09/17](#)]

- **UPenn Law Professor Amy Wax’s 2017 Article, Titled, “‘Paying The Price For Breakdown Of The Country’s Bourgeois Culture,’” Spurred “Intense Debate.”** “Amy Wax, the Robert Mundheim Professor of Law, with co-author Larry Alexander of the University of San Diego School of Law, recently published an op-ed in the Philadelphia Inquirer, ‘Paying the price for breakdown of the country’s bourgeois culture.’ The piece provoked intense debate, as well as strong reactions, across the ideological spectrum.” [University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, [09/05/17](#)]
- **Following The 2017 Article, UPenn Students Began Demanding Sanctions Against Wax For Her Comments.** “Though Professor Wax had been a subject of debate for years, student demands for sanctions began in earnest in 2017, after she co-wrote an opinion article in The Philadelphia Inquirer. [...] The article said ‘all cultures are not equal’ and lamented ‘the single-parent, antisocial habits, prevalent among some working-class whites; the anti-‘acting white’ rap culture of inner-city blacks; the anti-assimilation ideas gaining ground among some Hispanic immigrants.’” [The New York Times, [03/13/23](#)]

Wax Has Claimed “All Cultures Are Not Equal,” She Has Criticized “Anti-‘Acting-White’ Rap Culture Of Inner-City Blacks,” And Said “‘I Don’t Shrink From The Word, ‘Superior’” When Discussing Anglo-Protestant Culture”:

- **Wax Wrote, “All Cultures Are Not Equal.”** “All cultures are not equal. Or at least not equal in preparing people to be productive in an advanced economy”. [Philadelphia Inquirer, [08/09/17](#)]
- **Wax Criticized “The Anti-‘Acting-White’ Rap Culture Of Inner-City Blacks” And The “Anti-Assimilation Ideas Gaining Ground Among Some Hispanic Immigrants.”** “Nor are the single-parent, antisocial habits, prevalent among some working-class whites, the anti-‘acting white’ rap culture of inner-city blacks, the anti-assimilation ideas gaining ground among some Hispanic immigrants. These cultural orientations are not only incompatible with what an advanced free market economy and a viable democracy require, they are also destructive of a sense of solidarity and reciprocity among Americans. If the bourgeois cultural script - which the upper-middle class still largely observes but now hesitates to preach - cannot be widely reinstated, things are likely to get worse for us all.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [08/09/17](#)]
- **In An Interview The Next Day With The University’s Student Newspaper, Prof. Wax Made Similar Comments, Saying, “‘I Don’t Shrink From The Word, ‘Superior,’” When Discussing Anglo-Protestant Culture.** . “Wax said Anglo-Protestant cultural norms are superior. ‘I don’t shrink from the word, ‘superior,’ she said, adding, ‘Everyone wants to come to the countries that exemplify’ these values. ‘Everyone wants to go to countries ruled by white Europeans.’ [The Daily Pennsylvanian, [08/10/17](#)]

- **October 2017: Wax Said She Had Not “‘Seen A Black Student Graduate In The Top Quarter Of The Class, And Rarely, Rarely, In The Top Half.’”** “University of Pennsylvania law school professor Amy Wax still has her job, despite saying during a video-taped October 2017 interview that she doesn’t think she has ever ‘seen a Black student graduate in the top quarter of the class, and rarely, rarely, in the top half.’” [The Griot, [03/16/18](#)]

March 2018: Scott Walter And Capital Research Center Ran A Podcast Defending “Poor Professor Amy Wax” And Her Argument That “‘Bourgeois Values’” Were “Things Like Staying Off Drugs, Not Having Children Outside Marriage, Working Hard And Respecting Valid Authority.”

- **On Capital Research Center’s Podcast In March 2018, Walter And CRC Research Director Michael Watson Came To Wax’s Defense, With Walter Opening The Podcast By Saying “Campus Left-Wingers Attack An Ivy League Law Professor For Taking Traditional American Positions On Affirmative Action.”** In this episode, as Campus left-wingers attack an Ivy League law professor for taking traditional American positions on affirmative action, we look behind the growth in institutional defense of ethnic preferences. This is the Influence Watch Podcast. In yet another leftist blow-up on college campuses, radical students and faculty are attacking University of Pennsylvania Law School professor Amy Wax.” [Capital Research Center via YouTube, [03/29/18](#) (00:05)]
- **Walter Defended Wax’s “‘Bourgeois Values’” As “Things Like Staying Off Drugs, Not Having Children Outside Marriage, Working Hard And Respecting Valid Authority.”** “Prof. Wax was attacked last year for writing an op-ed defending so-called ‘bourgeois values’ - things like staying off drugs, not having children outside marriage, working hard and respecting valid authority. She recently provoked even more outrage from leftists on campus after making comments critical of the effects of affirmative action.” [Capital Research Center via YouTube, [03/29/18](#) (00:33)]
- **Walter Defended “Poor Professor Amy Wax” And Her Argument That “All Children, Whatever Their Melanin Content Of Their Skin Or Their Ethnic Background, Will Do Well If They Attempt To Have The Boring Old-Fashioned Bourgeois Virtues That Will Actually Make Their Lives Better.”** “We started with with poor professor Amy Wax, the University of Pennsylvania Law School professor whose first great offense against decency was to say that all children, whatever their melanin content of their skin or their ethnic background, will do well if they attempt to have the boring old-fashioned bourgeois virtues that will actually make their lives better.” [Capital Research Center via YouTube, [03/29/18](#) (48:13)]
- **Walter Said, “The Amy Waxes Of The World Are Also Very Unjustly Treated In This Kind Of System By The Powerful Influencers We’ve Been Talking About.”** “I’m gonna close this out with a few sentences from University of Pennsylvania Law School professor a student Adam Hobson he was graduated in Oh and he was defending Amy wax in the Wall Street Journal with this letter to the editor and it reminds us too that the Amy waxes of the world are also very unjustly treated in this kind of system by the powerful influencers we’ve been talking about.” [Capital Research Center via YouTube, [03/29/18](#) (50:42)]

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The Southern Poverty Law Center Called The Becket Fund A “Hardline” Group Promoting “‘Religious Freedom Restoration Acts’ To Justify Anti-Gay Discrimination.” “The hardline groups promoting ‘religious freedom restoration acts’ to justify anti-gay discrimination. [...] under the current leadership of President William Mumma it has become more conservative and is seen as the intellectual leader of right-wing religious liberty campaigns.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, [2/11/16](#)]

The Becket Fund Fought Against Marriage Equality And Aligned Themselves With Anti-LGBTQ Groups In Their Fight. “Becket has also been active in adoption cases in Massachusetts and Illinois, where Catholic Charities abandoned its longstanding adoption work rather than place children with same-sex couples. Becket has called the Affordable Care Act one of the top religious freedom issues facing America and has filed several lawsuits against it. Becket also has ties to the National Organization for Marriage (NOM), an anti-LGBT group whose sole purpose has been to stop same-sex marriage.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, [2/11/16](#)]

When He Served As A Senior Editor For *The American Enterprise* Magazine, Scott Walter Wrote That Average Americans Have “Disgust At Homosexual Practice” And Asked, “Has One Good Thing From Monica-Gate Been That Feminism Will Die, That Sexual Harassment Laws Will Fizzle?”

1995: In A Review Of Prominent Gay Conservative Andrew Sullivan’s Book “Virtually Normal”, Walter Compared Homosexual Marriage To Polygamy, Bestiality And Pedophilia And Wrote That The Average American Has “Disgust At Homosexual Practice”. “But skeptics may wonder: Once we have started cherishing and legally protecting ‘variations’ on heterosexual monogamy, by what principled objection can we resist groups insisting on ‘rights’ for adulterers, for pedophiles, for polygamists, or for the bestially inclined? Sullivan says such questions ‘split hairs. But take polygamy: If marriage has no basis in the biological production of children, and rests solely on emotional yearnings sexually expressed, then what is the justification for any limit on the number of persons who can ‘become one flesh’? And is it irrelevant that Sullivan nowhere in the book disavows pedophile homosexuals like the North American Man-Boy Love Association, or that the magazine he edits (*The New Republic*) ran a blase review in its May 8 issue of a documentary sympathetic to men who recruit young boys as sexual partners?” [The American Enterprise, [November/December 1995](#)]

- **Walter Wrote That Sullivan’s “Pleadings Have No Hope Either Of Persuading The Homosexually Tempted To Lead Lives Of Greater Restraint, Or Of Eliminating The Average American’s Disgust At Homosexual Practice.”** “Sullivan’s concern for his fellow homosexuals’ disordered lives is touching, and his genuine respect for marriage is a sign of wisdom. But his pleadings have no hope either of persuading the homosexually tempted to lead lives of greater restraint, or of eliminating the average American’s disgust at homosexual practice. Nor will his argumentativeness overturn biology and make same-sex couplings fruitful.” [The American Enterprise, [November/December 1995](#)]
- **Walter Was Senior Editor Of The American Enterprise Magazine At The Time.** [The American Enterprise, [November/December 1995](#)]

After Sullivan Responded In the Subsequent Issue, Walter Stood By His Claims, Calling Homosexuality An “‘Objective Disorder’” And Continued Comparing Homosexuality To Pedophilia. “Scott Walter replies” [...] Sullivan reduces sexual morality to ‘emotional orientation[s] of the deepest kind’ Yet a pedophile, for example, has a deep emotional orientation to sex with children. Since Sullivan has no principle for distinguishing between ‘orientations,’ he leaves us at the mercy of those who advocate the ‘rights’ of pedophiles.” [The American Enterprise, [January/February 1996](#)]

- **Walter Called Homosexuality An “‘Objective Disorder’” And Called Homosexual Marriage “A Contradiction In Terms.”** “In short, marriage is for the natural union—body and soul—of man and wife, and reproductive organs are for reproduction. That is why, in the words of Sullivan’s and my church, a

homosexual orientation is an 'objective disorder' and also why 'homosexual marriage' is a contradiction in terms. Sullivan's quarrel is not with me but with nature, with the world as we find it." [The American Enterprise, [January/February 1996](#)]

In A 1999 Issue, Walter Moderated A Discussion Between Prominent Conservatives And Made Misogynistic Remarks About Women, Lesbians And Feminists. "TAE senior editor Scott Walter served as ringmaster amidst the sawdust of the Harvard Club in New York City." [The American Enterprise, [January/February 1999](#)]

- **Walter Said, "Why Is The Entertainment Industry Ramming Lesbians Down Our Throats Today?"** "[Scott Walter]: Why is the entertainment industry ramming lesbians down our throats today?" [The American Enterprise, [January/February 1999](#)]
- **Walter Said, "Has One Good Thing From Monica [Lewinski]-Gate Been That Feminism Will Die, That Sexual Harassment Laws Will Fizzle?"** "[Scott Walter]: One of my favorite Lucianne Goldberg quotations is that women should 'look, cook, and smell good to men.' Has one good thing from Monica-gate been that feminism will die, that sexual harassment laws will fizzle?" [The American Enterprise, [January/February 1999](#)]

Scott Walter Is A Member Of A Group That Tried To Overturn The 2020 Election And Has Peddled Conspiracy Theories The 2020 Vote Being Stolen.

Walter Amplified The Big Lie About The 2020 Election By Peddling Conspiracies About Mark Zuckerberg Stealing The Election.

In December 2020, The Head Of Capital Research Center Said That The Center For Tech And Civic Life Was A Way For "Billionaires To Pick And Choose Where To Boost [sic] Turnout" In Georgia. "Should private interest groups like this – backed by a billionaire or two, rather than the state legislators of Georgia, be allowed to pick and choose where to boost election funding and turnout in the Peach State?" Scott Walter asked a Georgia Senate committee meeting last Thursday. Walter is with the Capital Research Center, a Washington think tank." [WABE, [12/9/20](#)]

November 2021: Walter Went On Cleta Mitchell's Podcast Claiming That The Left, And Mark Zuckerberg In Particular, Used Dark Money To "Hijack" The 2020 Election. "In part one of a two-part interview, Scott Walter explains how the left uses "charitable" dollars for political purposes. With stunning graphics and data, Scott describes the massive left-wing political funding apparatus built over many years and documents in detail the development of the massive Democratic turnout machine funded by left-wing billionaires with tax-deductible dollar—all leading up to the hijacking of targeted election offices in 2020 by Facebook billionaire Mark Zuckerberg, which will be the focus of Part Two of this series." [Capital Research Center, [11/8/21](#)]

April 2022: CRC President Scott Walter Appeared On Steve Bannon's "War Room" Podcast And Claimed That A "Left-Wing Democrat Operative" "Absolutely Took Over The Process Of The Elections" In Wisconsin In 2020. "In Wisconsin, as far as we've been able to discover, the most egregious stuff went on related to Zuck Bucks, because you had a left-wing Democrat operative from the National Voted Home Institute was the 'grant mentor' for the people- the election officials in Wisconsin getting the money, and he just took over, absolutely took over the process of the elections in some of those big Democrat cities." ["War Room" Podcast, [4/8/22](#)]

April 2022: Scott Walter Was Featured In A Documentary Called “Rigged: The Zuckerberg-Funded Plot To Defeat Donald Trump,” Which Markets Itself As “The Only Film To Fully Expose The Rigged 2020 Election.” [Citizens United Productions, accessed [4/26/22](#)]

- **Walter Said On Steve Bannon’s Podcast That “Rigged” Contains “Very Factual, Heavily-Documented Stuff” And That The Film Uses Capital Research Center’s Research.** [“War Room” Podcast, [4/8/22](#)]

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Walter Is Listed In Several “Member Interests” Of The Council For National Policy’s 2020 Directory, Including “Campaign Election Technology,” “Campaign Finance Reform,” And “Philanthropy.” [CNP Directory, page 189, Documentcloud accessed [4/28/22](#)]

The Council For National Policy (CNP) Is A Intensely Secretive Group Of The Most Powerful Conservatives In The Country. “Three times a year for 23 years, a little-known club of a few hundred of the most powerful conservatives in the country have met behind closed doors at undisclosed locations for a confidential conference, the Council for National Policy, to strategize about how to turn the country to the right.” [New York Times, [8/28/04](#)]

The Council For National Policy Urged Members To Contact Legislators In Arizona, Georgia, And Pennsylvania In An Effort To Overturn The 2020 Election. “Shared in the days after the 2020 presidential election, it urged the members of an influential if secretive right-wing group to contact legislators in three of the swing states that tipped the balance for Joe Biden — Arizona, Georgia and Pennsylvania. The aim was audacious: Keep President Donald J. Trump in power. The group, the Council for National Policy, brings together old-school Republican luminaries, Christian conservatives, Tea Party activists and MAGA operatives, with more than 400 members who include leaders of organizations like the Federalist Society, the National Rifle Association and the Family Research Council.” [New York Times, [2/22/22](#)]

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According To Scott Walter’s LinkedIn Profile, He Has Been The President Of Capital Research Center Since February 2016. [LinkedIn, Scott Walter, accessed [12/12/23](#)]

Year	Total Revenue
2015	\$2,561,903
2016	\$2,990,989
2017	\$2,544,852
2018	\$2,942,556
2019	\$4,627,330

2020	\$4,880,833
2021	\$6,083,008
2022	\$7,181,137

Walter Has Claimed The Left Outspends The Right With “Dark Money” To Support Public Policy Fights.

Scott Walter Claimed That Liberals Invest Overwhelmingly More Dark Money Into Policy Fights Than Conservative Ones. “A new report from the Capital Research Center, where I work, busts this myth and showcases the disparity between “dark money” giving on the left and the right following the Supreme Court’s consequential Citizens United v. FEC decision in 2010. Spoiler alert: According to the report’s data, liberals beat conservatives in philanthropic giving that supports public policy fights by almost 4 to 1, despite the constant, histrionic rhetoric about dark money corruption on the right.” [Capital Research Center, [1/19/21](#)]

Capital Research Center Even Gets Money From Donors Trust—The Dark Money ATM Of The Right—Which Also Finances Hate Groups, White Nationalist Organizations, And 2020 Election Deniers.

Donors Trust—Dubbed The Dark Money ATM Of The Right—Is A Donor-Advised Fund Which Does Not Disclose The Identities Of Its Contributors. “Donors Trust, also known as the “dark money ATM of the right,” ... Donor-advised funds such as Donors Trust, Fidelity Charitable and Vanguard Charitable effectively act as “pass-throughs” to shield the true source of funds, Anna Massoglia, editorial and investigations manager at OpenSecrets, told Salon. Major donors are relying on DAFs to give to groups advocating around divisive issues or with other controversial activities since the donor-advised fund can “act as a buffer” between the recipient and the donor.” [Salon, [12/10/23](#)]

In 2022, Donors Trust Funneled \$257,600 To Six Organizations Designated As Hate Groups By The Southern Poverty Law Center, Including The VDARE Foundation And The Family Research Council. “Donors Trust, also known as the “dark money ATM of the right,” funneled \$257,600 to six organizations that have been designated as hate groups by the Southern Poverty Law Center, an Accountable.US review of Donors Trust’s 2022 tax filing revealed. The David Horowitz Freedom Center, an SPLC-designated anti-Muslim hate group, received the highest amount of donations totaling \$142,000, followed by The VDARE Foundation, a white nationalist hate group, which received \$34,500...No Left Turn in Education and the Center for Immigration Studies both received \$20,000 each while the Family Research Council pulled in \$11,100.” [Salon, [12/10/23](#)]

Contributions From Donors Trust Have Gone To Groups That Promote The “Big Lie” Conspiracy Surrounding The 2020 Presidential Election Result. “Some recent contributions to the Donors Trust have gone toward groups that pushed claims of election fraud before and after President Joe Biden defeated Trump in last year’s election. In 2019, the Donors Trust, sent donations to groups such as Turning Point USA, which is led by vocal Trump supporter Charlie Kirk; and the VDARE Foundation, which the Southern Poverty Law Center labeled a hate group.” [CNBC, [9/15/21](#)]

Since 2019, Donors Trust Has Contributed More Than \$2.25 Million To Capital Research Center.

Year	Amount	Purpose
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2019	\$338,200	For general operations
2019	\$30,000	For the area of highest need
2019	\$400,000	For the CrowdSourcers project
2019	\$1,721	To investigate and report on public advocacy organizations
2020	\$362,450	For general operations
2021	\$455,750	For general operations
2022	\$150,000	\$75,000 for labor-related research and \$75,000 for general operations
2022	\$517,250	For general operations
TOTAL:	\$2,255,371	

[Donors Trust, Form 990, 2019-2022]

- Capital Research Center Managed Ginni Thomas's Group Crowdsourcers For Culture And Liberty Through An Arrangement Called "Fiscal Sponsorship."** "The previously unreported donations to the fledgling group Crowdsourcers for Culture and Liberty were channeled through a right-wing think tank in Washington that agreed to serve as a funding conduit from 2019 until the start of last year, according to documents and interviews. The arrangement, known as a "fiscal sponsorship," effectively shielded from public view details about Crowdsourcers' activities and spending, information it would have had to disclose publicly if it operated as a separate nonprofit organization, experts said...In 2019, anonymous donors gave the think tank Capital Research Center, or CRC, \$596,000 that was designated for Crowdsourcers, according to tax filings and audits the think tank submitted to state regulators." [The Washington Post, [3/28/23](#)]

Despite Testifying He Doesn't Think The 2020 Election Was "Stolen," Scott Walter Has Appeared In Films And At Events With Some Of The Most Radical Conspiracists On The Right Who Falsely Claim There Was Widespread Fraud, Including Sebastian Gorka, Dinesh D'Souza And Cleta Mitchell.

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March 2021: In Written Answers To Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse After A Senate Hearing On Dark Money Issues, Walker Answered "No" When Asked If He Thought The Election Was Stolen.

8. *You have been a member of the Council for National Policy,⁹ which has made efforts to promote claims of widespread voter fraud,¹⁰ even though such claims have been widely debunked. Do you believe the 2020 presidential election was **stolen**?*

No.

[CapitalResearch.org, Accessed [01/04/24](#)]

However, Walter Testified In A December 2020 Hearing About “Election Issues”—Which Was Promoted By Trump And Where Trump Rudy Giuliani Was Present—Where Walter Sowed Doubt About Georgia’s 2020 Election Results:



Capital Research Center @capitalresearch · Dec 3, 2020
Don't miss this! CRC President Scott Walter will be participating.

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Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · Dec 3, 2020
Georgia hearings now on @OANN. Amazing!

[Twitter, [12/03/20](#)]



Capital Research Center @capitalresearch · Dec 3, 2020
CRC President Scott Walter is testifying in the Georgia Senate Committee hearings on election issues right now! Watch the livestream:
livestream.com/accounts/26021...

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[Twitter, [12/03/20](#)]

- **In One Picture, Trump Attorney Rudy Giuliani Can Be Seen Sitting Right In Front Of Walter**



[Twitter, [12/03/20](#)]

- **At The Hearing, Walter Testified That Most Of The Election Grants From Mark Zuckerberg's Center For Technology And Civic Life Went To Democratic-Leaning Counties.** "THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF THE ELECTION LAW STUDY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE STANDING SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY FROM DECEMBER 3, 2020 HEARING [...] Scott Walter from the Capitol Research Group testified about Mark Zuckerberg's Center for Technology and Civic Life (CTCL), a progressive advocacy group that seeks to influence elections via voter 'education' and get-out-the-vote efforts. In the 2020 election, CTCL made grants to individual counties, in Georgia and elsewhere, ostensibly to help run safe elections during COVID. But county boards could use the money for whatever they wanted, and the bulk of the grants (95% of total funding) went to counties that voted for Clinton in 2016 and for Biden in 2020." [Georgia State Senator William T. Ligon, [12/03/20](#)]

Walter Has Made Appearances In Conspiracy Films Like "Rigged" And "2000 Mules" Which Make Wild, Unfounded Accusations About Voter Fraud. Scott Walter appeared in the 2022 film "Rigged: The Zuckerberg Plot To Defeat Donald Trump" from Citizens United Productions, which features extensive interviews with former President Trump as well as other high-profile election deniers like Ted Cruz and Cleta Mitchell. Right after a Wisconsin Republican official alleges an "election bribery scheme", Walter says "in the funded jurisdictions of a battleground state, you're going to see Democrat turnout surge much more than it surges in the unfunded part of the states. The funding made a difference." ["Rigged" Via Rumble, [04/05/22](#) (at 24:35)]

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In A 2021 Appearance On Cleta Mitchell's "Who's Counting?" Walter Said, "I Know That If There Was Any Fraud, Zuck Bucks Was A Fabulous Way Of Boosting The Fraud." "One, I know it's an outrage that it was funded this way and two, I know that if there was any fraud Zuckbucks was a fabulous way of boosting the fraud. And that's why everybody should care." [YouTube, [11/10/21](#) (56:58)]

The "Widely Debunked" Conspiracy Documentary "2000 Mules," By "Conservative Provocateur" Dinesh D'Souza, Featured Scott Walter Alongside Radical Conspiracists Like Sebastian Gorka, Charlie Kirk, Larry Elder And Dennis Prager:

Top cast >



Dinesh D'Souza
Self ...



Catherine Engelbrecht
Self



Gregg Phillips
Self



Debbie D'Souza
Self



Dennis Prager
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Larry Elder
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Sebastian Gorka
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Charlie Kirk
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Eric Metaxas
Self



Scott Walter
Self

[IMDB.com, Accessed [01/04/24](#)]

- **“2,000 Mules,” A Film By “Conservative Provocateur” Dinesh D'Souza That Claimed The 2020 Election Was “Stolen,” Was “Widely Debunked.”** “For months, the conservative provocateur Dinesh D'Souza teased that the book version of his widely debunked film ‘2,000 Mules’ would provide compelling new evidence that the 2020 election was ‘stolen.’ The film has been repeatedly promoted by former President Donald Trump, who even hosted a screening at his Mar-a-Lago resort. Then, just before the book’s scheduled release - and after copies had already arrived in stores - D'Souza's publisher, Regnery, abruptly pulled the book from shelves and delayed the e-book release, citing an unspecified ‘publishing error.’” [NPR, [11/08/22](#)]

Walter Has Also Engaged With Extreme Right-Wing Personalities Like Disgraced Fox News Anchor Tucker Carlson And Dinesh D’Souza.

December 2020: In An Interview With Host Tucker Carlson On Fox News, Walter Speculated That Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg Was “Handing” Biden The Election To Avoid Tech Regulation And Because “He’s Getting A Lot Of Grief From The Left Because He Is Not Oppressing Conservatives Enough On Facebook”. “Well, you know, I can only guess at his motives. But there are two that look really obvious to me. Would you rather have Biden in the White House or Trump in the White House if you're scared about tech regulation? That's not hard. And then second, he's getting a lot of grief from the left because he is not oppressing conservatives enough on Facebook. So hey, handing him an election.” [Fox News via YouTube, [12/04/20](#) (01:48)]

- **Walter Suggested That Zuckerberg’s Center For Tech And Civic Life’s Election Grants Shifted Georgia’s 2020 Election Results.** “Well, I'm only aware of our effort. As I said, we're doing state by state analysis, we started with Georgia. I'll give you two quick stats that are pretty impressive. You look at the 10 counties that the Center for Tech and Civic Life appears to have given the biggest grants to. They're not, of course, doing full disclosure, but as best we've been able to uncover, 10 biggest grants went to nine out of 10 Biden counties. And then if you look at the 10 counties in Georgia, out of 159 that had the biggest shifts in the

Democratic direction, average shift of 14 points, which is huge in an election. They funded nine out of 10 of those.” [Fox News, [12/04/20](#) (02:18)]

Walter Appeared In Interviews With Sebastian Gorka And Said CTCL Was Only Interested In Helping Democrats Vote And Hinted At “Corrupt Shenanigans” By Democrats. “They were not helping *Americans* vote, they were helping *Democrats* vote.” [Rumble, Accessed [01/05/24](#) (3:26)].

- In another interview with Gorka, he refers again to unspecified election “shenanigans” by Democrats. “The left has this gigantic machinery that does a lot more than just, you know, whatever real shenanigans, completely corrupt shenanigans...” before getting cut off by Gorka. [Rumble, Accessed [01/04/24](#) (3:55)]

In A January 2021 Radio Appearance, Walter Said That Democratic Turnout Efforts Were Trying To “Twist The Process To Make Cheating Easier” And He Claimed Voter Fraud And Election Mismanagement Are Rampant In Big Cities. “The left for decades at this point has been doing everything possible to twist the process to make cheating easier and to increase their turnout.” [Capital Research Center via YouTube, [01/21/21](#) (09:15)]

- **Walter Said Conservatives “Didn’t Even Have Poll Watchers In Critical Precincts In Swing States.”** “We didn’t even have poll watchers in critical precincts in swing states and I know that because, like one of the vote groups we worked alongside of, you know, he had some of his people in like critical Michigan precincts where he knew there was likely to be shenanigans but there was nobody from the state party, the national party, or any of the candidates on the ballot. Because we’re just clueless.” [Capital Research Center via YouTube, [01/21/21](#) (09:54)]
- **Walter Claimed That “Something Like Pushing 20% Of Democrats Believe That This Was A Really Dirty Election And Something Like A Third Of Independents Do.”** “Something like pushing 20% of Democrats believe that this was a really dirty election and something like a third of independents do. So this is not some crude Republican-only notion.” [Capital Research Center via YouTube, [01/21/21](#) (11:20)]
- **Walter Claimed, “it’s Precisely In Big Cities That You Have A Lot Of The Dirtiest Shenanigans, And A Lot Of Them Just Incompetence At Running The Elections In The First Place.”** “In polling, you often, for instance, Black folks will be more likely to believe that bad vote fraud is happening because of course it’s precisely in big cities that you have a lot of the dirtiest shenanigans, and a lot of them just incompetence at running the elections in the first place. You know it’s part incompetence and part corruption.” [Capital Research Center via YouTube, [01/21/21](#) (11:36)]

In 2023, CRC And Scott Walter Drew Controversy For Helping To Anonymously Funnel Nearly \$600,000 To A Conservative Group Led By Ginni Thomas, The Wife Of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, Who Played A Large Role In Efforts To Overturn The 2020 Election.

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A Conservative Group Led By Ginni Thomas Used CRC To Receive Nearly \$600,000 From Anonymous Donors During A Time When CRC Had Filed An Amicus Brief With The Supreme Court. “A little-known conservative activist group led by Virginia ‘Ginni’ Thomas, the wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, collected nearly \$600,000 in anonymous donations to wage a

cultural battle against the left over three years, a Washington Post investigation found.” [Washington Post, [03/28/23](#)]

- **CRC Routed Nearly \$596,000 To Ginni Thomas’ Group, Crowdsourcers For Culture And Liberty, With No Disclosure On How The Money Was Spent Or How Much Went To Ginni Thomas.** “In 2019, anonymous donors gave the think tank Capital Research Center, or CRC, \$596,000 that was designated for Crowdsourcers, according to tax filings and audits the think tank submitted to state regulators. The majority of that money, \$400,000, was routed through yet another nonprofit, Donors Trust, according to that organization’s tax filings. Donors Trust is a fund that receives money from wealthy donors whose identities are not disclosed and steers it toward conservative causes. The documents do not say how or whether the money was spent. It is not clear how much compensation, if any, Ginni Thomas received.” [Washington Post, [03/28/23](#)]
- **CRC Agreed To Channel The Donations To Crowdsourcers Around The Same Time It Signed An Amicus Brief Asking The Supreme Court To Consider An Oregon Fuel Emission Regulation Case.** “Around the time CRC agreed to channel the anonymous donations to Crowdsourcers, CRC signed a brief asking the Supreme Court to hear a case that conservative groups hoped would rein in fuel emission regulations in Oregon, records show. The court voted not to take up the case. As is routine, the votes of the individual justices were not disclosed.” [Washington Post, [03/28/23](#)]

CRC’s “Fiscal Sponsorship” Arrangement With Crowdsourcers “Effectively Shielded From Public View Details About Crowdsourcers’ Activities And Spending,” Which It Would Have Had To Disclose If Operating As Its Own Nonprofit. “The arrangement, known as a ‘fiscal sponsorship,’ effectively shielded from public view details about Crowdsourcers’ activities and spending, information it would have had to disclose publicly if it operated as a separate nonprofit organization, experts said.” [Washington Post, [03/28/23](#)]

- **Scott Walter Reportedly Proposed The Arrangement With Crowdsourcers, Even Mentioning Ginni Thomas’ Role To Board Members.** “Walter proposed the Crowdsourcers arrangement to the think tank’s board members and mentioned Ginni Thomas’s involvement, Franc said.” [Washington Post, [03/28/23](#)]

In 2016, Walter Sat For An Extended Interview With Ginni Thomas, Who Would Later Come Under Fire For Her Role In Trying To Overturn The Results Of The 2020 Election. “Scott Walter, the new president of CRC, sat down for this exclusive 26-minute video interview with The Daily Caller News Foundation and explained the Democrat party previously directed and controlled the left’s agenda and funding of all allied groups.” [Daily Caller, [08/07/16](#)].

- **The Interview Was Conducted By Ginni Thomas:**

GINNI THOMAS
CONTRIBUTOR

[Daily Caller, [08/07/16](#)]

- **Ginni Thomas, The Wife Of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, “Privately Pressed White House Chief Of Staff Mark Meadows To Pursue Efforts To Overturn The Presidential Election, And She Sent Emails Urging Swing-State Lawmakers To Set Aside Joe Biden’s Popular-Vote Victory In Awarding Electoral Votes.”** “Thomas’s activism has set her apart from other spouses of Supreme Court justices. She has allied with numerous people and groups that have interests before the court, and she has dedicated herself to

causes involving some of the most polarizing issues in the country. In 2020, she privately pressed White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows to pursue efforts to overturn the presidential election, and she sent emails urging swing-state lawmakers to set aside Joe Biden's popular-vote victory in awarding electoral votes. When those efforts were revealed by The Post last year, they intensified questions about whether her husband should recuse himself from cases related to the election and attempts to subvert it.” [Washington Post, [03/28/23](#)]

Walter Is A Long-Time Friend Of Right-Wing Intellectual Ideologue Dinesh D’Souza, Who Featured Walter In His Election Conspiracy Film *2000 Mules* And Used CRC As A Platform To Spout Extremism

Scott Walter And Dinesh D’Souza Have Been Friends Since The Conservative Movement Of The 1980s And When They Worked Together At The Catholic Magazine *Crisis*. “Our friendship actually goes back to, I think 1985.” [Capital Research Center via YouTube, [12/06/20](#) (00:44)]

- **D’souza Told Walter, “Whenever I See You, My Mind Kind Of Flashes Back To Our Old Days At The American Enterprise Institute” And Also Cited Their Work Together For *Crisis Magazine*.** “Whenever I see you, my mind kind of flashes back to our old days at the American Enterprise Institute and also we collaborated, as you know, on the magazine called Crisis.” [YouTube, [08/28/23](#) (00:30)]

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The “Widely Debunked” Conspiracy Documentary “2000 Mules,” By “Conservative Provocateur” Dinesh D’Souza, Featured Scott Walter Alongside Radical Conspiracists Like Sebastian Gorka, Charlie Kirk, Larry Elder And Dennis Prager:

Top cast >



Dinesh D'Souza
Self ...



Catherine Engelbrecht
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Gregg Phillips
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Debbie D'Souza
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Dennis Prager
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Larry Elder
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Charlie Kirk
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Eric Metaxas
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Scott Walter
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[IMDB.com, Accessed [01/04/24](#)]

Walter And CRC Interviewed D'Souza In December 2020, A Platform D'Souza Used To Blame Democrats Exclusively For The Institution Of Slavery And Compare Them To Nazis And Fascists. "It means that America didn't do slavery; the Democrats did. Slavery wasn't something distributed across the society. Slavery was concentrated in the Democratic Party, and the Democratic Party was the party of the plantation." [YouTube, [12/06/20](#) (42:11)]

- "I said, 'But let's remember that my general point that the Democratic Party is the party of slavery, that the vast, vast majority of slaves were owned by Democrats, all of that remains true.'" [YouTube, [12/06/20](#) (43:48)]
- "For example, he does not, he leaves out all the stuff about Mussolini. He leaves out all the stuff about the Nazis. He leaves out all the stuff about all the praise for Fascism coming from the Left. He doesn't want any of that in his massive biography." [YouTube, [12/06/20](#) (36:26)]
- "Interestingly, early Nazism was very appealing to many people in America. It had a lot of American recruits. Not only did Progressivism influence Nazism, but Nazism influenced Progressivism. This fact is in both my books and my movies." [YouTube, [12/06/20](#) (13:10)]
- "The Nazis who wrote the Nuremberg Laws, which made Jews into second-class citizens, had meetings in which they were holding in their hands the Democratic laws of the Jim Crow South. So it's important to realize that every segregation law in the South was passed by a Democratic legislature and signed by a Democratic governor. There are no exceptions to this rule. The Nazis knew all this, and they had these laws in their hands. And in trying to think about formulating what they call the world's first racist state, one of the Nazis literally said we don't have to form the world's first race state because the Democratic Party in America has already done this for us." [YouTube, [12/06/20](#) (14:16)]
- "I think that a lot of the tactics that we're seeing, the rise, for example, of paramilitary gangs on the street, operating with the apparent toleration, if not encouragement, of the Democratic Party, the emergence of the Deep State, by which I mean the police agencies of government - the FBI, IRS, CIA even DOJ - using their power against political dissidents and opponents." [YouTube, [12/06/20](#) (01:01:22)]

Mollie Hemingway, The Editor-In-Chief Of The Federalist, Has A History Of Spreading Election Conspiracy Theories, Going So Far As To Write A Book About Fraud In The 2020 Election

Mollie Hemingway Is The Editor-In-Chief Of The Federalist, A Conservative Online Magazine And Podcast, And Has Continuously Spread Disinformation — Alleging Fraud In The 2020 Election And Accusations About "Spygate" Regarding The Obama Administration Spying On Trump.

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As Of 2022, Hemingway Was The President Of FDRLST Media Foundation. [ProPublica, accessed [2/5/24](#)]

The Federalist Is A “Conservative Online Magazine And Podcast That Covers Politics, Policy, Culture, And Religion, And Publishes A Newsletter” That Has “Published Many Pieces That Contained False Information, Pseudoscience, And Contradictions.” “The Federalist is an American conservative online magazine and podcast that covers politics, policy, culture, and religion, and publishes a newsletter. The site was co-founded by Ben Domenech and Sean Davis and launched in September 2013. During the COVID-19 pandemic, The Federalist published many pieces that contained false information, pseudoscience, and contradictions or misrepresentations of the recommendations of public health authorities. While ballots were being counted in the 2020 United States presidential election, The Federalist made false claims that there had been large-scale election fraud.” [DBpedia, accessed [2/5/24](#)]

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- **The Amazon Description Of “Rigged” Says The Book “Exposes The Fraud And Cynicism Behind The Democrats' Historic Power-Grab” In The 2020 Election Based On Hemingway’s “Exclusive Interviews.”** “RIGGED is the definitive account of the 2020 election. Based on Mollie Hemingway's exclusive interviews with campaign officials, reporters, Supreme Court justices, and President Trump himself, it exposes the fraud and cynicism behind the Democrats' historic power-grab.” [Amazon, accessed [2/5/24](#)]

At A 2021 Talk At Hillsdale College, Hemingway Discussed Her Belief That Fair Elections In The U.S. “Will Require Significant Election Reform Before The Next Presidential Election” And “Her Findings Concerning Fraud In The 2020 Election.” “A free country cannot exist without fair elections, which, according to Mollie Hemingway, will require significant election reform before the next presidential election. The Hillsdale Senior Journalism Fellow discussed her findings concerning fraud in the 2020 election and its potential for change last month.” [Hillsdale College, [11/10/21](#)]

Hemingway Tweeted That People Who Raised Concerns Over The Capitol Riot As A Potential Insurrection Were “Bad People Who Are Hurting The Country” And Claimed Rioters Were Unarmed On January 6th Despite Evidence That Law Enforcement Identified Protesters With Guns.

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HEADLINE: “Secret Service Messages Show They Knew Crowd Outside Jan. 6 Rally Was Armed.” [The Hill, [10/13/22](#)]

The Washington Post Reported “Snippets Of Police Radio Traffic Captured During President Donald Trump’s Rally On The Ellipse” Included “Reports Of A Man With An Ar-15 In A Tree On Constitution Avenue Who Was Accompanied By Two Men With Pistols On Their Hips. Another Officer Radioed, ‘I’ve Got Three Men Walking Down The Street In Fatigues Carrying Ar-15s, Copy, At 14th And Independence.’” “Some of the startling revelations of the recent blockbuster Jan. 6 House committee hearing came in snippets of police radio traffic captured during President Donald Trump’s rally on the Ellipse and from Trump’s purported response to being told there were armed protesters just outside a secured area. The chatter included reports of a man with an AR-15 in a tree on Constitution Avenue who was accompanied by two men with pistols on their hips. Another officer radioed, ‘I’ve got three men walking down the street in fatigues carrying AR-15s, copy, at 14th and Independence.’” [The Washington Post, [7/8/22](#)]

Hemingway Promoted The Debunked Conspiracy Theory That Trump’s 2016 Campaign Was Spied On By Former President Obama.

According To RealClear Politics, On Tucker Carlson’s Fox News Show, Hemingway Said It Was “A Stunning Revelation That The Previous Administration Had An FBI Informant With The Trump 2016 U.S. Presidential Election.” “Mollie Hemingway said it is a stunning revelation that the previous administration had an FBI informant with the Trump 2016 U.S. presidential election. The Federalist writer told Tucker Carlson the Department of Justice must be hiding a really dangerous secret if they are willing to subvert authority and believe they are above inquiry from the executive branch under which they serve or the Congress that funds them.” [Real Clear Politics, [5/24/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “Republicans Distance Themselves From Trump’s ‘Spygate’ Conspiracy Theory” [LA Times, [5/30/18](#)]

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Wisconsin Institute For Law & Liberty Research Director Will Flanders Called Racism In School Discipline “Imaginary,” Has Discounted Voter Suppression Caused By Voter ID Laws, And Amplified A Conspiracy About The 2020 Election Results

In Response To May 2023 Guidance From The Biden Administration Finding “Black, Latino And Native Students Face Harsher Punishments Than Their White And Asian Classmates” – A Disparity That Has Persisted For Decades — Will Flanders Called Racism In Public School Disciplinary Trends “Imaginary.”

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Flanders Wrote That Despite Data Showing “Racial Disparities In Disciplinary Rates For African American And Hispanic Students,” Biden Administration Policies “Will Only Serve To Exacerbate” Disciplinary Issues. “Social media is filled daily with the latest videos of classrooms that have dissolved into a level of anarchy more fitting of a prison riot than a learning environment. [...] But new policies from the Biden administration’s Departments of Education and Justice will only serve to exacerbate it. In a new ‘Dear Colleague’ letter, the administration said that data shows racial disparities in disciplinary rates for African American and Hispanic students. According to the letter, school districts where such disparities exist face investigation by the federal government — and thus a veiled threat of sanctions.” [The Federalist, [6/12/23](#)]

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The Washington Post: “The Letter Says Concerns Over Racial Discrimination In School Discipline Persist, Despite Decades Of Efforts Fighting It.” “The letter says concerns over racial discrimination in school discipline persist, despite decades of efforts fighting it. It was attached to a summary of 14 federal investigations into racial disparities in student discipline over the past decade that led school districts to make significant changes in practice and policy.” [The Washington Post, [5/26/23](#)]

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“Nearly 17,000 registered Wisconsin voters — potentially more — were kept from the polls in November by the state’s strict voter ID law, according to a new survey of nonvoters by two University of Wisconsin political scientists. The survey, summarized on Monday on the university’s website, is certain to further roil an ongoing debate over whether Donald J. Trump’s narrow victory in Wisconsin over Hillary Clinton was a result of efforts to depress Democratic turnout. Mr. Trump defeated Mrs. Clinton by 22,748 votes out of more than 2.9 million ballots cast. The November turnout in Wisconsin, 69.4 percent of eligible voters, was the lowest in a presidential election year since 2000.” [The New York Times, [9/25/17](#)]

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Will Flanders And Rick Esenberg Co-Authored The Article “Wisconsin Voter-ID Study Has Statistical Flaws And Mistaken Assumptions.” [National Review, [9/29/17](#)]

Flanders And Esenberg Downplayed Findings That 17,000 Registered Voters Were Deterred From Voting, Saying “All The Usual Suspects Responded On Cue, Repeating All The Expected Talking Points, With The Clerk Of Milwaukee County Suggesting That The Survey Shows That ‘Jim Crow Laws Are Alive And Well.’” “Earlier this week, professors at the University of Wisconsin–Madison made national news, including a story in the New York Times, with the claim that that nearly 17,000 potential Wisconsin voters had been ‘deterred’ by the state’s voter-ID law. All the usual suspects responded on cue, repeating all the expected talking points, with the clerk of Milwaukee County suggesting that the survey shows that ‘Jim Crow laws are alive and well.’ Someone should have asked some hard questions, because the survey proves nothing of the sort.” [National Review, [9/29/17](#)]

Flanders And Esenberg Claimed That The Survey Had “Methodological Flaws, Such As Sample Selection Bias,” Adding “The Most Egregious Error Is How The Media And Scholars Are Using This Study To Push A Narrative That Voter-ID Laws Suppressed Turnout In The 2016 Election.” “Part of this is

due to methodological flaws, such as sample selection bias. But the most egregious error is how the media and scholars are using this study to push a narrative that voter-ID laws suppressed turnout in the 2016 election. The study itself does not support this conclusion.” [National Review, [9/29/17](#)]

Will Flanders Claimed His Organization’s Analysis Found That Grants For Election Administration In Wisconsin “Played A Role In Increasing Turnout For Joe Biden In 2020,” Yet The FEC Unanimously Voted To Dismiss A Complaint Over The Grants, Saying There Was “No Reason To Believe” There Was Any Wrongdoing.

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- **Wisconsin Institute For Law & Liberty: “Analysis: Private Grants To Wisconsin Municipalities Boosted Turnout For Joe Biden In 2020.”** [Wisconsin Institute For Law & Liberty, accessed [2/5/24](#)]

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In A November 2023 Post On The Social Media Platform X, Flanders Appeared To Support A Wisconsin Ballot Measure Proposal That Would Ban Private Grants For Election Administration.



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I would think the prospect of billionaires targeting funding to municipalities that are likely to garner favorable election results would give those on the left pause as well. Even if you don't think this happened with Zuckerberg, it can happen in every future election.

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In September 2022, The FEC Unanimously Voted To Dismiss A Complaint Over Mark Zuckerberg's 2020 Nonpartisan Election-Administration Grants, Saying There Was "No Reason To Believe" There Was Any Wrongdoing.

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