

Project 2025 Co-Author Stephen Moore—Who Is Calling To Undermine The Treasury Dept. After Saying Tax Avoidance Is “Smart Personal Finance”—Has Long History Of Deeply Controversial Comments And Credibility Issues

SUMMARY: Conservative pundit Stephen Moore is a co-author of Project 2025’s chapter on undermining the U.S. Treasury Department. Moore is the [senior economist](#) for the far-right FreedomWorks, and a “[Distinguished Fellow in Economics](#)” at the [influential conservative think tank](#) Heritage Foundation, which [leads](#) Project 2025.

Moore’s Project 2025 chapter prescribes radical “[major policy changes](#)” to the U.S. Treasury Department., including cutting “[regulatory impediments](#),” slashing taxes, repealing the [crucial](#) post-2008 crisis Financial Stability Oversight Council, and reversing what he calls the Biden Treasury Dept.’s “[racist ‘equity’ agenda](#),” including [firing](#) anyone who participated in DEI initiatives.

Moore’s extreme policy prescriptions for the Treasury Department are especially concerning given his troubling public and personal history with taxes and finances. He once owed the IRS more than [\\$75,000 in unpaid taxes](#) and was held in contempt of court for failing to pay [\\$300,000](#) to his ex-wife in alimony and child support. Moore has also said that avoiding taxes was “[smart personal finance](#)” and he has complained that the richest Americans “[can be legally discriminated against](#)” because of their wealth.

Moore’s credibility is further undermined by a long and tumultuous career as a right-wing pundit, a failed Trump nominee, a founder of major right-wing free market groups, and a dark money vessel against responsible investing practices:

- In 2019, Moore was [forced to withdraw](#) as Trump’s nominee to the Federal Reserve amid controversy over his [long history of sexist comments](#), drawing opposition from members of his own party. Even as he was stepping down, Moore told Trump, “[I am always at your disposal.](#)”
- Moore helped found two right-wing economic groups, including the prominent [anti-tax and regulation](#) group Club for Growth—from which Moore was later “[ousted](#)” amid governance issues—and the Free Enterprise Fund, which was focused on “[Social Security privatization, trade policy and the estate tax.](#)”
- Moore is [Chairman](#) of the [right-wing](#) Committee to Unleash Prosperity, which has taken at least [\\$1.77 million](#) from DonorsTrust, known as the “[dark money ATM of the right.](#)” The group has used this backing to launch an anti-Environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) site called “[Pen\\$ion Politics,](#)” which claims that ESG investing advances “[left-wing objectives.](#)”
- Moore is a [Fox News analyst](#), the former senior economics writer for the conservative Wall Street Journal’s editorial page, and a former [Wall Street Journal](#) editorial board member.

Beyond Moore’s checkered professional history, he has a long history of deeply inflammatory statements on economics, race, gender, and other matters:

- Stephen Moore supported [privatizing](#) Social Security, has called the crucial program a “[Ponzi scheme,](#)” and even told a classroom of students that they should march on Washington and [burn](#) their Social Security cards.

- Moore wrote that white males were the “[new oppressed minority on college campuses](#)” and that if women “[were so oppressed and offended](#),” they wouldn’t show up “[in droves in tight skirts to the keg parties](#).”
- Moore also wrote that female athletes “[want equal pay for inferior work](#),” adding it was an “[injustice](#)” female players could “[make millions of dollars a year, even though there are hundreds of men at the collegiate level \[...\] who could beat them handily](#).”
- Moore described a bill addressing pay equality as being a “[laughably bad idea](#),” with the real crisis being stagnated male wages—Moore even suggested women making more than men could be “[disruptive to family stability](#)” as men would become “economically expendable.”
- Moore said that Black families are replacing men with a “[welfare check](#)” and increased earnings for Black women make men “[financially expendable](#).”
- Moore authored a parody column in which then-Senator Trent Lott begged Jesse Jackson for forgiveness and endorsed reparations for “[every American with ‘even a drop of African Blood’](#)” to be paid for with “[a 20 percent ‘white-millionaire income-tax surcharge](#).”
- Moore said California was “[quacky](#)” because it legalized same-sex marriage and banned gender identity discrimination, which he called “[‘equal rights’ to transvestites](#)”—Moore also called transgender bathrooms one of the “[ridiculous causes](#)” of the left.
- At the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in 2011, Moore complimented a young woman for getting into a “[hard school](#)” like UCLA, adding, “[you’re not even Asian!](#)”

Project 2025’s Chapter On The U.S. Department Of Treasury Was Written By Stephen Moore, The Senior Economist Of Right-Wing Group FreedomWorks Who Was Nominated To The Federal Reserve By Trump But Had To Withdraw Amid Controversy Over His History Of Sexism.

Stephen Moore, FreedomWorks’ Senior Economist, Coauthored A Chapter Of Project 2025’s Policy Manifesto, “Mandate For Leadership: The Conservative Promise,” Discussing Potential Changes Within The U.S. Treasury Department.

Stephen Moore, FreedomWorks’ Senior Economist, Coauthored Chapter 22 Of Project 2025’s Mandate For Leadership, Discussing Potential Policy Changes Within the U.S. Treasury Department:

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David R. Burton

[Project 2025, accessed [01/09/24](#)]

- **Stephen Moore Is The Senior Economist At FreedomWorks, Where He “Communicates FreedomWorks’ Vision For A Pro-Growth Economic Agenda To Grassroots Activists And Media Nationwide, As Well As Conducting Original Economic Analysis.”** “Stephen Moore is FreedomWorks’ Senior Economist. He communicates FreedomWorks’ vision for a pro-growth economic agenda to grassroots activists and media nationwide, as well as conducting original economic analysis.” [FreedomWorks, accessed [01/09/24](#)]

Stephen Moore Is A Distinguished Fellow At The Conservative Heritage Foundation, A Fox News Analyst, The Former Senior Economics Writer For The Wall Street Journal’s Editorial Page, And A Former Wall Street Journal Editorial Board Member. “Stephen Moore is a conservative economist and author. He is currently a senior economist at FreedomWorks, a Distinguished Fellow at The Heritage Foundation, and a Fox News analyst. From 2005 to 2014, Moore served as the senior economics writer for The Wall Street Journal editorial page and as a member of the Journal’s editorial board. He still contributes regularly to the Journal’s editorial page. He is a frequent lecturer to business investment and university audiences around the world on the U.S. economic and political outlook in Washington, DC.” [Project 2025, accessed [02/23/24](#)]

FreedomWorks’ Current Vice President Of Programs And Its Former Vice President Of Policy Also Served As Contributors To The Report.

Other FreedomWorks Employees Serving as Contributors To The Mandate For Leadership Include Cesar Ybarra And Laura Zorc. [Project 2025 Mandate for Leadership, accessed [01/09/24](#)]

- **Laura Zorc Is FreedomWorks’ Vice President Of Programs And Executive Director Of B.E.S.T (Building Education For Students Together):**

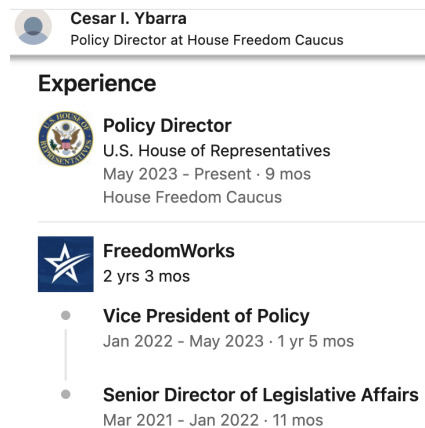


LAURA ZORC

*Vice President of Programs &
Executive Director of B.E.S.T.*



[FreedomWorks, accessed [01/09/24](#)]

- **Cesar Ybarra Was FreedomWorks' Former Vice President Of Policy Before Joining The House Freedom Caucus As Policy Director In May 2023:**



Cesar I. Ybarra
Policy Director at House Freedom Caucus

Experience

-  **Policy Director**
U.S. House of Representatives
May 2023 - Present · 9 mos
House Freedom Caucus
-  **FreedomWorks**
2 yrs 3 mos
 - Vice President of Policy**
Jan 2022 - May 2023 · 1 yr 5 mos
 - Senior Director of Legislative Affairs**
Mar 2021 - Jan 2022 · 11 mos

[LinkedIn, accessed [01/09/24](#)]

As Of October 2023, FreedomWorks Was On Project 2025's Advisory Board, Appearing To No Longer Be On The Board As Of February 2024. "The 75 groups that make up the Advisory Board include: [...] FreedomWorks" [The Heritage Foundation, accessed [02/23/24](#)]

- **As Of February 2024, FreedomWorks Was No Longer Listed On Project 2025's Advisory Board.** [The Heritage Foundation, accessed [02/23/24](#)]

2019: Stephen Moore Withdrew As Trump's Nominee To The Federal Reserve Board Amid Controversy Over His History Of Sexist Comments, Drawing Opposition From Multiple Republicans.

May 2019: Stephen Moore Withdrew From His Nomination To Serve On The Federal Reserve Board After Losing Republican Support Due To "His Past Inflammatory Writings About Women." "Stephen Moore, a conservative commentator whom President Donald Trump had tapped for the Federal Reserve board, withdrew from consideration Thursday after losing Republican support in the Senate, largely over his past inflammatory writings about women." [Associated Press, [05/02/19](#)]

- **Headline: Trump Fed choice Stephen Moore withdraws amid controversy** [Associated Press, [05/02/19](#)]
- **Moore's Comments Included Wondering Why Women "Showed Up In Doves In Tight Skirts' At College Parties If 'They Were So Oppressed And Offended By Drunken, Lustful Frat Boys'" And Saying Women Who Cover Basketball Games On Television Should Wear Revealing Clothing.** "In 2000, in a column for the Washington Times, Moore wondered why women 'showed up in doves in tight skirts' at college parties if "they were so oppressed and offended by drunken, lustful frat boys.' He also said women should not cover basketball games on television unless they wore revealing clothes." [Associated Press, [05/02/19](#)]

Trump Broke News Of Moore's Withdrawal "Only Hours After Moore Had Told Two News Organizations That He Was Still Seeking" The Nomination. "Trump tweeted the news of Moore's withdrawal, only hours after Moore had told two news organizations that he was still seeking the board seat and still had the White House's support." [Associated Press, [05/02/19](#)]

Despite Stepping Down, Moore Told Then-President Trump, “I Am Always At Your Disposal.” “In a note to Trump that he released later, Moore said the ‘unrelenting attacks on my character have become untenable for me and my family and three more months of this would be too hard on us.’ ‘I am always at your disposal,’ he concluded.” [Associated Press, [05/02/19](#)]

Sen. John Thune (R-SD) Said He “Had Issues” With Moore’s Nomination And Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) Said It Was “Hard To Look Past” Moore’s Comments. “Numerous Republican senators had said they objected to Moore’s disparaging past writings about women or had sidestepped questions about whether they would back him. The Senate’s second-ranking Republican, Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, had said Wednesday that Moore ‘has issues’ in the Senate, which must confirm any nominees for the Fed’s board. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., said it was ‘hard to look past’ Moore’s previous statements, while Sen. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., said his comments were a topic on which she would have questioned him.” [Associated Press, [05/02/19](#)]

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In 1999, Stephen Moore “Co-Founded The Club For Growth To Help Elect GOP Candidates Who Would Cut Taxes And Regulations” Before Being “Ousted” From The Organization In 2004 After A Federal Election Commission Investigation Found It Had “Failed To Register As A Political Committee And Submit Its Expenditures Properly ‘Despite Spending Millions Of Dollars On Federal Campaign Activity During The 2000, 2002, And 2004 Election Cycle.’” “In 1999, he co-founded the Club for Growth to help elect GOP candidates who would cut taxes and regulations, in several cases trying to unseat moderate Republicans. But Moore was ousted from the Club for Growth in 2004. The FEC investigated the Club for Growth’s activities while he was at the helm of the organization and said it failed to register as a political committee and submit its expenditures properly ‘despite spending millions of dollars on federal campaign activity during the 2000, 2002, and 2004 election cycle.’” [The Washington Post, [03/28/19](#)]

Following His Dismissal From The Club For Growth, Moore Founded The Free Enterprise Fund—A Group Focused On “Social Security Privatization, Trade Policy And The Estate Tax” At The Time—Before Leaving To Join The Wall Street Journal’s Editorial Board.

Following His Dismissal From The Club For Growth, Moore Founded The Free Enterprise Fund In 2005, “A Group That Was Reported As Being Focused On “Social Security Privatization, Trade Policy And The Estate Tax.” “The Free Enterprise Fund — a spinoff established by conservative activist Stephen Moore after he left the Club for Growth — has been around only as long as this Congress has been in session, and in that time, it has focused its energy, and its reported initial budget of about \$1 million, on some of the biggest debates now raging, including Social Security privatization, trade policy and the estate tax (or as Factor calls it, ‘the vulture tax’).” [Roll Call, [07/26/05](#)]

Moore Left The Free Enterprise Fund The Same Year It Was Founded To Join The Wall Street Journal’s Editorial Board. “Shortly after his departure, Mr. Moore attempted to launch a spinoff called the Free Enterprise Fund. Later that year, he left that to join The Wall Street Journal’s editorial board, which writes the paper’s unsigned editorials. The Journal’s news organization operates independently of its opinion section.” [The Wall Street Journal, [03/29/19](#)]

Moore’s Project 2025 Chapter Prescribes “Major Policy Changes” To The Treasury Dept., Including Cutting “Regulatory Impediments,” Cutting Taxes, Repealing The Financial Stability Oversight Council, And Reversing The Biden Treasury Dept.’s “Racist ‘Equity’ Agenda,” Including Firing Anyone Who Participated In DEI Initiatives.

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Moore’s Project 2025 Chapter Prescribes “Major Policy Changes” To The Treasury Dept., Including Reducing “Regulatory Impediments” That “Endanger Prosperity” And Reducing Regulatory Compliance Costs That “Increase Prices And Cost Jobs.” “The U.S. Treasury Department has a broad regulatory and policy reach. The next Administration should make major policy changes to: (1) reduce regulatory impediments to economic growth that reduce living standards and endanger prosperity; (2) reduce regulatory compliance costs that increase prices and cost jobs; (3) promote fiscal responsibility; (4) promote the international competitiveness of U.S. businesses; and (5) better respect the American people’s due process and privacy rights.” [Project 2025, accessed [02/23/24](#)]

The Chapter Prescribes Achieving These Goals Through Executive Action, Departmental Reorganization, Rulemakings, And Other Means. “These goals should be accomplished through: executive action (primarily treasury orders and treasury directives) and departmental reorganization; rulemakings; promoting constructive policies in Congress; actions in international organizations; and treaties.” [Project 2025, accessed [02/23/24](#)]

The Chapter Calls For A Reversal Of The Biden Administration’s “Economically Destructive” Climate Risk Policies, Tax Cuts, And Repealing Dodd-Frank’s The Post-2008 Crisis Financial Stability Oversight Council.

The Chapter Calls For Reversing The Biden Administration’s “Economically Destructive And Ineffective Climate-Related Financial-Risk Agenda.” “Reversal of the economically destructive and ineffective climate-related financial-risk agenda of the Biden Administration.” [Project 2025, accessed [02/23/24](#)]

The Chapter Calls For Tax Reforms That “Improve Incentives To Work,” Including Reducing Marginal Tax Rates And “Reducing The Cost Of Capital.” “Tax policy has a powerful impact on the economy. The Treasury Department should develop and promote tax reform legislation that will promote prosperity. To accomplish this, tax reform should improve incentives to work, save, and invest. This, in turn, is accomplished primarily by reducing marginal tax rates, reducing the cost of capital and broadening the tax base to eliminate tax-induced economic distortions by eliminating special-interest tax credits, deductions, and exclusions.” [Project 2025, accessed [02/23/24](#)]

The Chapter Calls For The Repeal Of Dodd-Frank’s Creation Of The Financial Stability Oversight Council, Which Was Created To Oversee Systemically Important Financial Institutions After The 2008 Financial Crisis. “Dodd–Frank Revisions. Congress should repeal Title I, Title II, and Title VIII of the Dodd–Frank Act.⁵² Title I of Dodd–Frank created the Financial Stability Oversight Council, a kind of super-regulator tasked with identifying so-called systemically important financial institutions and singling them out for especially stringent regulation. The problem, of course, is that this process effectively identifies those firms regulators believe are ‘too big to fail.’” [Project 2025, accessed [02/23/24](#)]

Moore's Chapter Calls For Reversing What It Calls The Biden Treasury Dept.'s "Racist 'Equity' Agenda," Including Eliminating Diversity-Related Offices And Positions, And Calling For The Firing Of All Dept. Employees Who Participated In DEI And Critical Race Theory Initiatives Without Objecting To Them.

The Chapter Prescribes Reversing The Biden Administration's "Racist 'Equity' Agenda." "Reversal of the racist 'equity' agenda of the Biden Administration; and" [Project 2025, accessed [02/23/24](#)]

The Chapter Calls For The Elimination Of The Biden Treasury Department's New Counselor For Racial Equity, Its Advisory Committee On Racial Equity, And Its Office For Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, And Accessibility. "Under the Biden Administration, the Treasury Department has appointed a Counselor for Racial Equity, established an Advisory Committee on Racial Equity, and created an office for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility. All these should be eliminated." [Project 2025, accessed [02/23/24](#)]

The Chapter Calls For Identifying And Interviewing "Every Treasury Official Who Participated In DEI Initiatives" To Determine "The Scope And Nature Of These Initiatives And To Ensure That Such Initiatives Are Completely Ended." "Identify every Treasury official who participated in DEI initiatives and interview him or her for the purpose of determining the scope and nature of these initiatives and to ensure that such initiatives are completely ended." [Project 2025, accessed [02/23/24](#)]

The Chapter Prescribes Treating Participation In DEI Or Critical Race Theory Initiatives As "Per Se Grounds For Termination Of Employment" If The Treasury Department Official Did Not Object "On Constitutional Or Moral Grounds." "Treat the participation in any critical race theory or DEI initiative, without objecting on constitutional or moral grounds, as per se grounds for termination of employment." [Project 2025, accessed [02/23/24](#)]

Stephen Moore Claimed That The Biden Administration ESG Rules Encourage Companies To Pursue "Social Justice Fads" And Prod Fund Managers To "Violate Their Fiduciary Duty."

Moore Has Criticized Biden Administration Rules Encouraging ESG Investment By Claiming They Force Companies To Pursue "Social Justice Fads" And That They Encourage Investment Managers To "Violate Their Fiduciary Duty to Their Clients."

January 2023: Stephen Moore Authored A *Fox Business* Opinion Piece Titled "Biden's ESG Investment Rules Threaten Your Retirement Savings," Claiming That The Rules "Permit Money Managers To Play Politics With Trillions Of Dollars Of People's Retirement Savings." "President Joe Biden's Labor Department recently announced a new rule that will permit money managers to play politics with trillions of dollars of people's retirement savings. The administration is pushing environmental, social and governance investing, which allows retirement fund managers to select stocks of companies based on their positions on social and environmental issues." [Fox Business, [01/23/23](#)]

- **Headline: Stephen Moore: Biden's ESG investment rules threaten your retirement savings** [Fox Business, [01/23/23](#)]

Moore's Piece Claimed That Through ESG, Retirement Savings Will Be Used To Force Companies To Pursue "Social Justice Fads Completely Unrelated To Securing A High Return On Workers' Lifetime Savings." "Put simply, retirement savings will be used as leverage to force companies to reduce their carbon

emissions and establish racial and gender quotas and other social justice fads completely unrelated to securing a high return on workers' lifetime savings.” [Fox Business, [01/23/23](#)]

Moore’s Piece Claimed That “Trillion-Dollar Investment And Retirement Funds Such As Blackrock Inject Their Own Biases Into The Way They Invest People’s Savings Without Their Knowledge Or Consent.” “But it’s an entirely different matter when trillion-dollar investment and retirement funds such as BlackRock inject their own biases into the way they invest people’s savings without their knowledge or consent. It’s even worse when these biases rob investors of a high rate of return on their nest eggs.” [Fox Business, [01/23/23](#)]

Moore’s Piece Claimed That The Biden Administration ESG Rules “Encourage Portfolio Managers At Firms Such As Blackrock To Violate Their Fiduciary Duty To Their Clients.” “What is insidious about the new Biden administration ESG rules is that they permit and even tacitly encourage portfolio managers at firms such as BlackRock to violate their fiduciary duty to their clients by allowing ESG factors to trump sound investment decisions.” [Fox Business, [01/23/23](#)]

Moore Is Chairman Of The Committee To Unleash Prosperity, Which Has Taken At Least \$1.77 Million From “Dark Money ATM Of The Right” DonorsTrust, Has Launched An Anti-ESG Site Called “Pension Politics,” And Issued An ESG Scorecard Claiming That “A Majority Of The Largest Firms” Have Violated Their Fiduciary Duties.

Stephen Moore Is The Chairman Of The Committee To Unleash Prosperity, A Right-Wing Supply Side Economics Group That Has Taken At Least \$1.77 Million From DonorsTrust, The “Dark Money ATM Of The Right.”

Stephen Moore Is One Of The Leaders Of The Committee To Unleash Prosperity, Listed As Its Chairman In Its Most Recently-Available Tax Return:



Steve Moore

Club 4 Growth Founder, Heritage Economist, Wall Street Journal Writer

Distinguished Visiting Fellow for the Heritage Foundation’s “Project for Economic Growth”, and the author of “Who’s the Fairest of Them All?: The Truth about Opportunity, Taxes, and Wealth in America”. Stephen Moore, who formerly wrote on the economy and public policy for The Wall Street Journal, is the Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Project for Economic Growth, at The Heritage Foundation. Moore, who also was a member of The Journal’s editorial board, returned to Heritage in January 2014—about 25 years after his tenure as the leading conservative think tank’s Grover M. Hermann Fellow in Budgetary Affairs from 1984 to 1987. He was a senior economist under Dick Arney’s Joint Economic Committee, and he played a large role in the creation of the FairTax proposal.

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[Committee to Unleash Prosperity, accessed [05/31/23](#)]

- **Stephen Moore Was Listed At The Committee To Unleash Prosperity’s Chairman In Its Most Recently-Available Tax Return:**

(1) STEPHEN MOORE

CHAIRMAN

[Committee to Unleash Prosperity IRS Form 990, 2022, [11/27/23](#)]

The Committee To Unleash Prosperity Was Founded By Steven Forbes, Larry Kudlow, Arthur Laffer, And Stephen Moore In 2015 To Promote Right-Wing, Supply Side Economics. “Economists Steve Forbes, Larry Kudlow, Dr. Arthur B. Laffer, and Steve Moore have launched the Committee to Unleash Prosperity. This group aims to end America's growth slump and restore faith in the American Dream. [...] The Committee to Unleash Prosperity is working to change this. In pursuit of rapid growth, the Committee promotes the following six economic principles: 1) A broad-based, low rate, flat tax 2) Limited government spending 3) Decreased regulation 4) Sound money 5) Free trade 6) Rule of constitutional law” [Cision, [07/29/15](#)]

Since 2015, The Committee To Unleash Prosperity Has Taken At Least \$1.77 Million From DonorsTrust, Known As The “Dark Money ATM Of The Right” Which Has Also Been Tied To Leonard Leo’s Network:

Year	Donor	Amount
2022	DonorsTrust	\$110,000
2021	DonorsTrust	\$745,000
2020	DonorsTrust	\$302,500
2019	DonorsTrust	\$10,000
2018	DonorsTrust	\$250,000
2017	DonorsTrust	\$50,000
2016	DonorsTrust	\$100,000
2015	DonorsTrust	\$200,000
	Total:	\$1,767,500

- **DonorsTrust Is An Influential Right-Wing Donor Group Non-Profit Dubbed The "Dark Money ATM Of The Right."** "They all have one thing in common: They received anonymous funding funneled through a single conservative dark money behemoth. That's the news in the latest IRS filing from Donors Trust—a conservative, Koch-aligned nonprofit which does not need to reveal the names of its donors and has been called the 'dark money ATM of the right.'" [The Daily Beast, [11/22/21](#)]
- **DonorsTrust Acts As "A Go-Between" For Wealthy Donors To Anonymously Give Donations To Largely "Right-Leaning, Libertarian, And Free-Market Advocates."** "The Donors Trust primarily funds right-leaning, libertarian, and free-market advocates. It describes itself as 'a charitable savings account'—a go-between that allows wealthy donors to deposit money in lump sums, where it gets invested at tax-free growth. They can later direct contributions at any time while remaining anonymous." [The Daily Beast, [11/22/21](#)]
- **In 2021, Leonard Leo’s 85 Fund Received A \$17.1 Million Gift Through DonorsTrust.** “One of the biggest conservative dark money organizations in the nation was boosted last year by two separate anonymous gifts, each totaling more than \$425 million dollars. The money sent to DonorsTrust, a

501(c)(3) charity that has become one of the most influential conduit of funds in Republican-leaning circles, was a huge chunk of the more than \$1 billion the group brought in in 2021, according to a tax filing obtained first by POLITICO. They are among the largest ever donations to a politically-connected group. DonorsTrust used those funds to support a vast network of prominent conservative causes, including a \$17.1 million gift it made to The 85 Fund, a group founded by a major engine of the conservative movement: Leonard Leo.” [Politico, [11/16/22](#)]

Moore’s Committee To Unleash Prosperity Group Has Launched A Site Called “Pension Politics,” Which Claims ESG Is A “Political Agenda” That Channels Retirement Funds To “Advance Left-Wing Objectives”—The Group Has Also Published An ESG Scorecard Claiming That “A Majority Of The Largest Firms” Are Violating Their Fiduciary Duty.

The Committee To Unleash Prosperity Runs A Website Called “Pension Politics,” Which Claims That ESG Is A “Political Agenda” That Is “Being Used To Hijack Shareholder Voting”:



[...]

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[Pension Politics, accessed [05/31/23](#)]

- **Pension Politics Claims That ESG Is “A Political Agenda,” That It’s “Being Used To Hijack Shareholder Voting,” And That “Investing With ESG Depresses Returns”:**



[Pension Politics, accessed [05/31/23](#)]

Pension Politics Claims That Through ESG, Pension Fund Money Is Being “Channeled Into Plans That Don’t Maximize Returns, But Instead Advance Left-Wing Objectives Related To ESG And Other Issues.”

“The ESG agenda has been thrust into the spotlight by the Biden administration’s insistence that retirement fund managers be permitted to pursue a politicized investment agenda. President Biden wants to enable hundreds of billions of pension fund dollars, which have been earned by millions of Americans, to be channeled into plans that don’t maximize returns, but instead advance left-wing objectives related to ESG and other issues.” [Pension Politics, accessed [05/31/23](#)]

Pension Politics Has Published What It Claims Is “The 1st Annual Report Card On Investment Fund Managers & Proxy Voting Behavior”:

Politics Over Pensions: The 1st Annual Report Card on Investment Fund Managers & Proxy Voting Behavior

The ESG agenda has been thrust into the spotlight by the Biden administration's insistence that retirement fund managers be permitted to pursue a politicized investment agenda. President Biden wants to enable hundreds of billions of pension fund dollars, which have been earned by millions of Americans, to be channeled into plans that don't maximize returns, but instead advance left-wing objectives related to ESG and other issues.

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[Pension Politics, accessed [05/31/23](#)]

March 2023: Stephen Moore Co-Authored A New York Post Opinion Piece Critical Of ESG And Promoting The Committee To Unleash Prosperity's Scorecard Report, Claiming That "A Majority Of The Largest Firms Are Routinely Violating [Their] Fiduciary Duty And Letting Political Biases Interfere With Sound Business Practices." "But our new Committee to Unleash Prosperity study 'Putting Politics Over Pensions' finds that a majority of the largest firms are routinely violating that fiduciary duty and letting political biases interfere with sound business practices. Through a process known as 'proxy voting,' money-management firms like State Street vote on shareholder resolutions of the companies their clients own." [New York Post, [03/16/23](#)]

- **Headline: Hey, Wall Street: Stop putting politics over my retirement savings** [New York Post, [03/16/23](#)]

Moore's Piece Claimed, "Without The Support Or Even The Knowledge Of Their Clients, Big Money Managers Routinely Support Resolutions Brought By Leftist Social Activists." "Without the support or even the knowledge of their clients, big money managers routinely support resolutions brought by leftist social activists. These 'ESG' resolutions — 'environment, social justice and governance' — require firms to divest oil and gas stocks, ban plastics, impose 'diversity' quotas in hiring, move unilaterally to zero-carbon-emission policies and so on." [New York Post, [03/16/23](#)]

Stephen Moore Supports Privatizing Social Security, Has Called The Crucial Program A "Ponzi Scheme," And Even Told A Classroom Of Students That They Should March On Washington And Burn Their Social Security Cards.

In 2018, Stephen Moore Told A Group Of Students That He Wanted To See "Hundreds Of Thousands Of People Your Age Going To The Capitol And Yelling 'Hey, Hey, We Won't Pay,' And Burning Your Social Security Cards."

In July 2018, Stephen Moore Told A Group Of Students, "What I Want To See From Your Generation Is Hundreds Of Thousands Of People Your Age Going To The Capitol And Yelling 'Hey, Hey, We Won't Pay,' And Burning Your Social Security Cards." During a seminar for the Young America's Foundation, Stephen Moore said, "[w]hat I want to see from your generation is hundreds of thousands of people your age going to the Capitol and yelling 'hey, hey, we won't pay,' and burning your Social Security cards. You know? Can you guys have that movement?" [Young America's Foundation via YouTube, [07/22/18 \(59:05\)](#)]

- Moore was speaking at the Young America's Foundation's "Road to Freedom Seminar: Why the Left Hates Trump's Economy," held July 20-21, 2018 at the Foundation's headquarters in Reston, VA. [Young America's Foundation, accessed [03/29/19](#)]

Moore Also Told The Students That "Social Security Is Probably The Worst Investment You're Ever Going To Make In Your Life" And Advocated Privatizing The Program.

In July 2018, Stephen Moore Told A Classroom Of Students, "Social Security Is Probably The Worst Investment You're Ever Going To Make In Your Life." "Social Security is probably the worst investment you're ever going to make in your life. Right? The joke is on your generation. [...] If you think that you're going to get Social Security when you retire, you know, I think you're living in a fantasy land." [Young America's Foundation via YouTube, [07/22/18 \(56:54\)](#)]

Stephen Moore Advocated for Creating "Personal 401k Plans" That Would Depend On The Stock Market, Claiming That They Would Provide A "Higher Benefit" Than Social Security. "Now what I want to do, and this is not a new idea but I think it's more important now than ever, is basically say to every American under the age of 30 – you, instead of having to take 12% of your paycheck each paycheck and send it off to Washington, you put that money into a forced savings account under your own name. It's called like a personal IRA, a personal 401K plan, and you get to accumulate that money over time. And you know, you basically can't spend it, by the way, you can't tap into that money until you reach the age of 65. But if you have that kind of system and we get an average return on the stock market, that means that every single one of you in this room is going to have at least a million dollars in that account by the time you retire. And by the way, that means that you can actually take out the money and you have a higher benefit than you would get [sic] Social Security." [Young America's Foundation via YouTube, [07/22/18 \(57:19\)](#)]

- Moore was speaking at the Young America's Foundation's "Road to Freedom Seminar: Why the Left Hates Trump's Economy," held July 20-21, 2018 at the Foundation's headquarters in Reston, VA. [Young America's Foundation, accessed [03/29/19](#)]

Stephen Moore Said That Social Security "Essentially Was A Ponzi Scheme."

In 1995, Stephen Moore Claimed That Social Security "Essentially Was A Ponzi Scheme," Americans Are Paying For Today. In a 1995 C-SPAN interview, Stephen Moore said, "The New Deal did all of those things. It launched the modern era of big government in America and I think the real legacy of the New Deal is being felt today with the huge amounts of debt that we see in the United States, the imminent collapse of Social Security. Social Security was probably the centerpiece of the New Deal legislation, and in fact, now we're seeing that system on the verge of collapse. It essentially was a Ponzi scheme that now we're paying the price for." [C-SPAN, [04/12/95](#)]

Stephen Moore Said The Government Had "Gone Too Far In Providing The Safety Net For The Elderly," Which He Claimed Included "Lavish Government Benefits For People Over 65."

During A 1992 CNN Appearance, Stephen Moore Said, "We've Probably Gone Too Far In Providing The Safety Net For The Elderly" And "Lavish Government Benefits For People Over 65." During A 1992 CNN Appearance, Stephen Moore Said, "Well, we've probably gone too far in providing the safety net for the elderly. To a large extent, we've started a system in this country where we are taxing struggling middle class families that are young to provide lavish government benefits for people over 65." ["Moneyline with Lou Dobbs," *CNN*, 01/30/92]

Stephen Moore Called Social Security “The Belly Of The Beast.”

Stephen Moore Has Referred To Social Security As The “Belly Of The Beast,” With Its Repeal Allowing “The Rest Of The Empire” To Crumble. “Moore fantasizes about the day that Generation-Xers show up to the Capitol to burn their Social Security cards, much like their parents burned their draft cards. ‘Social Security is the belly of the beast,’ Moore says. “Ask any liberal to name a program that works and they’ll immediately point to Social Security. It’s a symbol that the New Deal works. If we can bring down that empire, the rest of the empire will crumble soon after.” [Nina J. Easton, "Making America Work; Red White And Small; Ed Crane's Cato Institute Is A Think Tank That Believes The Country Would Work Better If There Was Less Government," *Los Angeles Times*, 07/09/95]

Social Security Provides A Stable Source Of Income For Retirees—And Privatization Would Subject Everyone’s Retirements To Market Fluctuations.

“Traditional Social Security Provides A Guaranteed Income,” And Provides More Than Half The Income For Over 60% Of Those Who Receive It. “In contrast to private retirement funds, traditional Social Security provides a guaranteed income, paying benefits every month for life — with increases for inflation. After adjusting for risk, Social Security has a rate of return equal to that of any mix of financial assets in private accounts. With more than 60 percent of beneficiaries relying on Social Security for at least half their income, it makes no sense to gamble Americans’ future Social Security benefits on the roiling forces of the market.” [CNBC, [03/26/18](#)]

Privatized Social Security “Would Encourage Workers To Gamble” Their Contributions On Private Investments And “Risk Losing Some Or All Of It, Leaving Little Or Nothing For Retirement.” “Instead of providing a secure, defined benefit as Social Security now does, privatizers would encourage workers to gamble a growing percentage of their payroll contributions on private investments. As the proportion of private investment increased, the amount of a worker’s defined Social Security benefit would decrease — until it reached what could only be considered a poverty-level amount. Of course, the worker would reap any gains in the privately invested funds, but would also risk losing some or all of it, leaving little or nothing for retirement.” [CNBC, [03/26/18](#)]

Four In Ten (Around 15 Million) Elderly Americans Would Be Living Below The Poverty Line Without Social Security.

Four In Ten, Or An Estimated 15 Million, Elderly Americans Would Be Living Below The Poverty Line Without Social Security. “Without Social Security benefits, about 4 in 10 Americans aged 65 and older would have incomes below the poverty line, all else being equal, according to official estimates based on the 2017 Current Population Survey. Social Security benefits lift more than 15 million elderly Americans out of poverty, these estimates show.” [Center On Budget and Policy Priorities, [08/14/18](#)]

One In Five Elderly Americans Rely On Social Security To Provide 90% Of Their Income.

A Majority Of Elderly Americans Rely On Social Security For Half Of Their Income And, For One In Five Elderly Americans, Social Security Makes Up Ninety Percent Of Their Income. “Social Security provides the majority of income to most elderly Americans. For about half of seniors, it provides at least 50 percent of their income, and for about 1 in 5 seniors, it provides at least 90 percent of income.” [Center On Budget and Policy Priorities, [08/14/18](#)]

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In September 2000, Stephen Moore criticized “Radical Feminism” for helping make white males “The New Oppressed Minority On College Campuses.” “There is a new oppressed minority on college campuses these days, and it is not women, blacks, Latinos or gays. In fact in this era of ultra-political correctness at universities, these other groups enjoy such an exalted status of privilege that even the most unintended slur can lead a student to instant expulsion. No, the group that has fallen into great disfavor is the white male. You see, your son is an oppressor and is being forced to pay for the sins of his father and grandfathers. It is a well-established fact that radical feminism has taken over the culture, especially at the elite East Coast universities.” [New York Times, [04/23/19](#)]

...Reminisced About The “Bygone Era” When College Students Did “Stupid Things” And “Chase[d] Skirts”...

Moore reminisced about a “Bygone Era” when college students did “stupid things” and “chase[d] skirts.” “They also seem hell bent on draining all the fun out of college life. Colleges are places for rabble-rousing. For men to lose their boyhood innocence. To do stupid things. To stay out way too late drinking. To chase skirts. (At the University of Illinois, we used to say that the best thing about Sunday nights was sleeping alone.) It’s all a time-tested rite of passage into adulthood.” [New York Times, [04/23/19](#)]

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Stephen Moore Described A Bill Addressing Pay Equality As Being A “Laughably Bad Idea,” With The Real Crisis Being Stagnated Male Wages—Moore Even Suggested Women Making More Than Men Could Be “Disruptive To Family Stability” As Men Would Become “Economically Expendable.”

Stephen Moore Considered Senator Barbara Mikulski’s (D-MD) Equal Pay Act A “Laughably Bad Idea” And That Gender-Based Discrimination Is Not That Common, With “Most Cases” Just Being “Sub-Par Employees.”

In A 2014 National Review Piece, Stephen Moore Called The Equal Pay Act A “Laughably Bad Idea.” “The Equal Pay Act, sponsored by Senator Barbara Mikulski (D., Md.), is a laughably bad idea — almost a parody of liberal interventionism in the market.” [The National Review, [04/10/14](#)]

Stephen Moore Attributed “Most Cases” Of Alleged Gender-Based Discrimination In The Workplace To “Sub-Par Employees.” “It bestows on disgruntled employees yet more grounds on which to sue their employers for alleged discrimination — when, in most cases, the malcontents are just sub-par employees.” [The National Review, [04/10/14](#)]

Stephen Moore Added That “The Crisis In America Today Isn’t About Women’s Wages; It’s About Men’s Wages,” While Suggesting It Could Be “Disruptive To Family Stability” For Women To Earn More Than Men.

Stephen Moore Wrote, “The Crisis In America Today Isn’t About Women’s Wages; It’s About Men’s Wages,” And Complained That Men’s Wages “Are Not Moving Much At All.” “But that’s not even the major flaw of this latest Democratic measure against gender discrimination. The crisis in America today isn’t about women’s wages; it’s about men’s wages. Men are still the chief breadwinners in most families, and their wages are not moving much at all. If we look at Census Bureau data, we find that while men’s wages have risen by about 6 percent in real terms since 1980, women’s wages have risen by about 60 percent. Any gap in pay — real or imagined — is rapidly shrinking.” [The National Review, [04/10/14](#)]

Stephen Moore Went On To Suggest It Could Be “Disruptive To Family Stability” For Women To Earn More Than Men As Men Would Be Regarded As “Economically Expendable,” Pointing To The “Family Structure In Low-Income And Black Households When A Welfare Check Took The Place Of A Father’s Paycheck.” “What are the implications of a society in which women earn more than men? We don’t really know, but it could be disruptive to family stability. If men aren’t the breadwinners, will women regard them as economically expendable? We saw what happened to family structure in low-income and black households when a welfare check took the place of a father’s paycheck. Divorce rates go up when men lose their jobs.” [The National Review, [04/10/14](#)]

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In An August 1994 Washington Times Column, Stephen Moore Criticized The Violence Against Women Act As “Pass[ing] Out Millions Of Dollars To Women’s Groups For ‘Rape Education’ And A Smorgasbord Of Other Programs.” “Aug. 1, 1994 column for the Washington Times [...] ‘Probably the most objectionable pork in the entire legislation is the \$1.8 billion earmarked for Sen. Joe Biden’s ‘Violence Against Women Act.’ That act sets up gender sensitivity programs for judges and police; classifies assaults against women as ‘hate crimes’ or civil rights offenses, and passes out millions of dollars to women’s groups for ‘rape education’ and a smorgasbord of other programs.” [Wall Street Journal, [05/02/19](#)]

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- “‘Stop the madness,’ Stephen Hayes of the Weekly Standard wrote after Lott’s appearance Monday night on Black Entertainment Television. Stephen Moore, head of a Republican [*sic*] anti-tax group called Club for Growth, published a parody on the National Review Web site; in it, Lott begged Jesse Jackson for forgiveness and proposed reparations for ‘the sin of slavery,’ financed by ‘a 20% white-millionaire income-tax surcharge.’” [Jill Lawrence, "Lott furor puts GOP at critical juncture," *USA Today*, 12/19/02]

In His Column “Lott Begg Jesse Jackson For Forgiveness,” Moore Imagined Lott Endorsing Reparations For “Every American With ‘Even A Drop Of African Blood’” To Be Paid For With “A 20 Percent ‘White-Millionaire Income-Tax Surcharge.’”

In The Column Headlined “Lott Begg Jesse Jackson for Forgiveness,” Stephen Moore Imagined Trent Lott Appearing On Jesse Jackson’s Television Show To Endorse Reparations For “Every American With ‘Even A Drop Of African Blood’” To Be Paid For With “A 20 Percent ‘White-Millionaire Income-Tax Surcharge.’” “Today, Trent Lott continued his quest to politically rehabilitate himself by appearing on Jesse Jackson’s CNN television show and endorsing ‘reparations for all African Americans to pay for the sins of slavery.’ Lott, who is hoping to hold onto his perch of power as Republican Senate Majority Leader, suggested that every American with ‘even a drop of African blood’ should be paid \$10,000 from the federal government to start the healing process. When Jackson asked how this \$250 billion program should be paid for, he said that he endorsed a 20 percent ‘white-millionaire income-tax surcharge.’ Jackson immediately endorsed the idea and said that this would be a good first step toward Lott’s political recovery. Two days ago on Black Entertainment TV, Lott endorsed affirmative-action policies to help minorities, but in this interview, Lott went much further in trying to demonstrate his sensitivity to blacks.” [National Review Online via Archive.org, [12/18/02](#)]

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In Moore's Parody, Lott Suggested "That Ebonics Should Be Required Curriculum In The Public Schools 'To Promote Cultural And Language Understanding'" And Said He Would Require Augusta National Country Club To "To Turn All Of Its White Male Memberships For The Next 25 Years Over To African-American Women." "In their far-ranging and often emotional discussion, Lott also suggested that the death penalty should be abolished and that Ebonics should be required curriculum in the public schools 'to promote cultural and language understanding.' [...] Lott also said that he would introduce legislation to require Augusta National Country Club, the site of the Masters Golf Tournament, to turn all of its white male memberships for the next 25 years over to African-American women, the group in America that is 'by far the most discriminated against.'" [National Review Online via Archive.org, [12/18/02](#)]

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Stephen Moore Claimed That Donald Trump Has "A Pretty Impressive Civil Rights Record" After Trump Defended White Supremacists Following Their 2017 Rally In Charlottesville, VA.

Stephen Moore Brushed Off Criticism Of Donald Trump After He Appeared To Defend White Supremacists Following Their 2017 Rally In Charlottesville, VA, Writing That Trump Has "A Pretty Impressive Civil Rights Record" Because He "Is Creating More Jobs And Higher Incomes For Blacks And Other Minorities."

Stephen Moore Admitted That Trump Should Have "Shown Better Judgment" In His Response To The 2017 White Supremacist Rally In Charlottesville, Virginia, But Believes "You Have To Pay Attention To What He Does, Not What He Says." "One lesson I've learned from working for Donald Trump is that you have to pay attention to what he does, not what he says. The left and the media are on a rampage accusing Trump of being a racist and Nazi and Ku Klux Klan sympathizer because of his words in response to the horrid events in Charlottesville, Va. Let's all accept two truths: First, that every sane person denounces the violence and racial hatred displayed in Charlottesville by far-right, fringe white supremacists. And second, that Trump should have shown better judgment in his seeming defense of these crazed groups carrying around torches and Confederate flags as if celebrating a darker period in our history." [The Chicago Tribune, [08/21/17](#)]

Moore Claimed That Trump Has “A Pretty Impressive Civil Rights Record” Because He “Is Creating More Jobs And Higher Incomes For Blacks And Other Minorities.” “So is Trump a racist who doesn't care about the future of black Americans? Let's face it. He's no Jack Kemp when it comes to talking about race and healing wounds with his words. But Trump is creating more jobs and higher incomes for blacks and other minorities and is trying to give a better education to every disadvantaged black child in America. That is a pretty impressive civil rights record.” [The Chicago Tribune, [08/21/17](#)]

Stephen Moore Said That Black Families Are Replacing Men With A “Welfare Check” And Increased Earnings For Black Women Make Men “Financially Expendable.”

Stephen Moore Believes That Black Families Have Replaced A Father’s Paycheck With A “Welfare Check,” And That Black Women Are On A Trend To Outpace Black Men In Earnings, Which Increases “Divorce Rates” And Renders Men “Financially Expendable.”

Stephen Moore Claimed That “Low-Income And Black Households” Replaced A “Father’s Paycheck” With A “Welfare Check” Which Increased “Divorce Rates” And Now “Black Women Have Been On A “30-Year Trend” To Outpace Black Men In “Earnings,” Making Men “Financially Expendable. “What are the implications of a society in which women earn more than men? We don’t really know, but it could be disruptive to family stability. If men aren’t the breadwinners, will women regard them as economically expendable? We saw what happened to family structure in low-income and black households when a welfare check took the place of a father’s paycheck. Divorce rates go up when men lose their jobs. The problem here is especially acute with respect to black families. Black women have been on a 30-year trend of outpacing black men in terms of education and thus earnings. Men are becoming financially expendable.” [The National Review, [04/10/14](#)]

Stephen Moore Has Owed The IRS More Than \$75,000 In Unpaid Taxes And Was Held In Contempt Of Court For Failing To Pay \$300,000 To His Ex-Wife In Alimony And Child Support.

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In January 2019, The IRS Filed A Federal Tax Lien Against Stephen Moore For “An Unpaid Balance Of \$75,328.80 For Taxable Year 2014.” “The IRS entered a federal tax lien on Jan. 29, 2018, for an unpaid balance of \$75,328.80 for taxable year 2014, according to court records in Montgomery County, Md., where Moore has a home.” [Politico, [03/27/19](#)]

In 2012, Moore Was Found In Contempt Of Court For Failing To Pay \$300,000 In Alimony And Child Support Owed To His Ex-Wife.

In November 2012, Moore Was Found In Contempt Of Court After Being “Reprimanded” By A Judge For Failing To Pay \$300,000 In Alimony And Child Support Owed To His Ex-Wife. Moore “was found in contempt of court after failing to pay his ex-wife hundreds of thousands of dollars in alimony, child support and other debts. Court records in Virginia obtained by the Guardian show Moore, 59, was reprimanded by a judge in November 2012 for failing to pay Allison Moore more than \$300,000 in spousal support, child support and money owed under their divorce settlement.” [The Guardian, [03/30/19](#)]

By 2013, Moore Has Still Failed To Pay And Was Ordered To Sell His House To Compensate His Ex-Wife (But The Order Was Halted After Moore Paid Two-Thirds Of What He Owed).

In 2013, Moore Was Still Failing To Pay And A Judge Ordered For His House To Be Sold In Order To Compensate His Ex-Wife, Though The Process Was Halted Once He Had Paid Around Two-Thirds Of What He Owed. "Moore continued failing to pay, according to the court filings, prompting the judge to order the sale of his house to satisfy the debt in 2013. But this process was halted by his ex-wife after Moore paid her about two-thirds of what he owed, the filings say." [The Guardian, [03/30/19](#)]

Moore—Who Effectively Denied Climate Change As Recently As 2018—Criticized Companies For “Capitulating To An Environmentalist Agenda” Adding That The “Principal Danger” Of Global Warming Comes From The “Draconian Remedies That Would Stifle Our Productivity, Prosperity And Economic Development.”

2018: Stephen Moore Refused To Say Whether “There is Climate Change Or Not,” But Said There Are “Hundreds” Of Legitimate Scientists Who Disagree With The Theory.

In 2018, Stephen Moore Declined To Say Whether Or Not Climate Change Is Real And Said He Could Name Hundreds Of Scientists Who Dispute The Devastating Economic Consequences Of Climate Change. "*Stephen Moore*: I'm not saying that there is climate change or not [...] *Robert Reich*: I haven't been able to find a legitimate scientist who says that climate change is not going to pose a huge economic cost. *Stephen Moore*: I'll give you hundreds of them, Bob, after the show." [Media Matters for America, [12/29/18 \(05:15\)](#)]

Stephen Moore Said There Is A “Climate Change Industrial Complex.”

In 2018, Stephen Moore Claimed There Is A “Climate Change Industrial Complex.” In response to being asked why Donald Trump ignores the advice of his own administration officials regarding the harmful effects of climate change, Stephen Moore claims, “These aren't his advisors who are putting out this report [...] We have created a climate change industrial complex in this country with billions and billions and billions of dollars at stake, a lot of people are getting really, really, really rich off the climate change issue.” [Media Matters for America, [12/29/18 \(04:56\)](#)]

Stephen Moore Criticized Companies For “Capitulating To An Environmentalist Agenda” In Regard To Global Warming...

Stephen Moore Criticized Fortune 500 CEOs For “Capitulating To An Environmentalist Agenda” In Regard To Global Warming. “Call it the suicidal corporate impulse. Or call it feeding the mouth that bites you. Business leaders across the nation are capitulating to an environmentalist agenda that could severely cripple the U.S. economy and cost hundreds of thousands of jobs -- to say nothing of denting corporate profits. I am referring to the issue of global warming. In recent months dozens of major Fortune 500 companies have waved the white flag of surrender to radical environmental groups by signing on to the anti-growth agenda on global climate policy. Like prisoners who come to admire their captors, many leaders of corporate America have agreed to lobby beside the very interest groups in Washington that would put them out of business.” [Stephen Moore, "CEOs Melt Under Warming Myth, Robbing Nation Of Future Growth," *Investor's Business Daily*, 10/11/04]

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Stephen Moore went on to write that the “Principal Danger” of global is “Not A Warmer Planet” But The “Draconian Remedies That Would Stifle Our Productivity, Prosperity And Economic Development.” “Global warming really does pose a clear and present danger to America. The principal danger, though, is not a warmer planet, which many in the north would view as a good thing, but rather the draconian remedies that would stifle our productivity, prosperity and economic development. CEOs who would bring us closer to that future are bad corporate citizens. They are robber barons of growth. They should be held accountable for the dangers that their political cowardice imposes on workers and shareholders.” [Stephen Moore, “CEOs Melt Under Warming Myth, Robbing Nation Of Future Growth,” *Investor’s Business Daily*, 10/11/04]

Stephen Moore Said California Was “Quacky” Because It Legalized Same-Sex Marriage And Banned Gender Identity Discrimination, Which He Called “‘Equal Rights’ To Transvestites”—Moore Also Called Transgender Bathrooms One Of The “Ridiculous Causes” Of The Left.

Stephen Moore Said California Was “Quacky” Because Of “Same-Sex Marriage Ceremonies” And Banning Employment Discrimination Based On Gender Identity—Which He Offensively Summarized As “‘Equal Rights’ To Transvestites.”

In April 2004, Stephen Moore wrote that California was “A Little Quacky” Because Of “Same-Sex Marriage Ceremonies That Are All The Rage In San Francisco” And A Legislative “Measure To Give ‘Equal Rights’ To Transvestites.” “Now California has always been considered by Americans in middle America to be a little quacky. In many ways, it has pursued policies that would lead one to believe this is the most left-leaning of states. And that reputation has certainly been enhanced in the past few weeks with the same-sex marriage ceremonies that are all the rage in San Francisco. This is a state where the legislature recently approved a measure to give ‘equal rights’ to transvestites.” [Stephen Moore, “Give voters a choice on new taxation,” *The Washington Times*, 04/13/04]

- **Assembly Bill 196, Effective January 1, 2004, Amended The States FEHA To Include “‘Gender’” Under Sex Discrimination With Gender Also Being Defined As One’s “‘Gender Identity.’”** “Under Assembly Bill 196, which is effective January 1, 2004, the prohibition against sex discrimination under the FEHA will now include ‘gender.’ [...] Under AB 196, employers will be permitted to require employees to comply with reasonable workplace appearance, grooming, and dress standards consistent with state and federal law. However, employees must be allowed to appear or dress consistently with their ‘gender identity,’ which appears to include cross-dressing.” [Jackson Lewis, [11/12/03](#)]

Stephen Moore Said “Transgender Bathrooms” Were One Of The “Ridiculous Causes” Of The Radical Left.

Stephen Moore said “Transgender Bathrooms” Were One Of The “Ridiculous Causes” Of The “Radicalization Of The Left.” “Here’s my point. The Trump movement — not necessarily even Trump himself — is a welcome and so needed rallying cry against the radicalization of the left and their ridiculous causes — whether it’s transgender bathrooms, climate change fanaticism, 80 percent tax rates on anyone who is

successful, free college tuition for illegal immigrants, or whatever the latest liberal grievance is.” [The American Spectator, [05/16/16](#)]

Stephen Moore Claimed That The Richest Americans “Can Be Legally Discriminated Against” Because Of Their Wealth And Said Avoiding Taxes Was “Smart Personal Finance.”

Stephen Moore Believes That The Wealthiest Americans Are “The Only Group In America That Can Be Legally Discriminated Against”...

In August 2009, Stephen Moore wrote a column criticizing “Class Envy” and claimed that “The Only Group In America That Can Be Legally Discriminated Against Are The Wealthiest And Most Productive Americans.” “It is a depressing peculiarity of this age of political correctness that the only group in America that can be legally discriminated against are the wealthiest and most productive Americans. [...] Republicans should - no, they must - launch a vigorous counterassault against this greed and envy philosophy. [Stephen Moore, “Fighting the envy lobby,” *The Washington Times*, 08/06/99]

- “Class envy is not just wrongheaded, but dangerously subversive to the uniquely American idea that success and reward in this country are interlinked. Most Americans become rich because of their talent, thrift and motivation to excel.” [Stephen Moore, “Fighting the envy lobby,” *The Washington Times*, 08/06/99]

...And That “Legal Tax Avoidance” Is “Smart Personal Finance.”

In February 2001, Stephen Moore wrote that he has “No Objection To Americans Engaging In Legal Tax Avoidance” because “It’s Smart Personal Finance.” “Now I personally have no objection to Americans engaging in legal tax avoidance. It’s smart personal finance.” [National Review, [02/20/01](#)]