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My name is Tim Throckmorton. I Pastored in Ohio for 22 years and for the last 8 years I have served as the National Director of Church Engagement and Community Impact for the Family Research Council in Washington DC. I speak today in support of Senate Bill 113.

According to *Meg Kilgannon is senior fellow for education studies at Family Research Council*, During President Trump's first week in office, over 200 webpages of diversity, equity, and inclusion "resources" were removed, employees with DEI-related job duties were put on paid administrative leave, and millions of dollars of DEI training contracts were canceled. The Obama-era Diversity & Inclusion Councils that had been run by the department for employees to "foster inclusion" were dissolved.

A few weeks later, nearly \$350 million in contracts and grants to "Regional Educational Laboratories and Equity Assistance Centers" were canceled. The effort to root out DEI initiatives will build on this foundation so that students will be free to learn rather than be encouraged to focus on stereotypes and grievance-based politics. The department also issued a letter on Feb. 14 to inform institutions that the Trump administration would be operating on the legal precedent set by the Supreme Court in *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard*. Racial discrimination will not be tolerated in any form.

This is where we are introduced to the description, Next Generation Marxism, though the bottom line is that is it Marxism none the less. The Family Research Council's Kathy Ahearn in the Washington Stand writes recently... It started to become mainstream in American universities in 1989 and now runs rampant in our culture through the implementation of critical race theory (CRT) and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) policies. Authors Mike Gonzalez and Katharine Gorka

thoroughly researched and exposed the history and organization of the Left in Next Gen Marxism.

Thankfully, not only do they reveal how organized, international, and powerful the Left is, but they also show how powerful and effective passionate citizens — especially parents — have been at stopping it in recent years... NextGen Marxism (or cultural Marxism) is a philosophy implemented by “social justice” warriors through DEI policies that — over the last few years especially — companies and schools are expected to implement. If they don’t, they are labeled as heteronormative, sexist, white supremacist oppressors, and likely to be canceled.

Gonzalez and Gorka explain: “the social upheaval we are experiencing in the United States today is the result of a zero-sum view of the world, a world of irreconcilable antagonisms, one in which the open exchange of ideas is replaced by a rigid orthodoxy, in which there is no room for dissent, in which people are reduced to their skin color or sexual orientation. It is a worldview that sees the United States as fundamentally flawed and for which the sole antidote is its destruction and rebuilding.

Marxists believe that humankind can be perfected, and that utopia can be attained here on earth (whereas Christians know that humans have been sinful since the fall and only will experience paradise in the new heaven and new earth). In order for Marxists to attain utopia, they believe they must tear down norms and traditions, the “trinity of the most monstrous evils”: private property, religion, and marriage. Gonzalez and Gorka write: “One can draw a straight line from the anti-family, anti-morality position of [Robert] Owen and other utopians and socialists of the 1800s to BLM in 2020, which posted on its website (and subsequently removed following heavy criticism) the goal of destroying the nuclear family: “[W]e disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear-family-structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and ‘villages’ that collectively care for one another.”

Over the last 10 years, the Marxist Left has been successful at influencing schools, businesses, and the entertainment industry by making catchphrases such as “racial reckoning,” “marginalized groups,” and “heteronormative” a part of America’s everyday vocabulary.

But that is exactly why we must fight to protect what we build and reclaim what has been stolen. The future depends on our devotion to God and his people. This is why SB 113 is so very important for the future of Ohio and the millions this ideology threatens.

*Ben Johnson is senior reporter and editor at The Washington Stand writes,* If We Believe That All Humans Are Created in the Image of God, We Should Fight Marxism. Family Research Council’s Senior Fellow for Biblical Worldview and Strategic Engagement, Joseph Backholm explains, “From a biblical perspective, NextGen Marxism as with old Marxism, is born out of a rejection of the idea that we are created in the image of God. If the fact that we are all created in the image of God is the most important thing about us, it’s something we share in common with every other person we ever encounter. That idea is inherently equalizing and unifying.

“But if we reject that as the basis of our identity, we root our identity in superficial things like our class, race, sexual proclivities, sex, intelligence, or capacity. Once we do that, the most important thing about me is something that puts me at odds with many of the people around me. After all, if we are not created equal, then we are not equal. Just look around, we are significantly different, and human pride tempts us to use those differences to consider ourselves better than others. Marxism correctly identifies the fact that people are different and those differences lead to exploitation and abuse, but the gospel provides the only solution because it provides a basis for equality.”

The Trump administration’s legal reversal restores one of the core functions of government. “God hath certainly appointed government to restrain the partiality and violence of men,” wrote John Locke in his

Second Treatise on Government. The chief end of the law is “to protect and redress the innocent, by an unbiassed application of it, to all who are under it; wherever that is not bona fide done, war is made upon the sufferers, who having no appeal on earth to right them, they are left to the only remedy in such cases, an appeal to heaven,” added Locke, the philosopher most quoted by the Founding Fathers. “To avoid this state of war ... is one great reason of men’s putting themselves into society.”

For generations, Christians have [prayed](#), “We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion, and virtue.” President Trump’s banishment of state-sponsored racism brought their prayers one step closer to reality.

As Chairman Brenner said when he introduced the bill, DEI programs oppose Martin Luther King Jr.’s vision, and said DEI is modern discrimination. Doctor King dreamed of a society in which individuals are judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin, However, DEI-driven policies in K12 education reject this fundamental principle by enforcing race-based preferences in curriculum, hiring and student discipline.”

I stand in favor of SB 113 and urge you to support it as well!

Respectfully submitted  
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