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Fascism: "a political philosophy, movement, or regime (such as that of the Fascisti) that exalts nation and often race above the individual and that stands for a centralized autocratic government headed by a dictatorial leader, severe economic and social regimentation, and forcible suppression of opposition"

In chapter 12, I gave an alternate view to the Progressive media and politicians definition of 'fascism' as it applied to President Trump. In 2018 Jason Stanley, a professor of philosophy at Yale University, wrote a book titled *How Fascism Works: The Politics of Us and Them.* In his book, Stanley accused pro-Trump conservative media of creating a polarized "friend vs. enemy distinction," which he claimed is typical of how fascist propaganda functions. Stanley also accused Trump of being an extremist with ties to white nationalists and neo-Nazis.

Note: The Biden administration and their supporters in the media have engaged in the same friend vs. enemy campaign, labeling "MAGA Republicans" and Trump supporters as "the most extreme political organization that's existed in American history." The 2024 presidential race <u>is</u> all about 'us vs. them': the Republican Party being "driven and intimidated by MAGA extremists", while Democrats are "fighting to preserve Democracy". But I don't hear Stanley or any other Democrats labeling the Biden administrations campaigning as 'fascist propaganda'. <sup>[1], [2]</sup>

Stanley also authored a 2021 paper titled "Democratic Lies and Fascist Lies" in which he states: "Liberal democracy relies on the twin values of freedom and equality. Fascist ideology, by contrast, firmly repudiates equality – its pillar is inequality. Fascism is a cult of the leader, who promises national restoration in the face of supposed humiliation brought on by minorities, immigrants, liberals, and communists. In fascist politics, equality is represented as means to humiliate the supposedly naturally dominant group, and, ultimately, as a means for a hated minority to take over power. In fascist politics, equality is a charade and a mask."

Stanleys paper continues with the theme of Friend/Enemy and continues to portray Donald Trump and his administration as fascist in every statement and policy during his presidency.

Beginning with the 2020 presidential election cycle and continuing today during the 2024 election cycle, Progressive media and Democrats use every opportunity to push the Trump is a fascist narrative. The L.A. Times op-ed headline on December 13, 2023, was; *"Trump wants to be the U.S.' first dictator"*. The left is doing everything in its power to convince voters of this and keep him from being re-elected to a second term. Why? Because he was effective during his first term at stalling the U.N. *Agenda 2030* and the WEF *Great Reset*. Both the U.N. and the WEF are not stopping in their efforts to gain total control over the worlds' population, however.

In 2021, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres released <u>his</u> vision for the future of "global cooperation" to "speed up the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals" titled <u>Our</u> Common Agenda. The Secretary-Generals vision was based on global cooperation and "strengthening global governance" to achieve those goals. "The choices we make, or fail to make, today could result in breakdown or a breakthrough <u>to a greener</u>, better, safer <u>future</u>." <sup>[4]</sup>

Knowing that some nations and their people have serious reservations about the Sustainable Development Goals, and are pushing back against them, this global governance had to be enforced by some means, to neutralize all opposition and protests. Enter the U.N. *Emergency Platform*.

In the *Our Common Agenda* report, there were eleven "policy briefs" that set the framework for a new world order. Policy Brief number 4 dealt with eliminating traditional measurement of economic health, strength and wealth, known as Gross Domestic Product or GDP. According to *Our Common Agenda*, GDP is a "harmful anachronism."

"GDP does not account for human well-being, environmental sustainability, unpaid household services, such as care work, and the biased distributional dimensions of economic activity. Moreover, it fails to capture the human and environmental destruction of some economic activities."

According to Guterres, an entirely different set of standards should be used to measure the health and wellbeing of nations: progress on Sustainable Development Goals and ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) metrics. These standards of measurement, decided by global Elites, should be the true measure of the "peace and prosperity of people and the planet", instead of the production of goods and services, consumers income, spending and financial living standards.

By de-emphasizing or overlooking the prosperity of a nation and its people, Global Elites can claim success and progress of their policies, while avoiding and hiding the financial and economic cost to countries and their citizens.

This policy is radical enough, but Policy Brief number 2 gets to the real means of strengthening global <u>governance</u>.

Our Common Agenda Policy Brief 2: Strengthening the International Response to Complex Global Shocks – An Emergency Platform <sup>[5], [6]</sup>

The challenges we face can only be addressed through <u>stronger</u> international <u>cooperation</u>... The Emergency Platform would not be a standing body or entity but a set of protocols that could be <u>activated when needed</u>.

In Our Common Agenda, I proposed to Member States that we work together on arrangements to convene and operate an Emergency Platform in the event of <u>complex</u> global <u>crises</u>. I stated that: "The platform would not be a new permanent or standing body or institution. It would be <u>triggered automatically</u> in crises of sufficient scale and magnitude, regardless of the type or nature of the crisis involved. Think about those statements for a minute... First, the Global Elites of the U.N. always refer to "member states", not countries. Countries are independent entities, with their own governments, currencies, and international relations. Member states, on the other hand, *share* their own sovereignty, governance, currency and policies with an entity: the European Union as an example. While these states can have some individual policies and regulations, they're under a legally binding agreement to adopt and enforce policies implemented by that entity.

The United Nations sets up an agreement between member states, that would be <u>automatically</u> activated by a global "crisis". Member states are legally obligated to enforce the protocols of the Emergency Platform if, and when the governing body decides an event qualifies as a "complex global shock". Some of the global shocks that may trigger this are:

- \* Large-scale climatic or environmental events that cause major socioeconomic disruptions and/or environmental degradation
- \* Future pandemics with cascading secondary impacts
- \* Events leading to disruptions to global flows of goods, people or finance
- \* A major event in outer space that causes severe disruptions to one or several critical systems on Earth; (geomagnetic pulse from a solar flare or electromagnetic pulse [EMP] from a nuclear detonation)

Note: The World Economic Forum 2024 *Global Risk Report* lists several of the same items as the U.N. Emergency Platform, notes that many global risks are interconnected and advocates for "collective actions" as a response.

Secretary-General Guterres emphasized that "shocks" that occur in one country or sector can quickly have cascading consequences elsewhere, often in unforeseen ways", and "*can severely undermine progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals*". Both the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russian invasion of Ukraine interrupted progress of Sustainable Development Goals. Events such as these must *not* be allowed to "undermine progress" in the future: the U.N. has decided on a way it can step in and ensure they won't. The existing system allows individual countries to respond to threats by implementing policies that primarily consider the effects on their own country and its population. Individuals must not be allowed to stand in the way of Global Elites agendas and individual nations (nationalism) must not be allowed to stand in the way of global governance.

On September 20<sup>-</sup>23, the United Nations will be holding its second *Summit of the Future*.<sup>[7]</sup> The purpose of the summit is for Member States to come to an agreement on the "Pact for the Future" and by default, the Emergency Platform. In this Policy Brief, Guterres states:

"No single agency exists to gather stakeholders in the event of complex global shocks. The United Nations <u>is the only organization</u> that can fulfil this role. And we must take the decisions that can enable it to do so. Building on the ideas in Our Common Agenda and learning lessons from these recent crises, <u>I propose that the General Assembly provide the</u> Secretary-General and the United Nations system with a standing authority to convene and operationalize <u>automatically</u> an <u>Emergency Platform</u> in the event of a future complex global shock of sufficient scale, severity and reach."

# Pact for the Future

1. We, <u>the Heads of State and Government</u>, representing the peoples of the world, have gathered at United Nations Headquarters to protect the needs and interests of present and future generations through the actions agreed in this Pact for the Future. <sup>[8]</sup> The U.N. Pact for the Future was written by Global Elites who 'represent' millions of people, that never had discussions about the pact or agreed to it. It will be *they*, not *us*, that determine what we need and what is in our best interests.

*We, the Heads of State and Government, representing* [Them] *the peoples of the world...* Us and Them? Could this, be the fascist politics Stanley was writing about in his book? *"Nations don't have to be fascist to suffer from fascist politics."* 

5. This will require a recommitment to <u>multilateralism</u>, without which we can neither manage the risks nor seize the opportunities we face. <u>This is not an option</u> but a necessity. Our challenges are deeply interconnected and far exceed the capacity of any single State alone. They <u>can only</u> be addressed collectively, through strong and sustained international cooperation guided by trust and solidarity.

6. We recognize that <u>the multilateral system</u> and its institutions, <u>with the United Nations at</u> <u>the centre</u>, must be <u>strengthened</u> to keep pace with a changing world. They must be fit for the present and the future – effective, prepared, representative, inclusive, interconnected, and financially stable.

These "interests" are the 17 *Sustainable Development Goals* agreed upon by Global Elites in 2015. The SDG that is highest on the list of priorities, is Climate Change, and the pledge of member states to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. The Elites have finally realized that this pledge can no longer be achieved by individual countries acting on their own, through policies and legislation written by their own lawmakers. It can only be achieved by "the multilateral system and its institutions": the United Nations.

8. <u>We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to international law</u>, including the Charter of the United Nations and its purposes and principles. We also reaffirm that the three pillars of the United Nations – sustainable development in all its dimensions, peace and security, and human rights – are equally important, interlinked and mutually reinforcing. We cannot have one without the others.

9. <u>The quest to achieve sustainable development</u> for all, leaving no-one behind, is and <u>will</u> <u>always be a central objective of multilateralism</u>. We reaffirm our enduring commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals. <u>We</u> <u>will urgently</u> accelerate progress towards achieving the goals, including through concrete <u>political steps</u> and adequate finance...

Again, Global Elites realize that individual countries, working on their own, won't be able to achieve the collective Sustainable Development Goals. The United Nations will assume control of the efforts and attempt to achieve them through "concrete political steps" (global legislation and enforcement) and "adequate finance" ("assessments" to member states).

The multinational strategy and management consulting firm McKinsey & Company published a report in 2022 titled *The net-zero transition: What it would cost, what it could bring.* <sup>[9]</sup>

Here are a few of the conclusions that were reached in this report.

"First, it is not clear whether a 1.5°C scenario is achievable in the first place, nor what pathway the world would take to achieve it if it were. Indeed, some believe that 1.5°C is already out of reach, given the current trajectory of emissions..."

In the preface, the report says it is unclear that any meaningful measures could slow global warming to the desired 1.5°C scenario the U.N. net-zero emissions goals were based on. In fact, the report does not take a position on whether the goal is achievable, just as the 2015 *Special Report* by the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) stated that the net-zero 2050 goal was only a probability, not a guarantee. That IPCC report gave an estimated cost of the net-zero probability globally of \$150 billion to \$1.7 trillion annually from 2016 to 2050. <sup>[10]</sup>

On page 86, the McKinsey & Company report goes on to state:

"The economic transformation needed to achieve the transition to net zero <u>will be</u> <u>substantial</u>. Our analysis focuses on demand, capital allocation, costs, and jobs. Looking just at capital allocation, we find that annual spending on physical assets for the energy and land use systems through 2050 <u>would need to be about 60 percent greater than it is today</u>, rising by \$3.5 trillion annually on average and \$0.9 trillion relative to a Current Policies scenario. In all, our analysis suggests that the Net Zero 2050 scenario would require spending on physical assets of about <u>\$275 trillion between 2021 and 2050</u> (about 7.5 percent of GDP over the period) in the areas we analyzed."

The McKinsey & Company estimate is for total global spending of \$275 trillion to *possibly* reach net-zero emissions and that 1.5°C scenario the U.N. is committed to achieving. The estimated global spending of \$9.166 trillion per year on average, is just *slightly* higher than the \$830 billion annual average the IPCC report estimated in 2015. But don't worry, the Global Elites will take all political and enforcement steps required to meet their commitment, and adequately finance the transition. Given the fact that many of the worlds emerging nations do not have the resources to spend millions on renewable energy sources, electrification or reducing agricultural land use, developed nations (like the U.S.) will be responsible for their shortfall.

Under the Biden administration, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the CHIPS and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act will lead to the United States spending more than \$500 billion on climate change and clean energy. This does not include spending at the state level. New York state alone reported \$1.34 billion in actual and anticipated spending on capital projects over a 10-year period, related to climate change and renewable energy in 2023. This does not include utility rate increases to achieve net-zero emissions. These amounts are sure to increase substantially as the demand for additional spending to "accelerate progress towards achieving the goals" continues.

11. We reaffirm our commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to leave no one behind. <u>We will act with urgency to realize the vision of the 2030 Agenda</u>, including through the agreements contained in this Pact, <u>a surge in financing</u> for the Sustainable Development Goals, and additional steps to ensure sustainable financing in line with <u>our commitments</u> under the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

Note: U.N. Resolution 69/313, the 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda, addressed the "challenge" of financing its Sustainable Development goals. This agenda dealt with financing to help poorer nations such as Africa, achieve Sustainable Development goals. "*We recognize that significant additional domestic public resources, supplemented by* 

*international assistance* as appropriate, will be critical to realizing sustainable development and achieving the sustainable development goals. We commit to enhancing revenue administration through modernized, progressive tax systems, improved tax policy and more efficient tax collection." <sup>[11]</sup>

In other words, a new global tax system, funded by developed nations such as the United States, to help fund the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals of poorer nations. In effect, a global redistribution of wealth.

12. Environmental crises pose the most pressing and serious threats to the sustainability of our planet and the well-being of its present and future inhabitants and have disproportionate effects on developing countries and <u>we will redouble efforts to implement</u> our commitments in United Nations intergovernmental agreements.

A July 2024 World Economic Forum 'Climate Action Agenda' article laments the lack of progress in implementing the U.N.s Sustainable Development Goals ahead of the 2030 deadline. According to the 2024 *Sustainable Development Goals Report*, just 17% of SDG targets are on track to date. <sup>[12]</sup>

"... with just six years remaining, current progress falls far short of what is required to meet the SDGs. Without <u>massive investment</u> and <u>scaled up action</u>, the achievement of the SDGs — the blueprint for a more resilient and prosperous world and the roadmap out of current global crises — will remain elusive ... Now is the time to lift the declaration's words off the page, and invest in development at scale like never before."

There is no doubt in my mind, that the first "global crisis" that will trigger the Emergency Platform, will be the "climate crisis." U.N. Secretary-General Guterres has said the Emergency Platform would "leverage the UN's convening power and capacities". Every member state that signs onto the Common Agenda at the September summit, will be agreeing to the "scaled up actions" and financial investments to achieve the SDG goals.

The Biden administration has already expressed support for achieving net-zero emissions by rejoining the Paris Accord on its first day in office. In 2023, the president again reaffirmed his support of the Sustainable Development Goals at the UN 2023 SDG Summit in New York.

"This week, the United States and leaders came together once again at the SDG Summit in New York to recommit to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs." U.S. Action on Global Development; White House Press Release, September 30, 2023

President Biden continually refers to climate change as an "existential threat." *"This is the challenge of our collective lifetimes. The <u>existential threat</u> to human existence as we know it."* 

President Joe Biden, speech to world leaders at COP26, November 1, 2021

"I come here today with a message: As President, I have a responsibility to act with urgency and resolve when our nation faces clear and present danger. And that's what climate change is about. It is literally, not figuratively, a clear and present danger... Climate change is literally <u>an existential threat</u> to our nation and to the world."

White House Press Release, July 20, 2022

"Let's face reality. The climate crisis doesn't care if you're in a red or blue state. It's an *existential threat*,"

State of the Union Address, February 9, 2023

*"The climate crisis is the <u>existential threat</u> of our time"* White House Press Release, December 13, 2023

Joe Biden may not be president for much longer, but his potential replacement Kamala Harris feels the same way.

"Climate change is real, and it poses an existential threat to us as human beings..." Candidate Kamalah Harris, 2019

When, not if, the Emergency Platform is activated under the purpose of responding to the climate crisis, the Biden / Harris administration will support whatever actions the United Nations propose. These actions won't be debated or voted on by our elected representatives. They will be issued by Presidential executive order, just as dozens of other executive orders have been issued to address vehicle emissions, electric school busses, EV chargers, "land management", oil and gas leases and carbon-free electricity.

Note: Kamala Harris, if elected president in November will continue these policies. Remember, Harris cosponsored the Green New Deal as senator in 2019 and proposed a tax on carbon pollution during the 2020 election cycle.

An automatic activation of the U.N. Emergency Platform would be nothing less than an authoritarian take over of national powers to determine and respond to an alleged "global shock." The activation of the "protocols" under the Platform would bypass the national sovereignty of the United States and other nations and replace it with a global authority, the United Nations, with power over national, state and local governments, financial institutions, private-sector businesses and all of society.

In his Summary of the Pact for the Future, Secretary-General Guterres wrote: "*The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is upending our world, threatening our health, destroying economies.*"

The United Nations (and the World Economic Forum) have spent a great deal of thought on how to deal with future pandemics. The U.N. places all the responsibility and authority for responding to future pandemics with the World Health Organization (WHO). In chapter 17, I detailed the failures of the WHO response to the COVID-19 pandemic, giving it (in my eyes) a failing grade. One thing the WHO was big on was global control and enforcement, especially regarding vaccination. Over the past two years, member states have been collaboration to develop a strategy and agreement on how to react to the next pandemic.

The first step our Global Elites have taken, is to amend existing International Health Regulations (2005). The "Working Group" of Elites that is writing those amendments, stresses the need for: "… updated and stronger International Health Regulations were essential for ensuring global health security."

https://www.who.int/news/item/28-05-2024-who-member-states-agree-way-forward-to-conclude-pandemicagreement

https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\_files/WHA77/A77\_9-en.pdf https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2023/05/who-pandemic-treaty-what-how-work/

"... now is the time to end the "infodemic" plaguing our world by defending a common, empirically backed consensus around facts, science and knowledge. The "war on science" must end. All policy and budget decisions should be backed by science and expertise, and I am calling for a global code of conduct that promotes integrity in public information. and livelihoods and deepening poverty and inequalities."

Learning lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic, we can seize this opportunity to better anticipate and prepare to respond to large-scale global crises. This requires stronger legal frameworks, better tools for managing risks, better data, the identification and anticipation of future risks, and proper financing of prevention and preparedness.



- Emergency Platform to be convened in response to complex global crises
- Strategic Foresight and Global Risk Report by the United Nations every five years
- On global public health:
  - Global vaccination plan
  - Empowered WHO
  - Stronger global health security and preparedness
  - Accelerate product development and access to health technologies in low- and middle-income countries
  - Universal health coverage and addressing determinants of health

The goal of the U.N. Pact for the Future is simple: to strengthen the means to enforce and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals of Agenda 2030. If this isn't the perfect example of Fascism and *The Politics of Us and Them*, then I don't know what is.

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As we begin the second half of our journey to 2030, signs of a determined, sustained global comeback have yet to emerge. This year's report reveals that only seventeen per cent of SDGs targets are on track to be achieved, nearly half are showing minimal or moderate progress, and progress on over a third has stalled or even regressed.

Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals, Report of the Secretary-General, 2 May, 2024

#### The face of Fascism



**66** Our Common Agenda is aimed at turbocharging the 2030 Agenda and making the Sustainable Development Goals real in the lives of people everywhere.

Because halfway to 2030, we are far off track."

Secretary-General António Guterres



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Governance: the act or process of governing or overseeing the control and direction of something, <u>a centralized system</u> of governance

In the *Our Common Agenda* report, there were eleven "policy briefs" that set the framework for a new world order and a new catchphrase to identify attempts by those who are opposed to the U.N. Agenda and policies.

10. The UN Charter commits to protecting succeeding generations from the scourge of war. With that scourge taking on new and more dangerous forms, our efforts must also evolve. We will comply with our obligations under international law <u>and reverse the erosion of international norms</u>.

"International norms", or liberal international order, in the view of the Elites are eroding, and this erosion must be reversed. So, what exactly, are international norms?

The Cambridge dictionary defines a "norm" as "an accepted standard or a way of behaving or doing things that most people agree with" and goes on to give examples including cultural and "accepted" social norms.

Goal 5. Achieve <u>gender</u> <u>equality</u> and empower all women and girls United Nations Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, 25-27 September 2015

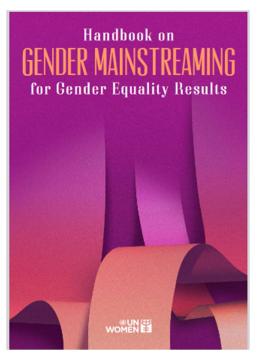
UN Human Rights is committed to working with States, national human rights institutions (NHRIs), civil society, and other stakeholders worldwide to:

• *Reform discriminatory laws and policies which allow gender-based discrimination and bring them in line with the international human rights law...* 

Office of the High Commissioner, United Nations Human Rights

The Office of the *High Commissioner for Human Rights* (UN Human Rights) is the leading UN entity on human rights. They claim to represent "the world's commitment to the promotion and protection of the full range of human rights and freedoms set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

The U.N. has a terrible history of failure in achieving any of its mission goals, as I cited in *A Clear and Present Danger 2*, Chapter 17 and Addenda 36. But this does not stop them in attempting to impose their Elitist ideals on the rest of the worlds governments and population, including pushing "gender mainstreaming", or the integration of gender into the design of all policies, regulatory measures and spending programs.



"In 1995, Member States <u>endorsed gender</u> <u>mainstreaming as a critical strategy</u> for achieving gender equality. Since then, Member States have regularly reiterated their commitment to its full implementation, including for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 on gender equality and all the other SDGs."

Forward: U.N. Women Handbook on Gender Mainstreaming for Gender Equality  $^{[1]}$ 

## **Beijing Declaration 1995**

...We hereby adopt and commit ourselves as Governments to... ensuring that a gender perspective is <u>reflected in all</u> our policies and programmes.

#### Introduction -

... This Handbook on Gender Mainstreaming for Gender Equality Results has been developed with the aim to encourage and support <u>more systematic and effective</u> <u>mainstreaming</u> implementation for the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment throughout the United Nations system and within all sectors.

... when the concept of gender is utilized in development contexts, it is usually in terms of the two fixed categories – women and men. The possibility that gender identity and sexual identity and expression may be more fluid and plural in forms is not considered. The reality of other identities and forms of sexual expression is ignored and denied. This results in <u>heteronormativity</u> or 'institutionalization of heterosexual norms' and a rejection of alternative modes of gender identity and sexual orientation.

Achieving gender equality and women's rights and empowerment must be the explicit focus of all efforts to implement gender mainstreaming and assess its impact on development policy and practice. Efforts must go beyond a 'do no harm' approach, ensuring that development policies and practice do not maintain or exacerbate inequalities, discrimination, and exclusion.

## 1. Key Concepts and Terminology

Definition of Gender mainstreaming:

"...the process of assessing the implications for women and men of any planned action, including legislation, policies or programmes, in all areas and at all levels. It is a strategy for making women's as well as men's concerns and experiences an integral dimension of the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes in all political, economic and societal spheres so that women and men benefit equally and inequality is not perpetuated. The ultimate goal is to achieve gender equality." Source: ECOSOC Agreed Conclusions 1997/2 <u>Heteronormativity</u> is the concept that heterosexuality is the preferred or normal sexual orientation. Heteronormativity creates and upholds a <u>social hierarchy</u> based on sexual orientation with the practice and belief that heterosexuality is deemed as the societal norm. Fear Planet; Michael Warner, 1991

Note: Michael Warner is an American literary critic, social theorist, and Seymour H. Knox Professor of English Literature and American Studies at Yale University. He received his first of two Master of Arts degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1981. The University of Wisconsin campuses openly embrace Marxism, Critical Race Theory and supported the Black Lives Matter movement before it became nationally known. The Whitney Humanity Center at Yale University has sponsored a "Working Group" titled Marxism and Cultural Theory since 1999. It should come as no surprise, then, that Warners writings have a definite Marxist influence. What is surprising to learn, is that The United Nations has also embraced the same Marxist principles that Warner was influenced by.

According to Warner, and the United Nations, heterosexuality is a societal norm that must be rejected, in favor of "alternative modes of <u>gender identity</u> and sexual orientation." In support of the U.N.s gender mainstreaming policy, <sup>[2]</sup> there has been a push by Progressive liberal media, politicians and activists over the past decade to eliminate the use of biological sex characteristics and substitute gender instead to define a person's "identity." As a result, gender identity is becoming socially accepted (normalized) and is now an accepted norm. More than 200 countries world-wide are socially accepting of LGBTQ people and many have legislation in place to protect against discrimination and allow gender reassignment surgery. In the process of gender mainstreaming, many of the protections biological women fought so hard to put in place have been diluted and cast aside.

Example: William Thomas, competed on the men's swimming team at the University of Pennsylvania, and was ranked 462 overall in NCAA men's swimming for the 2018-2019 season. In May 2019, at the age of 20 (well past full male puberty), Thomas began using hormone replacement therapy and "came out" as a woman. By 2021, Thomas had allegedly met the NCAA requirements for hormone suppression and testosterone level and became eligible to compete on the U Penn woman's swim team.

In March 2022, the 6'4" Lia Thomas won the NCAA Division I national championship, beating two 2020 Olympic silver medalists; Emma Weyant and Erica Sullivan.<sup>[3]</sup> By the conclusion of Thomas's swimming career at U Penn in 2022, *he* had moved from being ranked 65th in the 500-yard freestyle among male swimmers, to 1st among female swimmers. Weyant also won a bronze medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Thomas never surgically transitioned, and 'her' teammates were forced to use the same locker room, stripping naked to change clothing, while confronted by 'his' intact male genitalia at every practice and meet for two seasons. Some of the U Penn women swimmers were so uncomfortable with the arrangement that they resorted to changing in bathroom stalls or a janitor's closet. The University of Pennsylvania cracked down on all dissent from women swimmers, saying that Thomas' spot on the women's team was "non-negotiable" and that they would regret it if they spoke to the media. <sup>[4] [5] [6]</sup> In taking this position, UPenn failed to protect their women swimmers' rights to privacy and free speech.

Thomas didn't fare so well in the 200-meter NCAA Championships in 2022, tying highly ranked swimmer Riley Gaines for fifth place. Gaines was told by an NCAA official that since there was only one 5<sup>th</sup> place trophy, "We <u>have to</u> give the trophy to Lia." This, became the 'norm' for NCAA college athletics in 2022...<sup>[7]</sup>

Note: Male puberty begins between ages 9 and 14, a period when boys experience increased muscle mass. If taken at the *beginning* of puberty (age 9 or 10 for boys), puberty blockers stop these changes, but if taken later they <u>will not reverse</u> the changes that have *already happened*. <sup>[8][9]</sup>

Example: In October 2022, the Cherokee County school board voted to forfeit all matches for the women's volleyball teams at district high schools against Highlands High School, after a student athlete at Hiwassee Dam High School was injured after a transgender player on the Highlands volleyball team spiked the ball into her head. The injured player, Payton McNabb suffered severe head and neck injuries resulting in long-term concussion symptoms, forcing her to miss the rest of her final season of volleyball. <sup>[10]</sup> In a later interview, McNabb indicated that she is still recovering from her injuries and continues to face other health struggles as a result of what happened, such as impaired vision, partial paralysis on the right side of her body, constant headaches, anxiety and depression. <sup>[11]</sup>

Example: Washington state held its High School 2024 Outdoor Track & Field championship meet in Tacoma Washington in May 2024. Sixteen-year-old Donavan Brown ran the 400-meter dash with a time of 55.75 seconds, over 2.5 seconds slower than the 15<sup>th</sup> place runner in the boy's division 2A final. But Donavan was not running in the boy's event. Veronica Garcia (previously known as Davinia Brown), transgender female high school runner, won the 400-meter girl's state championship by a full second over the 2<sup>nd</sup> place female competitor. <sup>[12]</sup>

In 2024, Veronica ranked No.1 in her league and No.4 in Washington state girls outdoor track and field. In 2023, Donavan finished 164<sup>th</sup> out of 172 runners in the boy's 5000-meter run at the state championship.

Washington state public schools mandate that all students who participate in physical education and athletics can do so according to their "gender identity" <u>without</u> the need to provide evidence of a medical transition. If you can't succeed as a boy, you can always become a girl to achieve better results. I'm not sure, but I think this could be called 'equity'. This, is the "norm" for high school athletics today.

Example: In April 2024, Harris County West Virginia held its Middle School outdoor track & field championships. Becky Pepper-Jackson won first place in the girl's shot put, with a throw of 32-feet, 3-feet longer than her closest competitor. Becky was able to compete in the girl's event after winning a lawsuit against a 2021 West Virginia law that says you must

compete in the category that matches your sex. Becky, who according to her mother realized she/he was a girl at the *age of four*, "came out" as female in the fourth grade. <sup>[13]</sup> 14-year-old Pepper-Jackson has begun taking puberty blockers and estrogen hormone therapy but has not medically transitioned.

Five other athletes "stepped out of the shot-put circle, forfeited, and refused to compete. They were subsequently suspended from competing in upcoming track-and-field meets. The five female middle-school athletes were protesting a recent Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that blocked a WV, and the fact that they were now being forced to compete against a biological boy who apparently had a significant physical advantage. This, is an example of *reversing the erosion of international norms*. As in the case of the UPenn woman's swim team, dissent against the new "norm" is not allowed, even when it is protected first amendment freedom of speech or expression.

In April 2024, the Biden administration Department of Education released final Title IX regulations prohibiting the discrimination on "the basis of sex" in education programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance. This ruling pertains to all federally funded grade schools, high-schools, colleges and universities.

The Department of Educations "Fact Sheet" states that: "The final regulations strengthen vital protections for students in our nation's schools and provide clear rules to help schools meet their Title IX obligation to eliminate sex discrimination in their education programs and activities... The rule prohibits discrimination and harassment based on <u>sexual</u> orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics in federally funded education programs, applying the reasoning of the Supreme Court's ruling in Bostock v. Clayton County."

The new Title IX regulations which went into effect on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, are allegedly to "protect" LGBTQ students from discrimination, but they effectively will silence any dissent about gender or gender-affirming care as in the cases involving U Penn and Harris County. There have already been multiple cases in which teachers have been suspended or fired for refusing to use student preferred gender names and/or pronouns. Now, school districts have the mandate and the legal ability to punish staff and students for "misgendering" their classmates, under the definition of "harassment", a practice that has already occurred in high schools and college campuses.

This, is an example of *reversing the erosion of international norms*.

Canada is widely known as a very Progressive country, with social and economic policies bordering on Socialism. They are also ahead of the United States when it comes to Progressive social legislation.

In 2017 the Parliament passed Bill C-16, which added the words "gender identity or expression" to the Canadian Human Rights Act. Under Bill C-16, discrimination is no longer restricted to age, race, sex or religion; transgender or gender-diverse Canadians are now an *identifiable group* protected from discrimination. <sup>[14]</sup>

To enforce this measure, the Canadian Criminal Code was amended to include *identifiable groups* now being protected from "hate speech". The courts can now also take into account any motivation of bias, prejudice or hate, when passing sentence on any "hate crimes."

The Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association policy on transgender athletes is that *Student-athletes may compete on the sport team that corresponds with either their sex assigned at birth or their gender identity.* 

So it should be no surprise that in February 2024, in a women's volleyball match between two colleges in Ontario, Centennial College and Seneca Polytechnic, five biological males were on the court, two for Centennial and three for Seneca. This according to a news article published by a Canadian "right-wing" media website *Rebel News*. <sup>[15]</sup>

Not only did the five biological males compete in the game, but they played the entire game for both schools while five biological women substitutes lost playing time. Another way to say it is that the women substitutes were "canceled".

According to a source who alerted Rebel News to the volleyball situation, there are (currently) six transgender male student athletes in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA). Five of which are not on any gender-affirming hormone therapy or have not had surgical gonad removal according to the article.

The source also told Rebel News that there have been two recent head injuries to female volleyball players in the OCAA caused by biological transgender men "spiking" the ball. Both injuries resulted in concussions to the female athletes, similar to what happened to Hiwassee Dam High School player, Payton McNabb.

Note: The combination of technique, timing, jump height and physical strength of a biological male athlete can result in a spike reaching a speed in excess of 50 miles per hour.

The "Mission Statement" of the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association says that they are a "Progressive organization" that believes in: *Integrity, respect and fair play, Equity of opportunity* and Ensuring *a safe environment*.

Question... how is sitting five female athletes for an entire women's volleyball match, fair play? How is allowing a fully mature biological male, not taking any hormone therapy, spiking the ball with enough force to cause a concussion to a biological female, ensuring a safe environment?

In light of the news that the International Olympic Committee will allow transgender males to compete in women's Olympic events if testosterone levels are below a certain limit, <sup>[16]</sup> the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) ran an Op-Ed by Jessica Triff after passage of Bill C16. The opinion begins with the following statement: *I am a transgender woman* <sup>[17]</sup> who began my transition in 2011 and completed it in 2014, with my gender reassignment surgeries. I believe in trans rights and protections against discrimination in employment, housing, health care and education based on gender identity, as was the intent of Bill C16.

But Triffs' next statement gets to the heart of the issue about international norms... "What I don't believe in is some of the new, more radical, and in my view more toxic forms of activism that have sprung up over the last decade. This type of activism advocates for the censorship and de-platforming of any woman who voices concern about the effect the expanding of trans rights has or may have on the right to maintain single-sex spaces where vulnerable women can find safety, support and healing."

"We live in a pluralistic, democratic society and everyone has the right to express their views or opinions on laws or policies that impact their lives, rights and security. Suggesting that all criticisms are rooted in transphobia or are "hate speech" is mostly inaccurate. Women have fought for decades for their rights and equality in society and deserve to be heard and given real answers regarding their concerns."

In response to those questioning the extent of trans activism and gender rights, Charlotte Dalwood, a juris doctor student at the University of Calgary's Faculty of Law, wrote the following Op-Ed in CBC News in October 2021: *There is an increasingly public campaign underway to strip transgender Canadians of their constitutional and human rights. The newly re-elected Liberal government <u>needs to make countering it a priority</u>... Across the country, anti-transgender rights advocates are trying to convince Canadians that guaranteeing equality to gender minorities is not only unconstitutional, but it also discriminates against and harms cisgender women — that is, women who were assigned female at birth. And their misinformation campaign, disguised as a defense of women's "sexbased rights," has become especially intense in the past year. <sup>[18]</sup>* 

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