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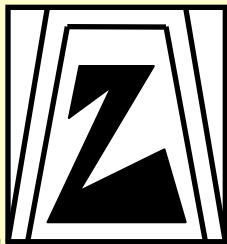


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## Alleged 764 Member Arrested For Child Sextortion In Plot To Accelerated World Downfall

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A California man has been arrested for possessing and extorting child pornography and other disturbing content as [part of his role in the violent online network 764](#), which aims to accelerate the “downfall of the current world order,” according to the feds.

Jose Henry Ayala Casamiro was taken into custody by the FBI on allegations that he “caused minors to produce child sexual abuse material,” as well as content “depicting themselves engaging in self-harm,” the Justice Department announced Friday.

According to court documents, the 28-year-old suspect had been a member of 764, a transnational group described as a “[network of nihilistic violent extremists](#)” who share a common purpose of

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 “accelerat[ing] social unrest.”

Among the group’s criminal activity, they’re accused of specifically targeting children to further their goals of “destroying civilized society through the corruption and exploitation of vulnerable populations.”

Alaya’s role in the network allegedly included blackmailing underage girls into creating videos “depicting themselves engaging in degrading sadistic sexual acts, torture sessions and carving their abusers’ initials or names on their bodies,” the feds said.

A March 2020 photo submitted into evidence against Ayala appears to show one victim with “Henry” carved into their forearm.

Members of the organization have also been accused of pressuring young girls to commit suicide, the feds said, though it’s unclear if Ayala was linked to any of those incidents.

Alaya, who lives in the San  
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Fernando Valley, made his first court appearance on Thursday and is expected to be arraigned in L.A. federal court on April 22. He's being held without bond.

His arrest comes three weeks after another 764 member, 19-year-old John Rocker, was sentenced to a seven-year prison term after he [pleaded guilty to possessing child sex abuse material](#) in Florida.

Rocker too was accused of being part of the movement, which strives to "bring about [society's] collapse by sowing indiscriminate chaos, destruction and social instability."

South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson [warned parents](#) last week about "the increasing presence of an online gore trend," perpetrated by groups like 764, that [coerce minors](#) into generating toxic content.

Such groups seek materials that include "cutting, blood signs, child sexual abuse material, sextortion, bestiality, the torture or killing of animals and documented suicide," the attorney general said.

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## **Georgia And Alabama Suspects Make Plea In Sextortion Scam That Led To Michigan Teen's Suicide**

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*This story discusses suicide. If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide, please contact the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988 or 1-800-273-TALK (8255).*



Jordan Demay began chatting with someone he thought was a woman on Instagram under the username "dani.robertts."

Five Americans have pleaded guilty to money laundering in connection with a Nigerian sextortion scheme that led to a Michigan teenager's death by suicide.

Georgia residents Kendall Ormond London, 32; Brian Keith Coldmon, Jr., 30; Jarell Daivon Williams, 31; and

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Johnathan Demetrius Green, 32, as well as Dinsimore Guyton Robinson, 29, of Alabama, have pleaded guilty to using online payment systems to collect sextortion proceeds and send them to a Nigerian individual they referred to as "The Plug," the Justice Department said in a press release.

Jordan DeMay, of Michigan, was 17 years old when [Nigerian brothers Samuel Ogoshi](#), 22, and his brother, Samson Ogoshi, 20, posed as a woman on Instagram using a hacked account and struck up a conversation with the teenager.

The brothers ultimately used the account to blackmail the teenager into sending money and threaten him into sending more until he took his own life in March 2022.

Federal officials extradited the Ogoshi brothers to the United States in 2024, and a judge ordered them to serve more than 17 years in prison and five years of supervised release for their roles in the sextortion scheme that led to DeMay's death and targeted more than 100 other victims, as well.

"It's rewarding in a sense that our country and the FBI are taking this seriously and closing the gaps on each leg of this crime," Jordan's father, John DeMay, told Fox News Digital on Thursday in response to the five Americans who pled guilty to money laundering.

The Nigerian sextortionists in Jordan's case targeted young men and boys while posing as romantic interests and coerced them into sending nude images. Once they sent those images, the sextortionists threatened the victims, saying they would expose those images if the victims did not send them money online.

For example, in Jordan's case, on the same night the Ogoshis started communicating with him through Instagram, the teenager sent an explicit photo of himself to the account that he thought belonged to a woman.

Samuel Ogoshi threatened to expose it and make it go "viral" online if Jordan did not immediately send money, prosecutors said. Jordan complied and sent the suspect money, but the crime only escalated from there as Samuel Ogoshi demanded more and more money from the 17-year-old.

The exchange went on for hours on a single night until Jordan told Samuel Ogoshi that he was going to kill himself. Good" he wrote. "Do that fast. Or I'll make you do it. I swear to God."

They directed victims like Jordan to send the money to accounts on Apple Pay, Cash App and Zelle that belonged to the Georgia and Alabama money launderers, who would then keep about 20% of the funds, convert the remainder to bitcoin and send the bitcoin to "The Plug" in Nigeria. "The Plug" also kept a portion of the funds for himself and sent the rest to the sextortionists — in this case, the Ogoshi brothers.

DeMay noted that it is difficult to transfer American dollars directly to Nigerian currency, which is why scammers opt for bitcoin; bitcoin is also harder for officials to trace.

Acting U.S. Attorney Birge noted that the Americans who "profited from this awful, heartbreaking scheme" will now "face the consequences" of their actions.

"The conspiracy offense is punishable by up to 20 years in prison. The court will decide the sentences upon consultation with federal sentencing guidelines and the individual circumstances," Birge said.

DeMay has since turned his heartbreak into advocacy, traveling around the country and the world to not only educate Americans on what sextortion is and how to prevent children from falling victim to these scams, but also to promote federal legislation that aims to protect minors online.

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"Unfortunately, there are still a lot of sextortion cases across the country," he said.

The average age of sextortion victims is between 14 and 17 years old, the FBI said in a press release earlier this year, but the agency noted that any child can become a victim. Offenders of financially motivated sextortion typically originate from African and Southeast Asian countries, according to the FBI. The FBI also saw a 20% increase in sextortion incidents involving minors between October 2022 and March 2023.

Sextortion can lead to suicide and self-harm. Between October 2021 and March 2023, the majority of online financial extortion victims were boys. These reports involved at least 20 suicides, the FBI said.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has created a free service called "Take it Down," which is meant to help victims of sextortion erase explicit images of victims or get bad actors to stop sharing them online. The tool can be accessed at <https://takeitdown.ncmec.org>.

DeMay is a proponent of the bipartisan Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA), which received House and Senate support last year but ultimately did not make it to the House floor for voting during a lame-duck session. Sens. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., and Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., are expected to re-introduce the bill this year.

*Original article source: [Georgia and Alabama suspects make plea in sextortion scam that led to Michigan teen's suicide](#)*

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## **Trump Administration Fires Senior Navy Female Officer At NATO. She Appeared On A 'Woke' List**

**Reprinted From the April 7, 2025 AP-By Lolita Baldor**

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Navy Vice Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, the only woman on NATO's military committee, was fired over the weekend by the Trump administration, U.S. officials said Monday.

Although no reason was given, officials said it was apparently tied to comments she has made that supported diversity in the force.

According to the officials, Chatfield got a call from Adm. Christopher Grady, the acting chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and was told the administration wanted to go in a different direction with the job.

The officials said they believe the decision was made last week by Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, but it was unclear whether he received any direction from President Donald Trump. Three U.S. officials spoke about the firing on condition of anonymity to discuss personnel matters.

Chatfield is the third top female officer to be fired since Trump took office. Hegseth announced in February that he was firing the chief of naval operations, Adm. Lisa Franchetti. And Trump fired [Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Linda Fagan](#) just a day after he was sworn in.

Trump and Hegseth have been vocal in their insistence that so-called woke policies are dead. There has been a vigorous campaign to remove leaders who promoted diversity, equity and inclusion, and to erase DEI programs and online content.

Chatfield was on a list of senior military officers targeted as "woke" by the conservative American Accountability Foundation, which sent a letter to Hegseth saying that "purging the woke from the military is imperative."

Chatfield, a Navy helicopter pilot who also commanded a joint reconstruction team in Afghanistan, had been serving as one of the 32 representatives on NATO's military committee. The panel is the primary source of military advice to the North Atlantic Council and NATO's Nuclear Planning Group, according to NATO. It serves as the link between

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the political decision-makers and NATO's military structure.



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Sen. Mark Warner, a Democrat from Virginia, said he was “deeply disturbed” by the firing.

“Trump’s relentless attacks on our alliances and his careless dismissal of decorated military officials make us less safe and weaken our position across the world,” Warner said in a post on X.

The campaign to erase DEI programs and online content has been met with questions from lawmakers, local leaders and citizens angered by [the removal of military heroes](#) and historic mentions from Defense Department websites and social media pages.

The accountability foundation complained in the letter to Hegseth that those responsible for DEI policies “must be dismissed,” adding that military leaders should be focused on cultivating lethality, not on fostering diversity, equity and inclusion in the ranks.

The letter said Chatfield posted supportive comments on LinkedIn about a diversity summit and gave a speech in 2015 at Women's Equality Day. The group quoted her as saying that investing in empowering women can unlock human potential.

And they also said she was quoted as saying, “our diversity is our strength” — a phrase that Hegseth has repeatedly condemned.

A native of Garden Grove, California, Chatfield graduated from Boston University and received her master's degree from Harvard University and a doctorate from the University of San Diego.

She deployed to the Pacific and the Persian Gulf as a pilot. She later served as the senior military assistant to the supreme allied commander Europe. She was awarded a Bronze Star.

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**Birthdays**

**May**

None

**June**

June 16th: Grant Siegel

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**Dates To Remember**

**May**

May 1st: May Day

May 1st: National Day of Prayer

May 11th: Mother’s Day

May 17th: Armed Forces Day

May 26th: Memorial Day

**June**

June 6th D-Day

June 6th: (Eid) begins at sundown

June 14th: Flag Day

June 15th: Father’s Day

June 19th: Juneteenth

June 26th: First of Muharram begins at sundown

**National Park Service Restores Underground Railroad Webpage After Outrage**  
Reprinted From The April 8, 2025 NY Daily News-By David Mathews



File – A bronze statue of abolitionist Harriet Tubman is seen at the Maryland State House, Feb. 10, 2020, in Annapolis, Md. (AP Photo/Julio Cortez, file)

The National Parks Service has restored the original Harriet Tubman material featured on a webpage about the Underground Railroad after garnering outrage over its removal.

In February, a photo and a quote from of the abolitionist leader was removed from the top of a page titled [“What Is the Underground Railroad?”](#)

The content was replaced with a collage of Underground Railroad stamps from the U.S. Postal Service that highlight “Black/White Cooperation” in transporting escaped slaves to freedom in the north.

The site also removed references to the [Fugitive Slave Act](#) and a mural of the [54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment](#), one of the first Black regiments to serve in the Civil War.

“Changes to the Underground Railroad page on the National Park Service’s website were [made without approval from NPS leadership](#) nor department leadership,” a spokesperson said in a statement on Monday.

The department did not say who ordered the changes, but President Trump has made [several executive orders targeting diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives](#) across government agencies.

The changes to the Underground Railroad page were originally [detailed in a Washington Post expose on Sunday](#) and immediately drew widespread criticism.

Bernice King, the daughter of Martin Luther King Jr., [called the removal](#) “an attack on truth, an attempt to erase history that would help us improve society today, a refusal to be uncomfortable and engaged in changing harmful policies and practices.”

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Last month, the Department of Defense was similarly criticized after [removing content about Jackie Robinson and other Black service members' time in the Army](#), as well as information about the Navajo Code Talkers' contributions in World War II. That material was also restored after pushback.

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### **Long Island Pediatrician Accused Of Abuse By More Than 100 Must Pay \$1.6B**

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A former [Long Island pediatrician has been ordered to pay \\$1.6 billion](#) to more than 100 women who accused him of sexual abuse, marking one of the largest ever judgments of its kind.

Stuart Copperman, who was accused of abuse dating all the way back to the 1960s, for decades [operated a practice out](#) of the basement of his home in Merrick. While he never faced any criminal charges for the abuse, he had his license to practice medicine suspended in 2000 over the allegations.

Statute of limitations laws, however, prevented Copperman's accusers from filing lawsuits until the passage of the [New York Child Victims Act](#), a 2019 law that extended the time sex abuse survivors have to file civil and criminal cases, creating a temporary window for previously time-barred lawsuits.

[The judgement](#) comes after a 19-month review of cases involving allegations against Copperman, during which time Nassau Supreme Court Justice Leonard Steinman issued damages to every plaintiff who filed suit.

Decisions in the last five cases were filed on Friday, Newsday reported.

Stefan Turkheimer, vice president of public policy for the [Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network](#), said the \$1.6 billion pot is "one of the largest civil judgments in a class action sexual assault suit that we have seen in our country."

Copperman previously denied wrongdoing, claiming that he was only being "thorough" during his exams. He did not respond to the litigation nor did he mount a defense, prompting a judge to issue a default judgment against him in 2023.

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### **Strict Idaho Abortion Ban Loosened By Judge's Ruling On Medical Exemptions**

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BOISE, Idaho (AP) — An abortion in Idaho is not prohibited if pregnancy complications could cause a woman's death, even if that death "is neither imminent nor assured," a state judge said Friday in a ruling that loosens one of the [strictest abortion bans in the U.S.](#)

[Four women have sued](#) over Idaho's strict abortion bans. The women, who are represented by the Center for Reproductive Rights, aren't asking for the state's abortion ban to be overturned. Instead, they want the judge to clarify and expand the exceptions to the strict ban so people facing serious pregnancy complications can receive abortions before they are at death's door.

A representative for the Idaho attorney general's office didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment on the ruling.

The state's near-total ban currently makes performing an abortion a felony at any stage of pregnancy unless it is "necessary to prevent the death of the pregnant woman."

Judge Jason Scott issued the ruling broadening the medical exception to the ban, allowing doctors to perform an abortion if "good faith medical judgment" shows a patient with an existing medical condition or pregnancy complication faces a risk of dying at some point without an abortion.

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The Center for Reproductive Rights said while people in dire circumstances will be able to receive abortion care in Idaho, pregnant people with lethal fetal conditions don't qualify unless the condition also poses a risk to the mother's life.

"Pregnant Idahoans whose health is in danger shouldn't be forced to remain pregnant, and we are glad the court recognized that today. But this decision leaves behind so many people, including some of the women who brought this case," said Gail Dedy, a center staff attorney. "No one should have to choose between carrying a doomed pregnancy against their will or fleeing the state if they can."

The center noted the judge's ruling also prevents people at risk of death from self-harm due to mental health conditions from accessing abortion care.

"It's been an emotional rollercoaster hearing this decision," plaintiff Jennifer Adkins said. "This cruel law turned our family tragedy into an unimaginable trauma. No one wants to learn that your baby has a deadly condition and will not survive, and that your own life is at risk on top of that."



Jennifer Adkins and husband, John, from Caldwell, Idaho talk to the media outside the Ada County Courthouse, Dec. 14, 2023 in Boise, Idaho. (AP Photo/Kyle Green, File)

Associated Press-

## Forbidden Stories

April 11, 2025



Cecilia Payne

I did not know that!

“Since her death in 1979, the woman who discovered what the universe is made of has not so much as received a memorial plaque. Her newspaper obituaries do not mention her greatest discovery. [...] Every high school student knows that Isaac Newton discovered gravity, that Charles Darwin discovered evolution, and that Albert Einstein discovered the relativity of time. But when it comes to the composition of our universe, the textbooks simply say that the most abundant atom in the universe is hydrogen. And no one ever wonders how we know.”

### **Oh Wait Let Me Tell You about Cecilia Payne**

Cecilia Payne’s mother refused to spend money on her college education, so she won a scholarship to Cambridge.

Cecilia Payne completed her studies, but Cambridge wouldn’t give her a degree because at that time there’s not much exposure for woman, so she said to heck with that and moved to the United States to work at Harvard.

Cecilia Payne was the first person ever to earn a Ph.D. in astronomy from Radcliffe College, with what Otto Strauve called “the most brilliant Ph.D. thesis ever written in astronomy.”

Not only did Cecilia Payne discover what the universe is made of, she also discovered what the sun is made of (Henry Norris Russell, a fellow astronomer, is usually given credit for discovering that the sun’s composition is different from the Earth’s, but he came to his conclusions four years later than Payne—after telling her not to publish).

Cecilia Payne is the reason we know basically anything about variable stars (stars whose brightness as seen from earth fluctuates). Literally every other study on variable stars is based on her work.

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Cecilia Payne was the first woman to be promoted to full professor from within Harvard, and is often credited with breaking the glass ceiling for women in the Harvard science department and in astronomy, as well as inspiring entire generations of women to take up science.

Cecilia Payne is awesome and everyone should know her.

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### How Did The UK Supreme Court Define A Woman And What Happens Now?

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Marion Calder, center, and Susan Smith, left, for For Women Scotland, celebrate outside after the U.K. Supreme Court ruled that a woman is someone born biologically female, excluding transgender people from the legal definition in a long-running dispute between the feminist group and the Scottish government, in London Wednesday, April 16, 2025. (AP Photo/Kin Cheung) Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — In a [judgment](#) with far-reaching implications, the [U.K. Supreme Court](#) ruled Wednesday that a woman is someone born biologically female and that transgender women are excluded from that legal definition.

The ruling was cheered by some feminists who have campaigned to safeguard rights for women on the basis of biological sex. Trans rights campaigners were disappointed, and worry about the ruling's implications for transgender women.

### What Was The Case About?

The court was asked to determine the definition of a woman under Britain's 2010 Equality Act, which sets out

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protections against discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, race, religion and other traits.

The case stems from a 2018 law passed by the Scottish Parliament calling for 50-50 balance of men and women on the boards of Scottish public bodies. Its definition of women included trans women whose gender is legally affirmed with a Gender Recognition Certificate.

A feminist group, For Women Scotland, challenged that in court, saying the Scottish government had overstepped its powers by effectively redefining the meaning of “woman.”

The group lost a ruling in a Scottish court in 2022 but was later granted permission to take its case to the Supreme Court, which held hearings in November.

### **What Did The Supreme Court Say?**

Justice Patrick Hodge said he and four other judges ruled unanimously that “the terms woman and sex in the Equality Act refer to a biological woman.”

In the law, “the words ‘sex,’ ‘woman’ and ‘man’ ... mean (and were always intended to mean) biological sex, biological woman and biological man,” the judges wrote.

The judges argued that a broader definition that includes transgender people would make the Equality Act “incoherent and unworkable.”

“We can identify no good reason why the legislature should have intended that sex-based rights and protections under the (Equality Act) should apply to these complex, heterogenous groupings, rather than to the distinct group of (biological) women and girls (or men and boys) with their shared biology leading to shared disadvantage and discrimination faced by them as a distinct group,” they wrote.

The ruling makes no mention of [intersex people](#), who also are not explicitly protected under the Equality Act.

### **What Was The Reaction?**

As in other countries, the issue has polarized opinion, pitting transgender rights campaigners against “gender critical” feminists, who argue that trans women's rights should not come at the expense of those who are born biologically female.

For Women Scotland said it was “absolutely jubilant” at the ruling. “Harry Potter” author [J.K. Rowling](#), a prominent supporter of the group, said the court victory had “protected the rights of women and girls across the U.K.”

But LGBTQ+ charity Stonewall said there is “deep concern” surrounding the ruling's consequences.

Vic Valentine, manager of the group Scottish Trans, said the judgment “seems to have totally missed what matters to trans people — that we are able to live our lives, and be recognized, in line with who we truly are.”

Amnesty International U.K. described the ruling as “disappointing,” but said it is “important to stress that the court has been clear that trans people are protected under the Equality Act against discrimination and harassment.”  
What will change as a result of the ruling?

The Supreme Court judges stressed that their ruling should not be seen as an attack on transgender people. They said it “does not remove or diminish the important protections ... for trans people” under the Equality Act, which bans discrimination on the basis of gender reassignment.

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It's unclear what the ruling will mean in practice.

The judgment highlights a range of spaces and services that could be intended just for women, including "rape or domestic violence counselling, domestic violence refuges, rape crisis centers, female-only hospital wards and changing rooms." The law already allowed for trans women to be excluded from single-sex spaces under certain circumstances, but Wednesday's ruling appears to make such a ban easier.

The ruling could also see transgender female athletes excluded from participating in women's and girls' sports, and there could be ramifications in workplaces.

But much depends on how the ruling is interpreted and implemented.

Hannah Ford, an employment partner at law firm Stevens & Bolton, told the BBC that because of the ruling, ensuring workplaces are welcoming places for trans people will be "an uphill battle."

She said one positive aspect was that "at least we have simplicity and clarity. So it is in one sense a triumph of sense over legal incoherency and legal fiction."

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## **Pentagon Chief Scraps Program From First Trump Term To Boost Women In Security**

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U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth on Tuesday canceled a program that sought to increase the role of women in national security sectors that was first signed into law by President Donald Trump in 2017.

In his first term, Trump signed into law the Women, Peace and Security Act, which supported the participation of women in preventing and resolving conflict, countering violent extremism and building post-conflict stability.

On Tuesday, Hegseth said he was proud to have ended the program.

"WPS is yet another woke divisive/social justice/Biden initiative that overburdens our commanders and troops — distracting from our core task: WAR-FIGHTING," Hegseth said on X.

"(Department of Defense) will hereby execute the minimum of WPS required by statute, and fight to end the program for our next budget," he added. "GOOD RIDDANCE WPS!"

He later wrote a post saying, without evidence, that the prior administration of Democratic President Joe Biden had "distorted & weaponized the straight-forward & security-focused WPS initiative launched in 2017."

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Hegseth has taken aim at diversity, equity and inclusion at the Pentagon since he took office.

With Hegseth as defense secretary, the Pentagon has ended commemorations of identity month celebrations, like Black History Month, while some books have been removed from the Naval Academy, including Maya Angelou's memoir.

The WPS program was promoted by the first Trump administration.

"This is the first legislation of its kind globally, which makes the United States the first country in the world with a comprehensive law on WPS," a 2019 White House document said.

Republican Marco Rubio, then a senator and now Trump's secretary of state, was a co-sponsor of the bill, as was Kristi Noem, the current secretary of homeland security. Mike Waltz, Trump's national security advisor, was a founding member of the WPS congressional caucus when he was a lawmaker.

"President Trump also signed the Women, Peace, and Security Act, a bill that I was very proud to have been a co-sponsor of when I was in the Senate," Rubio said earlier this month at the State Department.

"It was the first comprehensive law passed in any country in the world – the first law passed by any country anywhere in the world – focused on protecting women and promoting their participation in society," Rubio added.

The United Nations Security Council first adopted a resolution on women, peace and security in October 2000 and has held an annual meeting on the issue since.

When asked about Hegseth's remarks, U.N. spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said U.N. efforts were based on the resolution unanimously adopted 25 years ago.

"It's no secret that women remain largely on the periphery of formal peace processes and decision making, which is not good for the cause of peace," he told reporters.

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