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Stand Together Against Racism and Radicalism in the Services

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STARRS Major Themes

- America is under assault by a dangerous neo-Marxist ideology—the same ideology that America spent trillions of dollars and lost hundreds of thousands of lives fighting against in the 20th century.
- This neo-Marxist ideology in the name of Critical Race Theory (CRT) has invaded our institutions: academia, media, and government, to include the military.
- We consist of Americans who resist neo-Marxism and are doing what we all can to alert the public to this danger.



Message From the STARRS VP

Momentum is building in identifying the extent to which the dangerous ideology, called Critical Race Theory (CRT), has infiltrated our institutions. Yet, I am amazed to learn how little most Americans know about this neo-Marxist ideology and why it is so dangerous. Too many of these Americans are my peers, some who served with me during a time called the Cold War, shaped by the clash of ideologies—at a heavy cost in dollars and lives lost—in the Second World War, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. All fought against the threat of Marxist communism and fascism.

The Twentieth Century was a contest between classical liberalism and Marxism. As we watch and read ideological zealots advance an alternative history about America, it is disappointing to realize they demonize a nation that enabled them to achieve the prosperity they take for granted. On Monday, June 7, 2021, actor/director Tom Hanks published a *New York Times* essay that described an event in Tulsa that was clearly egregious, yet without the broader political context in which it played out. The Tulsa incident was enabled by the political culture at the time. Mussolini and Hitler were tuned into America's Progressive Era and its eugenic thinking. This political culture spawned Planned Parenthood, which was a deliberate effort to remove blacks from American society in order to perfect it. It is the same political faction that promotes abortion and runs America's inner-cities. Representing a leftist in the manner in which he moralized about this event, Hanks and the President of the United States, during his Memorial Day speech a week earlier, ignored the great carnage of D-Day in Europe when the Normandy invasion alone took 2,500 American lives in a heroic campaign to free Europe from fascist oppression.

This sanctimonious moralizing is an example of *déjà vu*—"the illusion of remembering scenes and events when experienced for the first time; a feeling that one has seen or heard something before; something overly or unpleasantly familiar." The Tulsa event is resurrected by leftist ideologues to suggest similar atrocities today. Facts do not support that claim.

As we witness the current assault on a courageous Lt Col Mathew Lohmeier for writing about a domestic enemy he swore to defend against (his book, *Irresistible Revolution*), I am reminded of a similar incident in France. French

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Captain Alfred Dreyfus was accused and convicted of spying for Germany. According to [History.com](https://www.history.com):

In 1894, after a French spy at the German Embassy in Paris discovered a ripped-up letter in a waste basket with handwriting to resemble that of Dreyfus, he was court-martialed, found guilty of treason and sentenced to life behind bars on Devil's Island off of French Guiana. In a public ceremony in Paris following his conviction, Dreyfus had the insignia torn from his uniform and his sword broken and was paraded before a crowd that shouted, "Death to Judas, death to the Jew."

This episode in French/European history represented an entire chapter in Hannah Arendt's *The Origins of Totalitarianism*. Lt Col Lohmeier is America's Captain Dreyfus. The difference is Dreyfus did not argue publicly about the ideological indoctrination of Europe. Lohmeier had the courage to do so. His critics demonize him for being politically partisan when he is simply warning Americans. The National Command Authority (President and Secretary of Defense) has become partisan to the ideology America supposedly defeated in the Twentieth Century. Not once have I read any counter-arguments to the arguments presented in his book.

On May 27, 2021, Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen released a letter outlining how critical race theory practices violate civil rights laws, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Other state Attorneys General have a benchmark legal opinion to challenge/remove illegal propaganda programs in their own states. (See: <https://media.dojmt.gov/wp-content/uploads/AGO-V58-O1-5.27.21-FINAL.pdf>).

For a quick read on communism and why it is dangerous for America, consider STARRS' member Dennis Haugh's upcoming book *Pocket Guide to Communism*, to be released on July 31, 2021.

Heroic Heritage

Every USAF Academy graduate knows the name, Capt Lance Sijan – and for good reason: He is the lone graduate to receive a Medal of Honor. But this distinction alone sells Sijan much too short: He is the archetypal American Fighting Man.

Graduating in 1965, Sijan was selected for pilot and fighter training, and then deployed to fly F-4Cs at Da Nang, Vietnam, where in late 1967 his squadron was charged with interdicting surging Ho Chi Minh Trail traffic. During a night bombing mission on November 6, Sijan's plane disintegrated after releasing its bombs, the result of a premature detonation caused by defective fuses. Lance was gravely injured by the explosion, the ejection and impacts with trees and rocky terrain, suffering a compound fracture of his left leg, a fractured skull and a concussion. His right hand was also mangled and his fingers were bent backward. Initially, he was unable to contact rescue forces because he had lost consciousness – but he reached them when he came to. Unfortunately, rescuers were unable to locate



him through the thick jungle canopy, eventually losing contact with him when his radio batteries died.

Sijan would lose almost half of his 200-pound body weight over the 45-day survival and evasion struggle that followed his ejection. Using his extraordinary upper body strength to drag himself along the ground, Lance lived only on the scarce food and water he could scavenge. Nonetheless, he doggedly sustained these efforts until finally passing out – by this point, a great deal of his skin had been scraped off on the jungle floor. He was found and captured by the North Vietnamese on Christmas Day.

Several days later, while in a temporary holding cell in his first experience as a prisoner, Sijan plotted his escape, waiting until only a single soldier remained to guard him. Signaling to the guard to approach, Sijan incapacitated him with a single chop to the neck. He then took the guard's rifle and crawled back into the jungle. Unfortunately, since he was not adequately mobile, Sijan was recaptured within hours of his escape. On January 1, 1968, he was transferred to a prison holding Maj. Bob Craner and Capt Gruters, the crew of an F-100 Super Saber that had been shot down. The three were soon transferred together to the infamous Hanoi Hilton.

The F-100 crew later recounted Sijan's valor. Both officers were amazed by Sijan's intrepidity and devotion to the American Fighting Man's Code of Conduct. Though he suffered greatly from injuries, exhaustion, malnutrition and disease, Sijan never complained about pain, and during lucid moments he continually spoke about how they needed to plan an escape. During torture, Sijan never divulged information beyond that mandated under the Geneva Convention. Sadly, on January 22, Lance succumbed to pneumonia. Maj. Craner was so impressed by Sijan's heroism that, upon his repatriation in 1973, Craner nominated him for the Medal of Honor. Capt Sijan's parents received it on his behalf on March 4, 1976.

Lance Sijan's full story is available at <https://www.airforcemag.com/article/0704sijan/>

Annual Meeting Report

STARRS held its first Annual Meeting via Zoom on 10 Jun in conjunction with a two day in-person Board of Directors (BoD) meeting. Key highlights include:

- The STARRS bank account has been established and donations can be accepted (see website for the process). However, the tax exempt status is still pending IRS processing. We anticipate the deductibility of donations to be retroactive, but can not guarantee it.

- Patti Stuart, USAFA '87, was approved to join the BoD.

- Jane Hampton Cook was the guest speaker. An accomplished author, historian and screenwriter, she provided great quotes and perspectives of civil rights leaders in regard to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

Our Educational Mission In Action

— On May 26-27, 2021, Lt. Col. Matt Lohmeier (in his personal and not official capacity) and Mike Rose, as the attorney for Matt and STARRS, discussed Matt's book, *Irresistible Revolution*, STARRS and critical race theory teachings and leftist radicalism in the military in Washington, DC, with multiple members of Congress and their staffs in separate meetings, as follows:

1. Two hour meeting with 22 staff members representing 18 members of Congress, including the Chair of the Republican House Conference and the Ranking Member of the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee
2. Thirty minute telephone conference with Representative Mike Waltz (R, Florida, 6th Dist)
3. Meeting with Senator Tom Cotton (R, AR)
4. Meeting with Senator Ted Cruz (R, TX)
5. Private dinner with about a dozen attendees Thursday evening, May 27.

Senators Cotton and Cruz, and Congressman Waltz, appeared very knowledgeable, extremely smart, fully engaged, quite interested/concerned, and adamantly opposed to the spread of divisive CRT in the military, as were the congressional staffs and the dinner attendees. They asked Matt and Mike many questions, exchanged contact information and pledged to follow up with future communications and meetings to stand together against racism and radicalism in the services. All of the above significantly advanced STARRS' mission to educate about racism and radicalism in the services!

After the meetings, Sen Cotton tweeted he was very concerned with what he heard and would "be pressing senior military for answers." Soon thereafter Sen Cotton teamed up with Rep Dan Crenshaw to launch a whistleblower page for military members to submit their stories (<https://crenshaw.house.gov/whistleblower>). On 10 June The Epoch Times reported that Sen Cotton confronted Gen Austin, SecDef, during a senate hearing about the issue and stated that "hundreds" of military whistleblowers have reported being forced to receive "anti-American indoctrination" training, including critical race theory (CRT).

— Mike Huckabee conducted a nine minute interview with Matt for his 5 June show on TBN. During the interview Matt pointed out that even though Marxist ideology has been infiltrating American society for decades, the military was previously resistant to its deceptive ideologies due to their unified purpose of defending the constitution, American people and our way of life. The military has always been a meritocracy united by the uniform. He then described how neo-Marxist ideology is being accepted, possibly unwittingly, by many because proponents use patriotic and moral terms that have been redefined. Now a climate of fear is preventing good people from standing up to support him and defend the country. The video is posted on the STARRS website.

— On 26 May, Matt was interviewed on Fox Nation's Tucker Carlson Today expressing the main points of his book and his concerns about what is happening in America and where that

is leading us. He emphasized that the riots and other events over the past year are "playbook Marxism". The spread of the ideology is creating extremism, hatred and inciting violence.

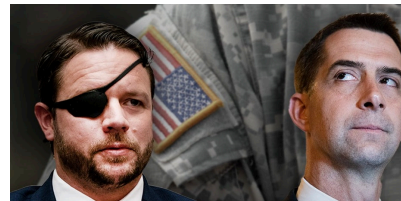
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Boots On The Ground Perspectives

Examples from Lt Col Lohmeier's book "*Irresistible Revolution, Marxism's Goal of Conquest & The Unmaking of the American Military*":

- Page 131: "Within two weeks of the Defense Department's admission that it is in search of data to support its claim of white nationalism, I was notified as a commander of new reporting procedures we were now to follow. Effective immediately, whenever any disciplinary action or administrative paperwork of any kind is issued for an infraction, military leaders are directed to report said disciplinary action to the base legal office, *indicating the race and gender of the recipient of the paperwork as well as that of the leaders who issued it.* The new policy clearly signals that the nature and context of the infraction are immaterial. It is merely the race and gender of those involved that matters to the Defense Department."

- Page 133-4: "A well-respected senior enlisted leader, a non-white female whose career potential appears unlimited, explained to me that she plans on separating after this assignment because she no longer feels valued in the military based on her work ethic and the quality of her work. Instead, the thought is ever looming in her mind that she is being given opportunities because of her ethnicity and sex. She admits that she does not know if that is the case but cannot be sure. She cannot shake the thought because it is what the services are constantly talking about. She also admits she is tired of all the talk about racism.



Specific examples of whistleblower comments mentioned by Sen Cotton during a senate hearing with the SecDef according to an Epoch Times article dated 10 June:

- One whistleblower said that military history training was replaced with training about police brutality, "systemic racism," and "white privilege."

- Unit had to read "White Fragility" by feminist author and critical theory proponent Robin DiAngelo.

Please send your CRT or other neo-Marxist military impact story to starrsnewsletter@protonmail.com

WAKE UP, STAND UP, SPEAK UP AND NEVER GIVE UP!