

# **Declaration of Betrayal of West Point And the Long Gray Line**

By

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The Long Gray Line is the assembly of graduates of the United States Military Academy. It serves as a fount of American battle tested experience, the institutional memory of the Military Academy, and the watchdog of the United States Corps of Cadets. As such, it is the sacred duty of the Long Gray Line to challenge dysfunctional conduct or rogue behavior, such as that which has come to dominate West Point.

We, the members of the Long Gray Line, have observed a rejection of adherence to the ancient principles of the Military Academy. These changes threaten the mission of the Academy. It appears that the Honor Code is no longer enforced as it has been historically and has been allowed to fall into disarray.

The United States Military Academy has a proud tradition of producing graduates of character who have led the Country and the Academy through good times and bad. The Academy’s motto "Duty, Honor, Country" is widely associated with West Point. For decades, the Cadet Honor Code has provided the moral compass and ethical underpinning of a Cadet’s education and character development. The Code, widely quoted and embraced by every Superintendent, is simple.

The intention had been violations are not tolerated and expulsion will result. However, today, by the Academy's web site makes the casual web

disclaimer that over 50% of convicted violators are excused and allowed to graduate. Words do have meaning: **DUTY, HONOR COUNTRY** has for decades reflected the ethics, honor, character and moral behavior of cadets and Academy graduates. The abuse of those words and values seriously erodes the ethical education and character development of today's cadets.

Civilian faculty members have introduced political indoctrination into academic instruction to include socialist ideology that runs counter to the noble principles of the Constitution. The corruption of cadet instruction with socialist doctrine is further demonstrated by a pronounced bias in the selection of guest speakers, who have been almost exclusively liberal. We could not identify any conservative speakers in recent years.

Very troubling have been instances of the Academy Staff requiring cadets to violate their religious beliefs contrary to the religious freedom long observed by the Academy. Cadets have been coerced into complying with illegal orders – mandates – to submit to vaccinations with experimental drugs never approved by the FDA. Such mandates to involuntarily submit to vaccination with experimental drugs in violation of religious customs and beliefs is a violation of the UCMJ. It violates the precedent set by the Nuremburg War Crimes Tribunal that established the involuntary use of experimental drugs is a crime against humanity. Such conduct by the Staff is a gross violation of international law and the impartial administration of military justice by the Academy

Instruction in Critical Race Theory (CRT) at the Academy. Such instruction severs the ties of every cadet to defense of the Constitution, thereby nullifying the oath cadets have sworn to uphold. Critical Race

theory now replaces Duty, Honor, Country. The cumulative impact of these changes has so altered the Military Academy that USMA betrays the purpose for which it was founded in 1802 – defense of our Constitution, and maintenance of individual freedom. This transformation betrays the purpose of the founders and the sacred principals of the Declaration of Independence.

### **Forging a Restored Consensus**

Having declared the Military Academy to be in a state of radical change against its original mission, purpose, and principles, we ask where do we proceed from here?

We hold the belief that the work of the founders has produced a nation like no other. The constitutional order of the Republic rests upon fundamental principles that are unique to the United States of America. Our constitutions, State and Federal, are the most wonderfully designed documents that create an adhesive, cohesive, just, and peaceful means of life ever known by humanity. Our founders started this country that was born of revolution according to our universally appreciated laws of our Creator.

We have a beautiful system that has been corrupted and abused by people with no moral foundation. Our country was born of God's inspiration and without God as the ultimate power and place for redress, no government can operate to serve their constituents. We need not look for a new system, we need only to restore the original constitution,

which provided for States to have the primary authority and most power under their own constitutions designed to accommodate their local cultural norms, yet all of which are dependent on and arise from God's laws.

Leftist ideologues are trying to replace personal responsibility, self-reliance, and initiative with the entitlement mentality. They are working hard to transform the Constitution into a document that can be continually revised to accommodate the latest socio-cultural trends. They have made substantial progress in replacing freedom of religion with freedom from religion. Leftists prefer anarchy to law and order as can be seen in their nationwide effort to defund police departments, adopt identity politics and tribalism to replace E Pluribus Unum, and institute moral relativism to replace Biblical morality.

### **The Socialist Revolution**

The Biden Administration seeks to divorce military service from defense of the Constitution by replacing allegiance to the Constitution with Critical Race Theory. This prepares the military for their role in support of an overthrow of the government and the Constitutional order. By forcing the military to undergo liberal socialist indoctrination they sever the linkage between US military service and support for the Constitution. That action, which violates the Constitution, also violates the oath of office.

The oath taken by men and women who join any branch of the United States military begins with these words: “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic.” This oath, taken at the official swearing-in ceremony, describes the purpose of the U.S. military to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies.

It is not the purpose of the military to help advance the anti-American, anti-Constitution agenda of leftist ideologues. But the military is being forced by WOKE leaders in the White House, Congress, Department of Defense, and Pentagon, to do just that: advance a leftist agenda that seeks to tear down the Constitution, not protect it. Officers and enlisted troops are being required to sit through leftist indoctrination sessions that portray America as an inherently racist nation, white troops as genetically bigoted, and minority troops as hopeless, lifelong victims.

The purveyors of Critical Race Theory intend to demolish the United States of America as the founders established our Republic. By mandating the instruction of Critical Race Theory to every citizen serving in the military, they establish Critical Race Theory as the fundamental principles upon which Socialists demand soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, midshipmen, and cadets serve.

The military indoctrination in Critical Race Theory is considered necessary to prevent internal opposition to an attempted coup from within the ranks of the military (white extremism). Critical Race Theory brands the founders as evil, the Constitution as illegitimate, and the Republic as systemically racist. It abolishes the declaration of Independence that declares all men are created equal. It brands the population as racist, privileged, and unfit to enjoy the rights of

citizenship. It is a call to overthrow the government we served to preserve freedom and government by, for and of the people.

### **Our Role**

It is for times like these that God made **Patriots**. This is no time for summer soldiers and sunshine patriots. Those who have stood in harm's way are needed now to stand by our oath. It is time to speak truth to power. We either serve Duty, Honor, Country, or we challenge the demands of a secular revolution to fundamentally alter America transforming the Republic into a socialist police state.

The Association of Graduates (AOG) represents us, the Long Gray Line. The AOG is in a position to represent the graduates of the Academy. Let them so conduct themselves to clearly demonstrate their allegiance to Duty, Honor, Country. For Duty, Honor, Country we serve; and in God we trust. Let it be said that the AOG has done an admirable job in raising funds to support many projects and much needed facilities laid out by each Superintendent. We applaud these efforts.

This declaration is dispatched to the Superintendent of the Academy as well as the President and Directors of the AOG with the admonition that the Academy is conducting business in a manner that ignores time-honored principles of the Academy, Constitutional Law, and our sworn oath of office.

## **Signatories**

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