America First!

• True conservatives challenging mainstream elites

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The civil war raging within the conservative movement in America is only growing stronger, as a younger, high-energy populist movement strictly dedicated to an America-first ideology continues to challenge the establishment GOP and mainstream conservative movement in a major way.

Frustrated with the current mainstream conservative movement, derisively referred to as “Conservative Inc.,” a younger generation of American populists and dissidents has been making major gains over the course of the past year. Led by outspoken activists and pundits such as Michelle Malkin and Nick Fuentes, the America-first movement recently announced the first ever America First Political Action Conference (AFPAC), scheduled to take place on the same weekend as CPAC, which has long been the top political event for the conservative movement.

The AFPAC event will take place after CPAC officially concludes on Feb. 28 in Washington, D.C. Scheduled speakers include the aforementioned Michelle Malkin and Nick Fuentes, as well as Scott Greer, a former editor of the “Daily Caller,” and Patrick Casey, the head of the American Identity Movement (AIM). All announced speakers have faced censorship and ostracization from the mainstream conservative movement, largely for their loyalty to the America-first ideology, critiques of globalization, mass immigration, and America’s blatant subservience to the pro-Israel lobby, and general hostility toward political correctness, multiculturalism, and other dogmas promoted by the left, which are largely embraced by mainstream conservatism. Both Fuentes and...