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Weaponizing Government

• Deep State, banks, Big Tech collude to track your every move

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Earlier in March, Republicans in the House of Representatives held what we consider to be the most important hearing of 2024, but you wouldn't have heard about any of this if all you read was the mainstream media.

On March 7, the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government hosted a congressional hearing to look in-depth at how government agencies at all levels have been secretly working with banks, private businesses, and technology firms to keep track of what you say, where you go, and how you spend your money.

Among others, panel members included attorney Jeremy Tedesco with the Alliance Defending Freedom, George Mason University Prof. Brian Knight, and famed psychologist Dr. Jordan Peterson—all of whom testified that they had been personally targeted by the government, their banks, and Big Tech.

Tedesco testified, “Americans have good reason to fear that essential financial services could be abruptly canceled based on the exercise of their First Amendment freedoms.”

He added, “This subcommittee has unearthed documents showing that our country's largest banks are working with law enforcement to profile Americans as domestic terror threats if they buy religious texts or firearms or



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support Donald Trump.”

Tedesco went on to document case after case that revealed how federal agencies have been funding tools for the financial sector and social media to go after what they claim is “misinformation” and “hate speech”—euphemisms for what used to be called unfettered debate in this country.

Perhaps the most shocking testimony came from Knight, who revealed how, for years, banks have been quietly filing reports with the federal government on any activity they consider to be suspicious—even if the banking transactions never violated any laws.

“Financial firms are providing a massive amount of information to the government,” stated Knight. “For example, in 2022, they submitted approximately 4.3 million suspicious

activity reports [to the federal government].”

It is important to emphasize that these practices are all being done secretly without the knowledge of the account holder.

“Even the Right to Financial Privacy Act, which was intended to allow people to challenge the provision of financial records to the government in court under most circumstances, exempts SARs [suspicious activity reports],” added Knight. “The only time a person is likely to know they were the target of a SAR is if they are being prosecuted.”

Peterson also testified at length before the committee, revealing how not even a world-traveling, multi-millionaire celebrity doctor is exempt from the ever-watchful eye of Deep State surveillance.

Recently, Peterson had to undergo “mandatory social media training” in Canada or lose his license to practice psychology after a court ruled the government has the power to compel him to attend a Soviet-style re-education camp. What was Peterson's crime? He simply spoke out against the oppressive Covid-19 lockdowns in his country and stood up for free speech.

Peterson pointed out that:

The so-called Chinese Social Credit System ... awards its involuntary participants with a score indicating their compliance with the dictates of the Chinese Communist Party, allowing for full control over access to everything they possess electronically, most ominously their savings and access to travel, certainly by modern means of travel, but increasingly, as the electronic gates come up, even by walking.

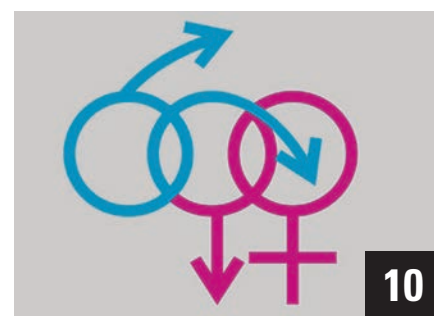
“We in the West are walking, step by step, in the same direction, partly because ... any problem whatsoever that now confronts us can easily be used to justify the increasing reach of the security and nanny state,” warned Peterson. ★

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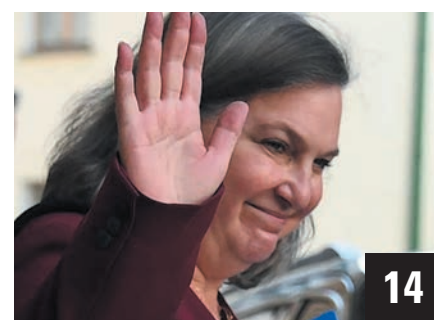
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