## Defund the Bullies

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In every schoolyard there is at least one person who is known as a bully. These individuals usually have some deep-seated problem at home that affects how they relate to their peers at school. They use various forms of intimidation to maintain the control they do not have at home. In fact, they are very helpless in their home environment which creates the frustration that characterizes their behavior at school. This seems like a simplistic way of describing those who are in charge of bullying average citizens in our country today, but it is still apropos.

The reality is that today's bullies in politics, education, commerce, and the media cannot tolerate anyone who holds a position that is contrary to theirs. So just like the schoolyard bully, "it's their way or the highway" and those who refuse to "fall in line" with their propaganda, can find job prospects or job security threatened, current status in society undermined, and even the well-being of family members and friends under siege.

Shaming, intimidating, and censoring are key weapons in the arsenal of a modern-day bully. These tactics allows them to deflect and distract from the facts; leaving them unchallenged and free to twist the truth on any subject. This behavior is justified, or excused, because they are "on the right side" of any significant issue. In most cases however, they are incapable of coherently articulating why they take the position they do. If they engaged in a thoughtful debate, they might not resort to various forms of "shaming, intimidating, or censoring those who The latter has sinister disagree with them". consequences because many lives can be harmed by this self-righteous and cavalier approach to important matters as the following media outlet confirms,

University of Michigan professor Justin Wolfers and dozens of other academics are leading a massive effort to have a senior faculty member at the University of Chicago removed from his position at the world's preeminent economics journal – all because he criticized Black Lives Matter's effort to defund police departments, saying proponents of that plan were akin to "flat-earthers and creationists."

The attack on a leading academic at the University of Chicago, traditionally a bastion of free speech and no-nonsense conservative economic theory, comes as swarms of leftwing activists have successfully secured numerous firings across the country for viewpoints they deem politically unacceptable (http://www.foxnews.com/politics/paul-krugman-professors-demand-top-economist-lose-his-job-for-criticizing-black-lives-matter).

There is little difference between the actions described above, and those employed by totalitarian governments that punish citizens who disagree with their rhetoric and policies. Both are the tactics of bullies who have something to hide, or are simply trying to control the narrative. For example, the CCP initiated their Social Credit System that is designed to punish anyone who speaks out against the regime,

As of June 2019, according to the National Development and Reform Commission of China, 27 million air tickets as well as 6 million high-speed rail tickets have been denied to people who were deemed "untrustworthy" (on a blacklist). In general, it takes 2-5 years to be removed from the blacklist, but early removal is also possible if the blacklisted person has done enough remedies. Certain personal information of the blacklisted people is deliberately made accessible to the public, and displayed online, including venues such as movie theaters and buses. Some cities have also banned children of "untrustworthy"

residents from attending private schools and even universities

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social\_Credit\_S ystem).

Again, public "shaming, intimidation, and censoring" are powerful tools in the arsenal of those who wish to enforce their viewpoint or political bias, and for those who may have the ability to defund the CCP, please review our article entitled "Delegitimize Totalitarianism".

To summarize so far, academia can be bullies, political ideologies can be bullies and, as the next reference will show, individual leaders can be bullies as they attempt to "shame, intimidate, and censor" anyone who disagrees with their point of view,

Democratic congresswoman Maxine Waters, calling for attacks on the Trump administration at a rally in Los Angeles on Saturday, (said): "If you see anybody from that Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd and you push back on them, and you tell them they're not welcome anymore." (https://www.nationalreview.com/the-morning-jolt/maxine-waters-political-violence).

So it's acceptable to incite mob violence if the end goal is "noble" enough? With this mentality, anything can be justified, including so-called "protests" that lead to injury, death, and the destruction of property. This has already occurred throughout the past year in some American cities that have been attacked by groups like Black Lives Matter and Antifa. These too are bullies because it is "their way" or be prepared to lose your life or livelihood, if necessary. Sadly, many big corporations and politicians support these violent groups. Why? Because just like the schoolyard analogy, some

students prefer to be on the "good side" of the bully because he/she is less likely to harass them,

The Democrats' vice presidential candidate was a huckster for a bail fund that sought to free violent criminals who were rioting on the streets of Minneapolis, and she was very effective at it. In the wake of deadly fires and looting, Harris asked her five million plus Twitter followers to donate money to bail out the "protesters" arrested in the riots. Let's meet a few of the beneficiaries of (this):

Among those bailed out by the Minnesota Freedom Fund (MFF) is a suspect who shot police, a woman accused of killing a friend, and a twice convicted sex offender, according to court records reviewed by the FOX 9 investigators.

Jaleel Stallings shot at members of a SWAT Team during the riots in May. Police recovered a modified pistol that looks like an AK-47. MFF paid \$ 75,000 in cash to get Stallings out of jail.

Darnika Floyd is charged with second degree murder, for stabbing a friend to death. MFF paid \$ 100,000 cash for her release.

Christopher Boswell, a twice convicted rapist, is currently charged with kidnapping, assault, and sexual assault in two separate cases. MFF paid \$ 350,000 in cash for his release. (https://thefederalist.com/2020/08/31/meet-the-rioting-criminals-kamala-harris-helped-bail-out-of-jail)

So releasing criminals is a tactic used by some in our ruling class so they can continue their campaign of bullying those who disagree with them. Some leaders in commerce also finance movements that cause harm to citizens. According to an article in "The Daily Signal": the following companies have donated to Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation, which has either influenced or directly participated in acts

of violence (see article entitled: Face facts: 'Black Lives Matter' is all about hate – https://nypost.com/2020/09/24/face-factsblack-lives-matter-is-all-about-hate),

**DoorDash** gave \$500,000 to the organization. **Deckers** stated: "To show immediate support, we are donating a total of \$ 500,000 to the following organizations," the clothing company said, listing seven organizations, including "Black Lives Matter Foundation".

**Amazon** identified BLM Global Network Foundation as among 12 groups that would get a total of \$10 million from the online retail giant.

**Gatorade**, the sports drink maker, identified BLM Global Network Foundation as being among groups benefiting from a \$ 500,000 donation.

**Microsoft Corp.** announced June 5 that it would donate \$ 250,000 to the "Black Lives Matter Foundation"

**Glossier,** a skin care and makeup company, said in a May 30 press release that it would divide \$ 500,000 among five organizations, including "Black Lives Matter."

**23andMe**, a biotech company stated it would donate to "Black Lives Matter."

**Airbnb** announced on Twitter that the shortterm lodging company was splitting a \$ 500,000 donation between the NAACP and the "@Blklivesmatter Foundation."

**Unilever** – two London-based Unilever brands of personal hygiene, **Axe and Degree**, pledged a total of \$ 350,00 to the BLM Global Network Foundation.

**Bungie Inc.** didn't provide a dollar amount, but the video game developer said it would make "financial contributions" to six organizations linked to the BLM Global Network Foundation.

For the sake of space and time, the following companies have also committed funds to BLM:

Nabisco, Dropbox, Fitbit, Devolver Digital, Skillshare, Square Enix, Thatgamecompany, Tinder, and Cisco. (dailysignal.com/2020/07/these-18corporations-gave-money-to-black-lives-matter).

Therefore, any "peace-loving citizen" should seriously consider defunding companies that contribute to any organization associated with shaming, intimidating, censoring, and violence. Specifically, do your utmost not to purchase goods or services from them, as hard as that might be in this day and age.

Another group of bullies, aka "Big Tech", not only want to influence and control the thinking of fellow citizens for power and profit, they also want to punish and intimidate other competitors,

The Google-owned video sharing platform *YouTube* has demonetized numerous independent media accounts, a jarring escalation the steadily intensifying in campaign against alternative news outlets online. Progressive commentators Graham Elwood, The Progressive Soapbox, The Convo Couch, Franc Analysis, Hannah Reloaded and Cyberdemon531 have all received notifications from YouTube that their videos are no longer permitted to earn money through the platform's various monetization features, as has Ford Fischer, a respected freelancer who films U.S. political demonstrations. explanation has been offered for this decision beyond the vague claim that "your channel is not in line with our YouTube Partner policies" due to "harmful content." (Consortium News; by Caitlin Johnstone; Volume 26, Number 57, February 26, 2021).

Again, consumers of Big Tech services need to find alternative sources for information, or to conduct their business. In God's word, it is clear that tyranny will only end when it is defunded. One of the greatest bullies in man's history is referred to metaphorically as "Babylon the Great." This is a conglomeration of government, commerce, propaganda, and religion that only survives as long as it is able to deceive and

exploit the majority of those under its influence. The language used in the following section of scripture is figurative and not meant literally. Instead, it portrays the abuses of those in power and the consequences for everyone under their influence and control.

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me (John), saying, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, <sup>2</sup>with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication (lawless conduct/practices), and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk (negatively affected) with the wine (intoxicating allure) of her fornication" (Rev. 17:1-2; Ed. notes in parentheses; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted).

The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. <sup>5</sup>And on her forehead a name written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH (Rev. 17:4-5).

So this system of government, commerce, propaganda, and religion makes itself wealthy and powerful on the backs of average people who are essentially powerless to do much about it. Therefore, in due course, Almighty God's delegated representative, Jesus Christ, will intervene in world affairs and bring this entire system to the ground. This corrupt system not only oppresses in physical terms, it also denies and distorts the spiritual values that are essential to everlasting life (cf. Rev. 17:6; 12:9).

After these things I (John) saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. <sup>2</sup>And he cried with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen,

and has become **a habitation of demons**, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! <sup>3</sup>For all nations have drunk the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and **the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury** (Rev. 18:1-3; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

By mentioning "a habitation of demons", God is revealing who really influences the bankrupt value system of "Babylon The Great." The apostle Paul also describes these demons under the influence of their leader, Satan.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places (Eph. 6:12).

These "spiritual tyrants" will continue to hold sway over affairs on this planet until they are removed by God. The only reason they still have any power is because mankind has granted it to them by rejecting the leadership of Almighty God, through His delegated Spokesman, Jesus Christ. This first occurred when Adam and Eve rejected God's authority and chose to be led and influenced by Satan. This is described in Genesis 3:1-24, but it continued throughout the period known as the Old Testament, and will not change until Satan is removed (cf. Rev. 20:1-4). Another example of this ongoing phenomenon is described in the following scripture.

And the Lord said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but **they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them**" (1Sam. 8:7; emphasis added).

So in contrast to the "control freak", known as Satan, God allows mankind to turn their back on Him. However, Satan will not do that. Instead, he keeps all his unwitting subjects in darkness and deception because he is a cunning liar (Gen. 3:1 cf. Jn. 8:44). This darkness and deception are compared to being in a "spiritual prison".

Those who see you (Satan, in the future) will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: 'Is this the man, who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms (influenced major wars/conflicts), <sup>17</sup>Who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who would not release his prisoners?' (Isa. 14:16-17; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

When we are in spiritual darkness, through Satan's many forms of deception, we are incapable of seeing where we should be going. Because of this, the majority of mankind continues to travel down the wrong road that leads to everlasting death.

Enter by the narrow gate (more difficult/challenging way of living because it is contrary to Satan's value system); for wide (easy to follow along) is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. <sup>14</sup>Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life (everlasting), and there are few who find it (Mt. 7:13-14; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Even those who trust and obey God's word, still have a difficult time living in "Babylon The Great" because its value system is contrary to the law and commandments of Almighty God. Nonetheless, when it comes to the bullying tactics of Satan's many minions in government, commerce, media, religion, and academia, everyone has choices they can make to avoid supporting these same bullies as much as

possible. At the end of the day however, all these efforts will not be enough to bring down the entire corrupt conglomeration, which God describes as central to "this present evil age" (Gal. 1:4). Instead, it will take intervention from Almighty God. This is detailed in numerous prophecies, including Isaiah 2:1-4.

May Almighty God, the Father, speed the day of Christ's return to bring peace, happiness, and true equity to all mankind (Mt. 6:10 cf. Mt. 24:36; Mk. 13:32). Christ will achieve this by teaching and enforcing his Father's law and commandments.

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