

CMU SAYS NO!

"It is.. very clear to any student here who exists in a marginalized capacity that CMU does not have our best interests at heart. I have story after story after story from myself and other students, but CMU and Marshall will never take them seriously, mostly because they are anecdotal and they care about 'free speech'. Not to mention that Marshall has said in many of my classes that anonymous feedback will not be heard by him because he doesn't respect anyone who won't tell him about a problem to his face. Which means that any student who is not willing to make themselves known and potentially become a target will not have their concerns heard."

—CMU Student



"So I suppose the only thing that makes me feel sore is The Turning Point. They are directly against my beliefs. Now that they have had a hand in inviting Taylor, I feel as if it's clear where they really stand. Clubs should be allowed to exist but they also should be aware that people can and will disagree with them. Let's hope their arguments are sharp because I know mine will be."

—CMU Student

"It's shameful that President John Marshall used such vague language in his letter to the school. I wish he would have explicitly condemned white nationalism, racism, and eugenics. I wish he would have explicitly stated his support and solidarity for our marginalized students."

I don't think it's a stretch to say that the demographic of people that uplift this kind of rhetoric are also the kind of people that commit acts of domestic terror. It makes me feel less safe as a student when I'm on campus as someone with anti-racist, feminist, and anti-capitalist values.

There is a palpable bias in the types of speakers that CMU and clubs bring to campus. I want to see that change. I want marginalized groups like differently able students, students of color, atheist students, and the like to start inviting people to speak on campus that represent real CMU values."

—CMU Student

"I canceled my annual donation to the alumni association, I can't support my alma mater if they are platforming hate."

—CMU Alumni

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Rowdy posing with TPUSA-CMU, to the left of Rowdy is Max Applebaum, the president of the Western Culture Club bringing Jared Taylor to campus.

CMU Fostering a Climate of Hate

By Jacob Richards

A new campus club, the "Western Culture Club," appeared on campus in early March promoting a talk by Jared Taylor to be held at Colorado Mesa University later in March. Taylor is an avowed white supremacist and author, and this is just the latest escalation by bigots on campus, seemingly with the blessing of the CMU administration.

When students started a new semester at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction on January 20th, the same day that Trump took office, the campus seemed different.

Emboldened by the inauguration of an openly racist and openly fascistic president, racist students on the campus have begun a now months-long sticker campaign. The stickers call on students to fulfill "civic duty" to "report any and all illegal aliens" to Immigrations and Customs Enforcement.

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The design of the sticker dates back to a sticker and poster campaign in 2018 by Vanguard America (VA), which first appeared in Queens, New York. VA has since rebranded as Patriot Front, after a VA member drove their car into a crowd of counter-protestors at the 2017 "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, North Carolina, killing Heather Heyer and injuring 35 others. This will tie in later; just remember the stickers on campus are tied to a group that has carried out terrorist attacks and is now known as Patriot Front.

The first stickers went up on CMU campus just days after the inauguration, and then "they became very widespread in the beginning weeks of February," said a CMU student we are going to call Ezekiel. Sightings of stickers increased

in frequency in the first days in February and coincided with the student group Turning Point USA hosting an ongoing series of controversial 'gotcha' polls. Polls like "Can a man become a woman?," "Do you support Mass Deportation?," and "Should Free-Speech protect Hate-Speech?"

Turning Point USA is a national conservative non-profit that promotes far-right political ideologies in high schools and colleges around the nation. Founded by Charlie Kirk in 2012, both Kirk and the organization have since regularly sparked controversy with their close ties to the alt-right and their own racist rhetoric.

"Some chuds love them [the polls], engaging in the echo chamber. Others avoid them like the plague," said Ezekiel. "The reality of the matter is their mere presence on campus inspires fascists. It creates an environment in which racism and threats are normalized."

"I did engage with them once," said a student we will call Ramona. "They claim it's free-speech, but the way they talk to people is not okay."

Numerous students and community members have reached out to the administration with concerns about the hate speech being tolerated on campus.

"This particular group follows Charlie Kirk... [he] is an activist that asks tough questions," wrote Jody Diers, Vice President of Student Services in an email response to a student's concerns.

"What Jody says is extremely dismissive, honestly it's siding with [TPUSA-CMU]," said a student we are

going to call Sarah. "It's her enabling it, it's her agreeing with it, it's her allowing it to happen... it's grossly dismissive."

Another student wrote to Diers: "I am fully aware that [TPUSA-CMU] being there is free speech and was approved through proper channels, but let's not act like them spewing hate speech and actively verbally and physically harassing students is okay. Is CMU aligned with their actions by allowing this to continue on campus property?"

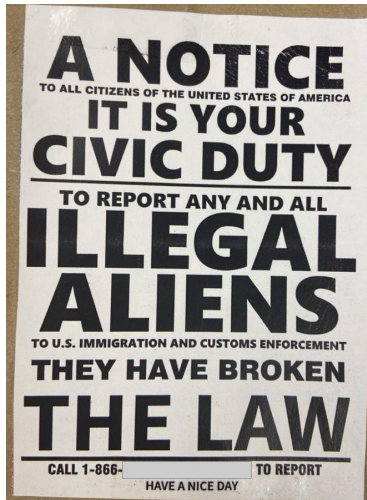
The concerned student continued, "Hate-speech is not protected in free speech when it's used to confront specific people in a face-to-face matter... It is clearly understood that hate speech is defined by hateful, harmful, and discriminatory language directed towards a marginalized group of people—which is exactly what's happening here."

Additionally, free-speech doesn't protect "fighting words," according to the Supreme Court in their 1942 decision, *Chaplinsky vs New Hampshire*. Fighting words are words said in public that are likely to incite violence, and they are their own crime: disorderly conduct. Denying whole groups the right to exist sure seems like fighting words to us at The Rev.

Students have yet to get a response from CMU President John Marshall, about the stickers and the gotcha polls, but he did release a statement calling white supremacists

"controversial" and encouraging peaceful opposition, ie tolerance.

Then on February 22, after weeks



Vanguard America (Patriot Front) linked stickers started appearing days after Trump's inauguration.



TPUSA-CMU 'Gotcha Poll' on Mass Deportation.

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Graham also interns at the GJ chamber of commerce. They can be contacted at 970-242-3224. Feel free to bring up the Chamber's other misdeeds catalogued here:

<https://gjchamber.info/bigotryintimidation/>

Other places to contact:

Submit a short comment to the You Said It column in The Daily Sentinel by email at yousaidit@gjsentinel.com

Submit a letter to the editor at the Daily Sentinel at letters@gjsentinel.com

Letters to the editor at The Criterion, CMU's student newspaper, can be submitted at criterion@coloradomesa.edu



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CMU Student Body Response

The Colorado Mesa University student body is deeply disappointed and aggravated by the decision made by president Marshall to permit white supremacist Jared Taylor to speak on campus. President Marshall claims this decision best reflects CMU's 7 values, yet agrees Jared Taylor stretches their limits.

To our president, this speaker is a test to CMU's resiliency of hate and upholding of dignity. But to our community, it is a warning about a growing epidemic of hate that must be contained. Allowing Jared Taylor on campus is a failure to do so. President Marshall makes it clear the position of a university is to avoid dictating presenters for student clubs.

However, in times when clubs worship morals that threaten the very lives of other students, CMU not only has the

responsibility, but the necessity to confront these ideologies in order for students to continue to believe in the merit within our values. President Marshall misunderstands the founding fathers' purpose of the first amendment. Free speech is not an encouragement for violence. Free speech is the ability to criticize and defend our individual freedoms, while not demoralizing the livelihoods of our neighbors.

The illusion that white supremacy falls under free speech elects rapists to the white house. In already unprecedented times, President Marshall has demonstrated he will stand on the sidelines of racism. John Marshall, reverse your decision or forever stain your legacy on this campus.

—Statement compiled by Multiple Outraged Students

Take Action! Make Your Voice Heard!

Editors Note: Below are some sample talking points and contact information for the CMU trustees. These folks hold the keys to the kingdom. They are public officials serving in a public role, but please be diplomatic, they are not behind any of this controversy, and they could stop it! It also contains contact for submitting a letter to the editor to the Crite or the Daily Sentinel. Make your voices heard.

Talking Points:

"Where Jared Taylor goes, violence, harassment, and intimidation follow. His American Renaissance Conference draws groups known for mob violence from around the country and the world. An event organized by a student club at Arizona State University cost the University over \$11,000 in security fees. (See source 1)"

"Our community has seen multiple incidents of racial violence over the last year, and many more in the preceding years, including a recent assault against a news reporter, a viral video of racist harassment at Five Guys, anti-Semitic flyers with threatening messages dropped in people's yards, and Patriot Front graffiti. Does the college want to continue to promote racist violence in our community?"

"Jared Taylor hosts the American Renaissance Conference every year in Montgomery Bell state park near Nashville, TN. Attendees include the violent hate group Patriot Front, many of whose members were arrested in an attempt to attack a Pride festival in Idaho. Do you want to encourage that kind of mob violence in our city? On our college campus? (2)"

"Cities and towns near the American Renaissance Conference have seen a rise in activity from other violent groups like Blood Tribe and GDL. GDL has already left flyers in residential neighborhoods in GJ attacking Jewish people. In Tennessee, they engage in violent assaults

of community members. Do you want to encourage this kind of violence here? (3)"

"When people think of Grand Junction and Colorado Mesa University, do you want them to think of the art downtown, the Hotel Maverick and Devil's Kitchen, the Colorado National Monument, river rafting, and the Grand Mesa? Or do you want them to think of broken windows, masked men with swastika flags marching in the streets, and violent assaults against nonwhite people, our Jewish and Muslim communities, and LGBTQ people?"

"Jared Taylor isn't just 'controversial,' he doesn't just hold 'objectionable views,' he isn't just an 'Alt-right influencer.' He has a track record of inciting violence and leaving broken communities in his wake. Don't let him bring violence to our town or our campus."

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of students voicing concerns about TPUSA-CMU's behavior on campus, @tpusacmu posted on Instagram a photo of Rowdy, CMU's mascot, holding a TPUSA sign with a group of TPUSA students.

This signaled to those students that have been raising concerns that the administration is not as neutral as they claimed, but rather they are actively supporting TPUSA-CMU.

Rowdy seemingly endorsing TPUSA-CMU prompted even more emails and questions from students and the community of the CMU Administration. So much so that an official response from CMU was issued.

"This was an error in judgment, and a mistake," wrote David Ludlam, Vice-President for Communications in response to a concerned student.

Students remain concerned about the racist stickers that keep showing up and the administration's unwillingness to catch the perpetrators.

"The majority of my stickers were covering theirs," said a student that we are calling Sasha. Sasha was trying to drown out their message with anti-racist messages and "reassure

vulnerable groups that there's someone resisting," they said.

Sasha was quickly pulled aside by Student Services and Maintenance and given a warning. "Were it not from my cooperation in taking my own stickers down, they would have given me a student conduct violation."

We spoke with another student off the

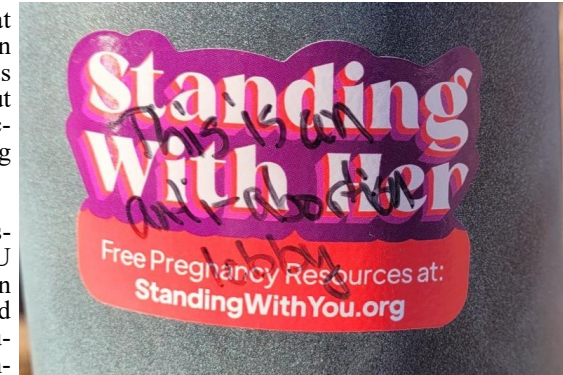
record that was also caught over-stickering the racist stickers. It begs the question: If they were able to catch the folks putting up anti-racist stickers so quickly, why can't they catch the people putting up racist stickers?

Many believe that TPUSA-CMU is behind the racist stickers.

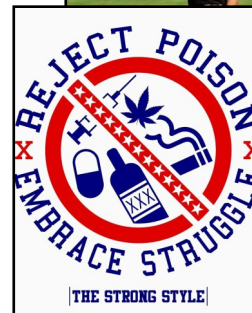
Earlier this year, at the same

time that TPUSA-CMU was actively supporting a pro-life student organization, pro-life stickers appeared all over campus. Then TPUSA-CMU started holding "gotcha polls" on mass deportation, and anti-immigrant stickers started to appear.

Jason Bias, the president of TPUSA-CMU, is more than a president of a student club. He has run two aborted campaigns for office and now serves as the co-chair of the Mesa County Republican Party. His social media accounts are awash in hateful and neo-nazi memes.



Pro-Life sticker from earlier this year. "This is an anti-abortion lobby" is tagged over it.



Above: Patriot Front drilling at Canyon View Park in 2021. Left: Patriot Front image visible in the video and seen being worn at CMU by Max Applebaum

Additionally, Max Applebaum, the president of the Western Culture Club that is bringing the white supremacist speaker to campus, also serves as secretary of TPUSA-CMU. He can be seen posing next to Rowdy, in the front page photo. Max regularly wears a Patriot Front shirt with the slogan "Resist Poison, Embrace Struggle." The slogan and imagery are linked to a Patriot Front sticker campaign in which three people were arrested in Weatherford, Texas in August of 2020.

TPUSA-CMU also has some interesting members, a number of whom look suspiciously like the young men seen on a video leaked by Unicorn Riot of Patriot Front's internal communications and materials. In the video, a dozen young men can be seen practicing

William Luther Price until his death in 2002. Price was famously the author of *The Turner Diaries*, a race-war dystopia novel widely considered the inspiration for Timothy McVeigh's Oklahoma City bombing, and an inspiration for many in the militia and neo-Nazi movements today.

Propaganda linked to Prices' National Alliance was tied to bricks and thrown in hundreds of people's yards across the Grand Valley in October of 2003. By 2005 the NA had rebranded as National Vanguard, and their propaganda was regularly found on Mesa State College campus. In 2006, National Vanguard literature was again plastered on the campus and downtown Grand Junction as well, according to a March 2006 issue of the now defunct publication, "The Red Pill."

"The administration either agrees with



February 13 social media post on Jason Bias' Facebook page. The same meme was also posted to TPUSA-CMU's Instagram account. It has since been taken down from both accounts.

Racist fliers litter Clifton

Headline from the October 27, 2003, *Daily Sentinel*.

military marching and wounded carry drills at Canyon View Park in 2021. The leak also contained video and pictures of Patriot Front participating in a graffiti campaign in Palisade. We could not 100% confirm TPUSA-CMU members are the same young racist training in the video, but the resemblances are uncanny. One man is wearing the same Patriot Front shirt A

Patriot Front and its predecessor organizations have long been active in the Grand Valley and the college's campus.

Patriot Front used to be Vanguard America, the source of the sticker now showing up on campus. Vanguard America used to be National Vanguard, and National Vanguard used to be National Alliance. National Alliance was founded and run by

TPUSA, Charlie Kirk, and the resegregation of America, or they are asleep at the wheel," said Ezekiel. "It's about time the CMU administration takes a side. Are they going to protect their students or are they going to roll over?"

The Rev has reached out to both the CMU Administration and Jason Bias for comment, and have not heard back from them by the time we went to print.

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Meet Jared Taylor: Fascist

By Nikoli Weir

Jared Taylor is an American white supremacist and the founder of American Renaissance, a neo-Nazi organization. For decades his views have existed on the margins of society, but due to the failures of the billionaire ruling class to take care of the American people, more and more are flocking to the once defeated banner of fascism.

For Taylor and his allies, places like Grand Junction are fertile recruiting ground; we are a rural area that many community members feel has been left behind by the wealthy elites that govern us from Denver and Washington DC. It is the perfect place to recruit disaffected and disillusioned Americans that don't know what to do.

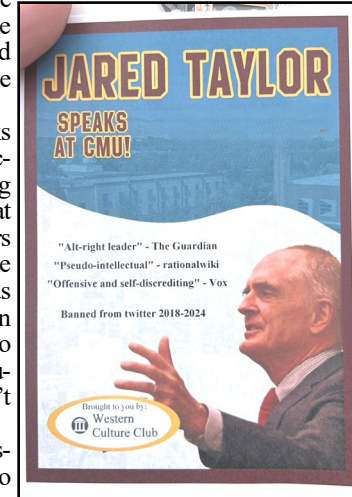
But make no mistake, Taylor is not a friend to the American people. He has gone on record saying things like "Blacks and whites are different. When blacks are left entirely to their own devices, Western civilization — any kind of civilization — disappears." This rhetoric, which pits Black Americans and white Americans against each other, is the opposite of the robust and strong democracy that most working class Americans want.

Make no mistake; Jared Taylor is an enemy of the American people, regardless of their race. If he had his way he would bring back segregation and Jim Crow. He wants to divide the American people and keep them fighting each other so that they never realize who their real enemy is. That enemy is the billionaire class.

There is no place for people like Taylor in a civilized and freedom loving society; he is a threat to liberty loving people everywhere. Colorado Mesa University President John Marshall choosing to allow Taylor to speak on campus is a choice to side with the fascists and against the American people. It does not matter that he has "condemned" Taylor; actions speak louder than words, and Marshall's actions have done nothing except embolden the fascist menace.

Decades ago, we went to war against the fascists,

and we won. Today we have awoken and found the fascists at our door again. The working people of America must unite around the struggle against fascism, for only a strong working class movement can drive the fascists, who are the thugs of the billionaire class, from our shores and back to the putrid caves that they crawled out of.



Statement Concerning Protest Plans

The community has learned that white supremacist Jared Taylor will be speaking at CMU the evening of March 27, and many people have asked what plans are being made to protest.

Currently, several community groups are working with student orgs on a range of responses for the day. While these plans are organized, please trust the process and keep your calendars open for March 27. Details will become available as plans advance. It's important that students, especially, are

able to steer any protest efforts.

If you or a group you're in is interested in countering the upcoming event please email us, to be put in touch with those people already organizing specific actions.

Thank You!
—The Jared Taylor Unwelcoming Committee