

AACONS Interviews Allen West (April 2024)

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Today, our guest is Lieutenant Colonel Allen West, who served his country honorably in uniform for 22 years and upon retirement, continued to serve his country in a number of roles from [00:01:00] Congressional Representative from Florida to Chair of the Republican Party of Texas, and now to the incoming Chair of the Dallas County Republican Party.

He is the author of three books, frequent commentator and columnist, as well as host of the Steadfast and Loyal podcast. And he serves as Executive Director of the American Constitutional Rights Union. Welcome back to the show, Allen.

Allen West: Marie, it's always a pleasure to be with you. Thank you very much.

Marie Stroughter: On April the 1st, Israel attacked Iranian personnel in Syria, leveling the Iranian consulate and killing several members of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. It exacerbated the growing anti Israel sentiment here in the United States and across the globe and necessitated a response from Iran. Many might view it as ill advised. So why do it?

Allen West: Let me just go back [00:02:00] to history, uh, Admiral Yamamoto was the one that was the mastermind behind the attack of Pearl Harbor on December 7th of 1941. When United States military intelligence found out that he was going to be traveling on an airplane somewhere in between the, uh, Japanese control islands there in the Pacific, they dispatched fighter aircraft and they shot him down out of the sky.

Um, that's what war is all about. And so these individuals that Israel attack who were outside of Iran in Syria, uh, they were the masterminds behind what happened on October the 7th of 2023. And we should know that without a doubt that Iran had their fingerprints all over it, not just financing and resourcing.

Hamas, but also providing that, uh, strategic level capability and, and, uh, tactical intelligence and probably even more weaponry so that they could do it. And we know that they provide them the rockets and missiles as well as Hezbollah. So what, uh, Israel [00:03:00] did was exactly what we did to the mastermind of Pearl Harbor.

And furthermore, What the United States of America did to Qasem Soleimani, a general who is also, uh, one of those individuals listed on the terrorist watch list. I think the Al Quds force of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps is designated, uh, terrorist organization. And he was responsible for many of the deaths of American troops in Iraq, based upon these explosive force penetrators, a very deadly improvised explosive device.

The he enabled, uh, a lot of the Shiite militia groups and Islamic terrorist groups in Iraq to be able to get their hands on. So Israel was absolutely right in doing what they were supposed to do, because these were people that were part of the plan that killed 1200 of his citizens on October the 7th of 2023.

Now, recently Iran fired 350 missiles at Israel, and almost all of which [00:04:00] were shot down by Israel's Iron Dome missile defense system. Do you think it was a face saving retaliation by Iran for Israel's recent killing of Iranian officials in Syria? Yeah, without a doubt, Iran had to do something to try to look like, Hey, you know, we're, we're not just going to take this sitting down.

And you saw the same type of response after we killed general Suleimani, where they basically fired rockets and missiles and just hit dirt. They didn't really want to hit anything of consequence because they knew Donald Trump would strike them back. But what is really disconcerting is now you read multiple reports.

that the United States of America knew of Iran's intentions to conduct this attack. Uh, it was conveyed through, uh, the Turkish foreign minister over to our Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, and it appears that, uh, the White House said that they would allow Iran to conduct this attack. you know, take a retaliatory stance within certain limits.[00:05:00]

And yes, I mean, it's pretty, you know, amazing that all of these groups, all of these countries came together to make sure that none of these rockets and missiles, which some did fail to even properly launch, uh, to strike Israel, Israel's territory. But for Joe Biden to say that you should take that as a win.

Uh, I don't think as someone that I knew conducted a drive by shooting of my house, uh, and the police said, you know, you shouldn't press charges. You should take it as a win because no one inside your house was killed. Uh, I'm going to find that person and retaliate against it because who's to say they won't try to do something similar or even a greater at a later point in time.

So yes, Israel has to do something to defend itself against a, uh, Iran. And I think one of the most important things once again, it's. To undermine their capability capacity to be able to export their military powers outside of their, uh, their own borders.

Marie Stroughter: And on that topic, I'm just going to put in a little plug for you. You did [00:06:00] recently do a monologue on take the win. So our listeners should go to AllenWest.substack.com to see what you had to say about our president saying, take the win.

Allen West: Thank you.

Marie Stroughter: Do you predict that the failure of Iran's missile attack will be discouraging to its allies such as Hezbollah or will it cause Iran to double down on more anti- Israel terrorism?

Allen West: I think they're going to continue to work hard against, uh, against Israel. And another thing that recently happened that was very encouraging and emboldening to the Ayatollah Khamenei, and he even went to social media about it, was the UN resolution that was trying to force a ceasefire against Israel, uh, in their fight against Hamas, which is backed by Iran, just the same as Hezbollah.

Continue to fire rockets and missiles from Southern Lebanon into Israel. But anyhow, on that, uh, resolution, the United States of America voted [00:07:00] to abstain. You know, it reminds me of the Somba rush. You know, you can choose not to decide. You still have made a choice and the choice that the United States, American Biden administration made, uh, in abstaining in the U S security council was basically to say that, uh, they are not going to back our number one ally.

They, they really believe that, you know, Israel should not put the, uh, the full. Uh, pressure on Hamas, which is a designated terrorist organization. And then in this charter, it says it exists to exterminate, eradicate, eliminate the Jewish people in the nation state of Israel. So you can't have a neighbor like that.

And remember in 2005, Israel pulled out of Gaza and Hamas became the governing authority there. So yes, I still believe that there is, is a division. Between the United States of America and Israel, and that's how the Iranians see it. That's how Hamas, Hezbollah sees it. And as long as we continue to have pro Hamas, you know, rallies and people chanting death to [00:08:00] America and death to Israel here in the United States of America, there's no consequences or ramifications thereof.

Yeah, we have a division and our enemies clearly see that.

Marie Stroughter: Israel warned before the attack that it would strike Iranian targets, possibly against nuclear sites in response. And as we speak, it's preparing to do so. Do you think we'll see this happen? And would it be an unnecessary escalation if it does?

Allen West: No, I don't think it's an unnecessary escalation. I think that you have already seen a violation of The international rule of law, when you had a nation that fired rocks and missiles against another nation, just the same as you see the same violation of a Russia going into a Ukraine. But it's funny that all the leftists, they're all on the side of Ukraine, all these movie stars and everyone going over and we've elevated, uh, Vladimir Zelensky into this, uh, cult figure, but yet, uh, on the other side with [00:09:00] Israel, you've got the number one Jewish, uh, highly highest ranking elected official in the country, Chuck Schumer saying that Netanyahu needs to step down and he needs to be replaced.

Uh, I don't get it other than the fact that I believe that the Democrat party and definitely the progressive socialists left. Are a party of anti Semitism and for whatever reason, these leftists and Marxists are very comfortable with aligning with Islamic jihadists and even with Iran. And going back to the Obama administration, you saw the policy there was to send, uh, in the middle of the night in an unmarked airplane, a pallets of, uh, launder cash.

And the Biden administration has continued on the same practice, uh, estimates between 20 to 60 billion. They have restored Iran's economy. They have eased up on the oil sanctions so that once again, they're making boatloads of money. Their number one customer customer is China for the oil and gas resources.

So, you know, yeah, I [00:10:00] think that Israel has to take all of these things into consideration and that. No one is cutting off the pipeline to Iran. And at some point in time, they're going to have to do this. But the key thing, again, when you have a Biden administration said that they're not going to support a retaliatory action, that's a long flight, uh, from Israel over to, um, to Iran.

There are many different aspects of airspace you have to cross. Will they be able to coordinate that airspace? Will they have the proper aerial refueling assets? Will they have additional intelligence support to be able to go and do that? Not just Israeli intelligence, but other intelligence agencies. So this is something that the world should get behind them on because Iran is an enemy of the world.

Marie Stroughter: Israel has said that it will go into the populated Gazan city of Rafah in order to root out and eliminate Hamas. Is the Rafah invasion wise, given [00:11:00] the opposition to it by the Biden administration, as you pointed out?

Allen West: Yes, it's very wise, because why would you leave your enemy on the battlefield?

Uh, this thing has to be about eliminating the Hamas threat, completely undermining and making sure that they don't exist as a threat to Israel. I find it very interesting that the senior leadership of Hamas does this. It's not in Gaza. They are in Qatar. Uh, just the same as previous to returning back to Afghanistan, the senior leadership of the Taliban was in Qatar.

So I don't see Qatar as a friend to Israel, definitely not a friend to the United States of America. But yes, you have to eliminate that threat out of, uh, out of the Gaza Strip. And I don't think Israel wants to stay in Gaza. They don't want to occupy Gaza, but they want to make sure that at some point in time, uh, There is some type of multinational force, maybe a multi Arab force that comes in there.

Maybe the Egyptian army will come across the border [00:12:00] and take over the proprietary security of Gaza to make sure that no more Islamic terrorist organizations arise there. But without a doubt, Hamas cannot be left on this battlefield.

Marie Stroughter: When Iran's attack on Israel became imminent, President Biden, in response to a question about what message he had for Iran, said, "Don't."

How shocked were you that this was not a more effective deterrent? And why wasn't it enough to prevent an attack?

Allen West: Well, it's interesting. You have this little meme that shows William Shatner from Star Trek. You know, it says, "This is my shocked face." Uh, you know, it's no longer shocking anymore. I mean, this is just like Barack Obama, his infamous red line in Syria, which of course everyone went back and forth across three or four or five times.

So yes, the Biden administration comes out, Joe Biden says, don't, uh, Anthony Blinken, who is really the epitome of a Delta [00:13:00] male says, "Don't." and Lloyd Austin says "Don't" and guess what they do. So, uh, again, that just shows the lack of credibility, the lack of respect and regard that our enemies have for this Biden administration.

And that's why, you know, from now till November and this election is going to be very precarious situation because. If you don't have a United States of America that is, let's be honest, feared and respected, especially in a region where they only understand strength and might, we're going to see even more of these type of actions and activities.

And furthermore, we, uh, you know, have seen, I've read and heard about a, uh, a communication, a statement that was made by the leader of Hamas in Qatar that said that, you know, their attack back in October the 7th, uh, basically showed and laid a pathway for China to be able to take a move in an action because they feel that they've neutralized any type of American [00:14:00] support.

Marie Stroughter: Well, that answers my next question. What role do you see Iran's most two important allies, China and Russia having played in Iran's attack on Israel? And what role do you foresee them having if the Iran israel conflict escalates into an all out war as opposed to the lobbying of bombs we've seen thus far?

Allen West: Well, you think about it this way, you know, George Santayana the famed spanish political philosopher said that "Those who failed to learn from history are doomed to repeat it." Uh, let's just take what's going on right now. And let's go back to the mid to late 1930s. Uh, you saw the rise of a European power, uh, access power, Germany.

Today is Russia. You saw the rise of an Asia Pacific, um, you know, power. And then it was Japan. Now it's China. You saw the rise of a, maybe a little

lesser of a power, but that was, uh, Italy, fascist Italy under Mussolini. And [00:15:00] today is Iran. Uh, and then you throw on top of that, the Islamic jihadists, those non state non uniformed religious still supported by, uh, an organization like a country like Iran and also the trans national narco criminal terrorists, uh, known as the cartels who will work with anybody to pay some money.

So history was repeating itself in that. When you think about the regional battles and fights that occurred, you know, Germany going across and, you know, seizing the Rhineland and then going into the Sudetenland, going into Czechoslovakia. Then the next day, you know, they're going to Poland. When you look at, you know, Japan initially, you know, extending themselves and going into, into China.

And then of course, going down into the Philippines. Uh, you look at Ethiopia, the extent, I mean, uh, Italy and going into Ethiopia. So these bigger things always start with smaller regional conflagrations, and then they grow into a greater hegemonic quest for dominance. And all you have to [00:16:00] do is read China's One Belt, One Road strategy and tells you exactly what they want.

First regional, and then local. Global hegemonic dominance. And I think the same thing because Vladimir Putin said the greatest disappointment, uh, of the 20th century for him was the fall of collapse of the Soviet union. So to, to try to restore that, that'd be something that he is much, very much so after.

Uh, and we know that Iran wants to be the regional hegemonic power in the middle East. And that's why they're trying to create this land bridge that comes from Iran through Iraq to Syria, which takes them to, uh, to the Mediterranean. And the Russians also support that because they want a warm weather port there in the Mediterranean.

And without a doubt, Iran could not have done what they did without notifying China. And I'm sure Xi Jinping gave his approval. And you know that the Ayatollah has visited China. Vladimir Putin has visited China. So this axis is forming. And if the United States of America doesn't step up [00:17:00] as the major ally on the opposing side, Sadly, we were forced to go into that position on December 7th, 1941.

And when you have an open border, such as we have right now, I don't want to see it repeat. Of a December 7, 1941, or a September 11th of 2001

Marie Stroughter: Well and to your point, you've been sounding the alarm for quite some time that we're seeing single, uh, single military age males from China coming through. So, yeah,

Allen West: You know when you think about you know the number that people throw out and I always put these numbers In terms of military, you know, American military, uh, platforms, folks say, okay, there's 35 to 40, 000 single military age, Chinese males who have come into this country illegally.

That is the equivalent of about three infantry divisions, light infantry divisions here in the United States of America of our army. When you talk about the fact that you have. [00:18:00] What, five to 600, 000 single military age males in total, uh, that is almost a number greater than what we have in the active duty United States army.

Plus the active duty of the United States Marine Corps. When you talk about 1.5 to 2 million gotaways, people that are here, we don't know who they are, where they are, what they're doing. That is a number that is greater than the total. Active duty strength that the Biden administration is proposing in this fiscal year 2025 budget I mean these numbers are unconscionable and then on top of that Think about the fact that you just recently had a federal judge in illinois saying that Illegal immigrants have a right to the second amendment.

So in other words, we're saying 35 to 40 000 single military age males chinese Illegally in this country should be able to go out and purchase a weapon This is how crazy is getting in the United States from there. Now, President [00:19:00] Biden has called on Prime Minister Netanyahu to re, uh, to institute as much as an eight week unilateral ceasefire in its efforts against the terrorist group Hamas, which has reportedly already killed Israeli and American hostages.

Why would President Biden call for that when Hamas has been explicit in its determination to rebuild for another eight weeks? October 7th terrorist attack against Israel because it's political. Now, when you have Michael Moore going on, you know, camera, uh, and saying that Joe Biden, you're going to lose because of your support to Israel.

And when you look at a state like Michigan. Uh, Oh, by the way, what I said, Dearborn, Michigan, where they had a rally where they were chanting death to America, death to Israel, burning American flags. And you think about the Hamas propagandists and supporter that represents that area, Dearborn, Michigan were seated to leave.

And the [00:20:00] fact that you had all of those uncommitted votes, I think it was between 20 to 25, 000 uncommitted votes for Biden in the Michigan primary. This is all political. Uh, and, and the left is concerned about this. Why do you see the, the left not standing up and taking a harder position against these pro Hamas, uh, you know, supporters?

These are people that are aiding and abetting, uh, an enemy of the United States of America. These are people that are providing material support and comfort to the enemy, a terrorist organization. Uh, if you're an American citizen that is treason, And it should be a, it's a felony offense. If you're not an American citizen, you should be deported.

When you're talking about overthrowing our government, that we have a rotten system of governance here in United States of America, which is what that person in Dearborn, Michigan said, that's sedition. But you're not hearing those things coming out of the Biden administration because they don't want to politically upset the leftist, the Marxist, who have all of a sudden decided that they're going to side [00:21:00] with Hamas and not with Israel.

And so Joe Biden is, is trying to walk a very delicate line. It really is walking on a razor's edge because you know, he wants to somewhat seem like he supports Israel. Which many in the Jewish community is starting to, you know, see through it in question. And he's trying to show that he is going to, you know, try to put some kind of restraints or constraints on Israel to try to appease the pro Hamas left.

And it's not working in either way, shape, form, or fashion.

Marie Stroughter: You recently spoke at St. Louis University about the Israel Hamas conflict and met with a protest, not the first time at that university, who distributed a flyer calling you anti- Muslim, xenophobic, gay bashing, transphobic, a denier of women's right to bodily autonomy, yadda yadda yadda, I don't know. How do we [00:22:00] begin to address this assault on free speech on our campuses?

Allen West: But the one thing that you forgot, they also put a swastika on my lapel.

Marie Stroughter: Well, and you know, it's funny that you say that because DK and I, in our very last, uh, episode, we talked about this. Uh, and we showed the picture on screen of the swastika. And we mentioned, additionally, that your father served in the In the military in World War II to liberate that part of the

theater in the in the world. Yeah, so I mean it's it's it's to use one of your words "insidious."

Allen West: It's insidious, it's stuck on stupid. Yeah, and you know, sometimes I wish we could take some of these young people and drop them off in Gaza drop them off in Afghanistan and let them see the absurdities of who they are. But the bottom line is this if you do not agree with the progressive socialists left their ideological agenda, if you don't bow down to the their guys with the little "g" Then [00:23:00] you're going to be denigrated disparage and demeaned and call all of this vote that vote whatever and I could care less. You know what is interesting is that these little useful idiots on these college and university campuses?

They don't want to engage with you and you know, good hearted, spirited debate on an issue. They just want to yell and shout, call you a bigot and demand that you leave the campus and then get up and walk out. Well, you know, to me, that's not what a college and university campus supposed to be about. And I fault administrations and professors.

Because they're setting these young people up for failure, because they're gonna go out into a world, that type of imbecilic, childish, uh, behavior is not gonna be accepted, and they're gonna find themselves looking for jobs. Maybe that's why they can only end up getting a job as a barista at the, at Starbucks or any other little coffee shop.

But again, to think that you have young people on college campuses that are aligning themselves with Islamic terrorist organizations. If [00:24:00] they had been at that peaceful concert there in Israel on October 7th, Hamas would have killed them too. They weren't going to stop and ask them questions. Do you support us?

Are you with us? No, they were seen as the enemy. And there was only one thing to do, kill them, rape them, kidnap them, or rape them and kill them. And, and so it's just absolutely absurd what we see happening on our college and university campuses with people that don't want to be challenged intellectually whatsoever.

And they feel that anyone that does not believe as they do, uh, should be shut down and they're a threat. That's the nature of fascism. And I found it so interesting how the left calls, you know, everybody else a fascist, but I think that that's part of the party of projection. They are the ones that are doing exactly what they demonize and condemn others for quote unquote doing.

Marie Stroughter: Also one of the topics that you talked [00:25:00] about recently, the "Party of Projection" at AllenWest.substack.com. But you know what I find really interesting, Allen, is, you know, to call you anti Muslim and gay bashing, And transphobic, well you've served in that, uh, part of the world before, how do people in that part of the world treat people who are gay and homosexual and all of the other things that you were called xenophobic?

Allen West: Sharia law is not very accommodating to the gay community, LGBTQIA + alphabet soup mafia.

Sharia law only deals with them in one single way. They kill them. Okay. So I don't know what they're talking about. That's pretty, you know, homophobic if you want to ask me. But if I don't support, you know, the LGBTQIA + alphabet soup mafia, I guess that upsets them. Uh, if I don't want to see children have their bodies, you know, mutilated.

I think the, you know, children who cannot even go out and get a tattoo, they cannot go out and, [00:26:00] you know, buy liquor or anything like that. They can't even go out and vote. Now, all of a sudden they're supposed to tell us as young as what age five or six or whatever, that, uh, they feel that they're a different, no.

I mean, I'm not going to support that in any way, shape, form or fashion. And it's very funny when these kids who have probably never been, you know, some of them outside of the state of Missouri or the state of where their college and university campuses will call me anti Muslim when I was over there fighting to make sure that Muslims had freedoms and liberties away from these totalitarian, tyrant, tyrannical, uh, Islamist organizations.

As a matter of fact, just last week, I had a great, you know, email exchange with one of my former interpreters in Afghanistan who Muslim Shiite that I helped to get out of Afghanistan here to the United States of America. And he is very upset what he sees happening here with these, as he calls it, dumb, stupid Americans.

That are supporting a terrorist organization that is supporting a very, you know, [00:27:00] evil, uh, country such as Iran. So I just laugh at these kids. I mean, it really is shameful. Uh, but there's a part of me to feel sorry for them. Because they're ignorant and they just don't understand that they are.

Marie Stroughter: Allen, how much of that do you think is organic?

I mean, we're seeing them, as you say, burning flags, blocking traffic, chant, uh, chanting "Death to America," all of that kind of thing. How much of that is really truly organic in your opinion?

Allen West: It's not organic. This, this is planned. This is, you know, Occupy Wall Street, Black Lives Matter, Antifa, whatever you want to call it.

Marie Stroughter: Chop, Chaz.

Allen West: Yes, Chop Chaz, the latest new progressive socialist leftist Marxist thing, uh, and so it's well planned out. And that's why I'm saying that this should be a charged felony because obviously there is coordination, there is messaging, there is collusion that is going on, and they should be held responsible for their actions.

So there [00:28:00] comes a time when, you know, You know, it's no longer freedom of speech. It is sedition. It is treason. If you're an American citizen, otherwise you should be deported. Now, it was only a couple of years ago that pro Iranian protesters flooded the streets, but then it was in Iran when many Iranians were, uh, demanding regime change.

Marie Stroughter: Why aren't we exploiting this unrest in order to push for regime change in Iran, instead of pushing Israelis to vote out Prime Minister Netanyahu?

Allen West: Mhm. Because, again, I mean, go back to 2009 when Barack Obama decided to go give a speech at the University of Cairo. He invited the Muslim Brotherhood members to the front and center, which angered the Egyptian people.

He supported Mohamed Morsi, the Muslim Brotherhood's candidate for president of Egypt. That's why he was overthrown by the Egyptian people in General El Sisi. Ended up coming in as, as the president. And we remember the, the protest marches out in Iran [00:29:00] and Barack Obama did not lift a finger. We remember seeing the young, uh, Iranian dissident, uh, female that was shot.

And we saw the video of her bleeding out, but yet nothing from the West period. And so there, there is again, this belief that the Marxist, the leftist, they're in full collusion. With the Islamic jihadists, uh, because they basically want the same type of, uh, of golden objective, a weak United States of America, a fundamentally transformed United States of America.

And so they don't see a problem. What they're saying, and it's time that we really have the honest conversation that the Democrat Party does indeed hate America, hate what America stands for. You cannot wish away, you cannot dismiss the fact that someone stood up in the United States of America, in any state in the United States of America, and said death to America, chanting death to America, and burning American flags.

And you don't say anything [00:30:00] against it. You have a member of Congress that that happened in their congressional district and they did not denounce it. They did not condemn it. Come on, man. As Joe Biden would say.

Marie Stroughter: And to have Ilhan Omar screeching into a microphone, "what's wrong with you?"

Allen West: Remember, "some people did something?" Well, yeah, you're right on 9 11.

Marie Stroughter: Now, in a speech given before a predominantly African American audience on the anniversary of an important civil rights event referred to as Bloody Sunday, United States Attorney General Merrick Garland said that he will be quote unquote "challenging" efforts by states and jurisdictions to implement discriminatory, burdensome, uh, and unnecessary restrictions on access to the ballot, including those, uh, related to mail in voting and the use of drop boxes, vote and voter ID requirements, end quote. What can proponents of election integrity do to [00:31:00] stop this overreach and further weaponization of our government?

Allen West: You know, at the county level, that's where election processes and procedures are determined. And so at the county level, they can make the decision that there will be, especially red counties. And when you look at the United States of America broken down by county, there's a whole lot of red counties and they should make the determination.

There will not be any ballot harvesting boxes. There will not be any unsolicited mail in ballots. And when you really think about it, mail in ballots, these things that the Democrats came up, you know, as part of the COVID emergency, it's unconstitutional. To just say that we're going to mail out. You know, ballots across a jurisdiction, uh, and especially if we hadn't have not had any eligible or registered voter, uh, register, uh, voter registration roll review, uh, that's just rampant for having some type of, uh, fraud that will occur.

And I think that that's something that people saw. So you [00:32:00] can stand up against that and to say, uh, is condescending for these white leftists to say that, you know. Black people can't go out and get a picture ID. Last time I checked, there's a lot of Black people flying on airplanes. Well, guess what you have to show to get on a dadgum airplane, unless you're a legal immigrant, you don't have to show it, but it's a picture ID.

So again, you're trying to tell me that. For me to be able to get on an airplane, for me to be able to get into a sporting event, for me to be able to go and, you know, conduct financial transactions and businesses here, I have to have some form of picture ID, but yet you don't think that it's racist for me to have to show a picture ID.

He had to show a picture ID to get into the Department of Justice, into their bill in Washington DC. Well, then Merrick Garland, you're a racist. Okay, that's basically what you're saying. And so I think that on our side, we gotta start calling out these absurdities because that's really what it is. And again, the party [00:33:00] of systemic racism is always has been and will continue to be the Democrat Party.

Marie Stroughter: That is right. I want to pivot for a moment and ask you about West Point. West Point is changing its mission statement. to build, educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets to be commissioned leaders of character, committed to the Army values, and ready for a lifetime of service to the Army and nation.

End quote. Why would anyone feel that this is an improvement on its previous mission statement, which was duty, Honor country. And why was it changed?

Allen West: Look, you know, I had a great discussion with some, uh, you know, retired officers and some of them were West Point graduates, just like, why, why at this time, when you have all of this, you know, suspicion and perception about D E I woke infiltration, the two, even our, United States military service academies, [00:34:00] West Point Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Academy, you name it.

Why would you want to go down this path? Uh, because they're just dumb and you know, it's not something that needed to be done right now. And people, you know, continue to say, well, duty on the country still remains an unofficial motto of West Point. Uh, it'll still be on the ring. No, but why would you, you know, You know, seek to change the mission and take out those three words.

And this whole thing about army values, you know, in my time in the United States military, 22 years, I saw army values change, you know, basically someone, if they wanted to get a new medal, they came up with some new army values. So what were those army values be, you know, 10 years or what would those army values be under a leftist, uh, you know, uh, regime, which is what we see right now, it is about cultural Marxism.

It is about, you know, division and it is about seeing, you know, some people as oppressors and some people as oppressed victims, uh, and [00:35:00] things of this nature. So I'm very concerned about what is happening in our military and the decimation of our capability and capacity, but even more so the decimation of the fundamental values that were held in the military.

You know, back that, that I knew and those before me, uh, knew as well. So this was something that was not necessary, was not needed, but again, it just, anytime you're explaining, you losing, and that's exactly what they found themselves doing.

Marie Stroughter: You know, and I don't even understand that Allen, to be honest with you.

I mean, what would DEI, why would that have a bearing on duty on our country? Hispanics, Blacks, I mean, don't we have duty, honor, and country? I mean, don't we love our country? Yeah. Why, gay people, wouldn't they love their country? I mean, what's that got to do with anything?

I'm just saying you're serving and it's your duty. You feel called, you feel honor bound, and you want to serve your country.

Allen West: Yeah, but see, the thing is that what, what the left, what [00:36:00] the basis of Marxism is that the, the divide people against each other. Uh, originally it was socioeconomic groups. Now it's become cultural groups. That's why I call it cultural Marxism. So it is not about how, you know, I remember it when you come into the military, you're a soldier, you know?

Okay. That's it. Uh, now you're this type of soldier, that type of soldier, whatever type of soldier, because it's all about identifying you based upon the melanin in your skin or your sexual proclivities and behaviors, what have you, that should not be the point. You are one thing and that's whatever it says on the left hand side.

U. S. Soldier, Army, U. S. Marine, U. S. Navy, U. S. Air Force, U. S. Space Force. That's it. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine. I think the Space Force, they call themselves guardians. That's what you're supposed to be. But now this this new philosophy Has overtaken our military just the same as it has the rest of our culture and society is to have everything, you know, based upon race, everything based upon, you know, your victim, this person is an [00:37:00] oppressor, you're oppressed and all of this.

And, you know, we have to, you know, kowtow to this behavior, that behavior, the only behavior that you want to see is behavior toward supporting and defend the constitution of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

Marie Stroughter: That's absolutely right. If you're just joining us, our guest this segment has been Allen West.

Colonel West, how can our audience continue to follow your work and find you online?

Allen West: Well, you can find me at theACRU. org, the American Constitutional Rights Union. Also on Substack as Marie has articulated, and then as well, you can just follow our Steadfast and Loyal podcast on YouTube, Rumble, uh, and a couple of, I think Spotify as well.

And we may have a big announcement coming out about a new platform that's going to pick up the, uh, Steadfast and Loyal podcast as well.

Marie Stroughter: Excellent. As always, thank you for being our guest.

Allen West: It's my pleasure. God bless and God keep you.

Marie Stroughter: God bless. All right. Now it [00:38:00] is time in our show where we bring in our man of the hour, DK. DK, come on in. What up?

DK: Hello.

Marie Stroughter: Hey.

DK: How are you? That was a great interview.

Marie Stroughter: He's a great guy. I mean, some of that strategy, that military stuff, he should be, I think, our Sec Def. But I'm a little biased. He's my boss. So, you know, a little biased.

DK: I listened carefully to everything he said.

You hit upon a variety of important topics, and I didn't really hear anything I disagree with. You know, Israel was right to do what it did and attacking the, um, Iranians and Damascus because, yes, they were behind the plotting of the October 7th massacre. They have a right to defy the Biden administration and their sudden anti-Israeli views. Um, so you just go down the line. He, he hit, he hit it on all topics. And one point he made that I thought was very interesting [00:39:00] was how, um, the Democratic Party are afraid of the, The, the new wave of, uh, anti Semites who are coming up through their ranks.

And it's not just Biden and, you know, Obama is Chuck Schumer. And I used to live in New York when, so Chuck Schumer was my senator for a long time and he came to, into the Senate at a very young age, mostly because of the Jewish vote, he's Jewish himself. In fact, he's the most prominent, um, Jew in American history.

I think the most powerful, I should say, as the, Senate leader. Um, so and he has a long history of supporting Israel, but You know, they say maybe because of he's afraid of challenges from people like AOC who might run for the Senate to take us, um, take a Senate seat. He's really, uh, turning [00:40:00] his back on Israel and it's not the way it's not in a way that's obvious that he won't say that, um, I'm against Israel.

You know, Biden won't say that Obama will say that no prominent Democrat is going to say they're anti Israel. What they're going to do is they're going to try to. Say they're anti Netanyahu. Yeah. So that's the trick. So it's not Israel. It's, you know, only get rid of that Netanyahu, everything would be perfect.

And you know, that's something that started during the Obama administration when Netanyahu suddenly found himself treated so badly by the American president, um, you know, being forced to sit in the room by himself while Obama was upstairs having dinner. So. It is, uh, it's just a continuation of, um, a lot of things that Obama did, especially in the second term.

And [00:41:00] it's the rise of the antisemites you see from AOC and, Talib and Omar and all those other squad members and. You see the old guard trying to hold on by demonizing Benjamin Netanyahu, who I think is one of the great

leaders in world histories. And, and it makes you wonder what's going to happen to Israel should Biden somehow wins a second term, because.

You know, the, you look at the, the trend line is, is increasingly against Israel and Israel has a certain amount of need for the United States. I mean, they are very independent country, but they rely on United States for a lot of military and economic supporters also, and, and Israel's going up against Iran, they have Hezbollah coming out of Lebanon.

They have, uh, Hamas, which is still a major force in [00:42:00] Gaza. They have, uh, Europe. Increasingly anti Israel as well. And it's, it's too bad that should Biden win reelection, they're going to face, uh, isolation like they've never had in their history. And I don't know how well they'll be able to survive that.

Marie Stroughter: Well, let's hope that doesn't happen, that we don't experience any irregularities come November.

DK: That's, that's a great, great optimism. That would be great if that happens, you know, if it's, if it's, I would just say, if it's a fair election, Trump wins, I'll leave it at that.

Marie Stroughter: Well, there you have it, another great episode of African American Conservatives, the soul of the conservative movement. Do be sure to go to AACONS, A-A-C-O-N [00:43:00] s.substack.com to find links to this podcast, our social media profiles and our brilliant commentary, if I do say so myself. Um, it's at AACONS.

This is Marie signing off from Studio C.

And DK from New Jersey, have a great day.

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