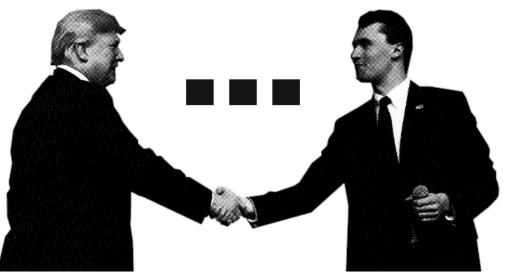


# FUCK **TURNING** POINT U.S.A.



Turning Point USA, an organization with chapters popping up on college campuses across the country, states its mission is simply to "promote the principles of freedom, free markets, and limited government," and claims to be against discrimination in all forms. However, this is anything but true. The organization just can't seem to keep transphobes, White Nationalists and outright Nazis out of its ranks. Could it be because something in their platform is inherently attractive to the busiest bees in the hate rhetoric game? Survey says "Duh." If you've never heard of White Nationalism, it's a movement of a bunch of dweebs who want to live in a Whites Only nation (ethnostate). KKK anyone? Here we've (partially) documented some of TPUSA's nastier deeds, as well as the love affair between them and the shittiest people on the planet. Turns out there is a lot of overlap.

### **Backing:**

Turning Point USA claims to be a grassroots organization recieving 501(c) (3) federal funding, despite receiving massive funding from the fossil fuel industry (which Kirk has admitted to in interviews). It also received seed money from multimillionaire Foster Friess, a conservative donor with ties to the Koch brothers, who has funded islamophobic organizations and blamed the Columbine shooting on "tolerance".

### **Watchlist:**

TPUSA maintains a "Professor Watchlist" targeting professors they claim have Left-wing views (and disproportionally professors of color) in a clear attempt to intimidate them out of teaching things TPUSA deems objectionable. Professors on the Watchlist frequently recieve death threats. They have since added a list of the "most radical school board members", and a "Breaking News" section of reports which have typically been attempts stoke Culture War flashpoints on critical race theory, "radical gender ideology," anti-masking/covid conspiracy, and various stripes of "gays/leftists are groomers".

#### **J6:**

TPUSA played a large part in promoting the conspiratorial "Stop the Steal" movement and the subsequent attempted insurrection at the capitol in 2020, and offered free bus rides and accommodation to DC for anyone willing to participate. Kirk wrote in a tweet (quickly deleted after the capitol riot), "This historic event will likely be one of the largest and most consequential in American history. The team at @TrumpStudents & Turning Point Action are honored to help make this happen, sending 80+ buses full of patriots to fight for this president".

These are just a few of many examples of TPUSA's ties to neo-Nazis, white nationalists, and other violent and openly hateful far-Right extremists. TPUSA brands itself as an innocuous conservative student club on campus. Under the surface, it's clearly pushing a more dangerous agenda. TPUSA events consistently attract violent factions of the far-Right to college campuses, and its membership is rife with the kinds of people you might otherwise find at a KKK rally. **This isn't just transphobia issue. Or a racism issue. Or xenophobia, or misogyny, or homophobia, or Fascism.** *It's all of the above.* Ignoring the problem only lets it thrive - instead, we must oppose TPUSA at every turn before it can take root on our campuses. It's much easier to crush a seed than it is to uproot a tree. If TPUSA is not fought at every turn, *there's gonna be a big fucking Nazi tree in all our front yards.* 

# NO TRUMP. NO KKK. NO TPUSA.

### **Speakers:**

Milo Yiannopoulos, a far-Right celebrity known for inciting hatred towards Muslims, feminists, and transgender people to name a few. Leaked emails revealed that he collaborated with infamous "Neo-monarchist" Curtis Yarvin (J.D. Vance's favorite writer), as well as the editor of white supremacist magazine *American Renaissance* and the administrator of neo-Nazi website *The Daily Stormer*. In 2021, Yiannopoulos declared himself an "ex-gay" with a new mission to clean up the image of gay conversion therapy, including raising funds for a gay conversion therapy centre in Florida.

**Kyle Rittenhouse**, who shot and killed three BLM protesters in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He also has ties to numerous influential neo-Nazis and Proud Boys, and has been photographed with Proud Boys throwing the white power hand sign.

**Joe Walsh**, a former Congressman criticized of being racist and anti-Muslim. He was fired from a radio host gig for using racial slurs, and subsequently tweeted "Found if I said Redskins or Cracker or Redneck Bible Thumper I could stay on. But if I say N\*\*\*\*r or S\*\*c, they cut me off."

**Paula Scanlan**, a collegiate swimmer made famous for bringing a lawsuit against her trans teammate to make "any biological males ineligible to compete against female athletes.



### **Ol' Small Face Himself:**

The organization is founded and led by far-Right talking head Charlie Kirk, who has numerous ties to neo-Nazis. He is known for famous quotes such as "white privilege is a myth and lie and should be completely destroyed. [...] Why don't they ever talk about Asian American privilege?", and that transgender people should be "dealt with like we did in the 50s and 60s," seemingly referring to pre-civil rights era lynchings. He has also said that "We made a huge mistake when we founded the Civil Rights act", and that the US-Mexico border need to be defended from "invasion" to prevent the "diminishing and decreasing [of] white demographics in America." Kirk spoke alongside numerous neo-Nazis at the Gateway Eagle Council in 2018 (look it up). He also spoke at the David Horowitz Freedom Center, describing it as a "cornerstone of the growth of Turning Point U.S.A." and personally thanked David Horowitz, saying, "I can't thank you enough for your mentorship and guidance and advice throughout the years, so thank you." The Southern Poverty Law Center has described the Freedom Center as "the premier financier of anti-Muslim voices and radical ideologies."



## **Membership:**

**Jack Posobiec**, who hosts TPUSA's "breaking news" podcast *Human Events Daily*, has too many hard associations with prominent White Nationalists and neo-Nazis to list here. He was instrumental in promoting far-Right conspiracies like PizzaGate and Stop the Steal, and his political connections go all the way to the top. He has been endorsed by name by President Donald Trump, and was invited to join Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth (who could have a writeup all his own) as an overseas media representative. He is still a member of TPUSA.

Candace Owens, former communications director of TPUSA and the far-Right's golden ticket to See?-We're-Not-Racist Land (she's black), has said systemic racism no longer exists and that White Nationalism is simply a boogeyman created by the Left. At the launch of a UK chapter of TPUSA, she was documented as saying, "Whenever we say nationalism, the first thing people think about, at least in America, is Hitler. [...] If Hitler just wanted to make Germany great and have things run well, OK fine. The problem is he had dreams outside of Germany. He wanted to globalize." Owens was also named in the manifesto of the Christchurch mass shooter as "the person that has influenced me above all".

Kaitlin Bennett, former president of the Kent State University chapter, resigned over not being allowed to host a speech by White Nationalist and Proud Boy Kyle "Based Stickman" Chapman. The proposal was rejected by TPUSA field Director Frankie O'Laughlin, citing a need to "distance [the organization] from the Alt-Right". Bennett then posted screenshots of O'Laughlin liking tweets from notorious White Nationalist icon James Allsup, a frequent speaker at White Nationalist rallies. Bennett went on to found Liberty Hangout, a group espousing ideas of "White Genocide," which equate immigration and racial intermarriage to a genocide against white people, which was originally popularized by neo-Nazi bomber and serial murderer David Lane. Lane also coined the well-known neo-Nazi slogan the 14 Words ("We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children"). Liberty Hangout also pushes holocaust denial and has featured neo-Nazis and Proud Boys.

**Riley Grisar**, former president of TPUSA's University of Nevada chapter, went viral online after a video surfaced of him yelling "White power! Fuck the n\*\*\*\*s!" Riley Grisar is also a member of the neo-Nazi group Identity Evropa, now rebranded as the American Identity Movement.

**Rip McIntosh**, advisory council member, said in an email newsletter that "Black people have become socially incompatible with other races" and "American Black culture has evolved into an unfixable and crime ridden mess." Much of the email's text was copy/pasted from the White Nationalist website *American Renaissance*.

**Brandon Tatum**, Director of Urban Engagement, told antisemitic YouTuber Bryan "Hotep Jesus" Sharpe that he was banned from TPUSA events because of "the optics of the antisemitic rhetoric." Tatum summarized TPUSA's position as, "personally, none of us have a problem with you, we want you here. It's the optics. The media."

**Jaden McNeil**, former president of Kansas State University chapter, launched the *America First* podcast, which is closely associated with the neo-Nazi White Nationalist group American Identity Movement.

**Ashley St. Claire**, former brand ambassador, was photographed having dinner with infamous White Nationalist Nick Fuentes and neo-Nazi Tim "Baked Alaska" Gionet.

**Benny Johnson**, former chief creative officer for TPUSA, was heard saying "Oh my God, I've never seen so many white people in one room. This is incredible!" at TPUSA gathering.

**Brandt Wiggins**, former vice president of the University of Alabama chapter, is a streamer on Cozy.tv, an explicitly "anti-gay, anti-woman, anti-Black, anti-semitic" platform. He wrote, "why is it so hard to make other white people understand we should try not to go extinct, like bro they are replacing you. HAVE WHITE BABIES!!!" and attented the White Nationalist America First Political Action Committee.

**Crystal Clanton**, former national field director, said "I hate all black people. Like fuck them all... I hate blacks. End of story." in a leaked text message.

**Shialee Grooman** and **Troy Meeker**, both of whom were hire to replace Clanton, were both exposed for tweets expressing racist and homophobic sentiments containing slurs.

**Timon Prax**, former Midwest regional manager, was also exposed for bigoted language in tweets and texts, including racist jokes and messages that made fun of black people and referred to them as slaves.

**Jack Andersson**, president of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, is also head of the Christian White Nationalist organization National Traditionalism.

**Colby Weatherspoon**, president of the University of North Carolina chapter, has stated that he is a member of the Proud Boys.

**Meg Miller**, former president of the University of Missouri chapter, made a post mocking the death of Black students at the University of Virginia, saying, "if they would have killed 4 more n\*\*\*\*s we would have had the whole week off," followed by a laughing emoji.

**Cheyenne Kenney**, president of the Oakland TPUSA chapter, is the daughter of Travis and Liza Kenney of the neo-Nazi band Hammerlock. The family has strong ties to violent far-Right groups American Guard and the Proud Boys, as well as the murderous New Jersey neo-Nazi gang Atlantic City Skinheads.