

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0603

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The Honorable Antony Blinken
Secretary of State
United States Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Blinken,

We write to express serious concerns regarding the implications of your formal invitation for the United Nations Special Rapporteurs on contemporary forms of racism and minority issues to study “systemic racism” in the United States. We understand that this invitation could be the first step of a broader plan to invite *all* UN experts who report on human rights issues to investigate human rights abuses in the United States. Americans should be appalled by this nonsensical and hypocritical misuse of resources. We urge you to immediately rescind this invitation and further consider the consequences of the State Department conforming to the left’s ‘woke’ ideology, which serves only to further stoke racial division and ultimately threatens our national security.

The United States is the freest and the most diverse country in the world. Founded on the basic notion that all people are created equal with certain unalienable rights; this belief is what makes America a beacon of liberty and justice around the world. It is by no chance that protesters around the world seeking to escape oppressive communist governments are waving American flags as a symbol of freedom.

It is hypocritical and perplexing to see the State Department support the UN and its efforts to investigate “systemic racism” in the United States while it turns a blind eye and fails to bring attention to widespread violations of human rights across the globe. It is a farce that any UN body would have credibility to pass judgment on the United States while countries like China, Russia, Pakistan, and Cuba have seats at the table.

Based on the State Department’s annual report on human trafficking, “the Government of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) does not fully meet the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking and is not making significant efforts to do so,” therefore it is classified as a high-risk Tier 3 country.¹ As China continues to commit genocide against its

¹ <https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020-TIP-Report-Complete-062420-FINAL.pdf>

Uyghur Muslim population and as Cubans risk their lives for freedom and prosperity, the Biden Administration seeks to advance a leftist ideology through an all-of-government approach to censor and silence ideas that do not conform to its false woke narrative.

Instead of studying “systemic racism” and promoting the Biden Administration’s Critical Race Theory (CRT) agenda, the State Department should investigate countries like China and Cuba who are sitting members of the UN Human Rights Council, yet carryout human rights abuses against their own people, govern by authoritarianism, and restrict freedom. Rather than improving the lives and well-being of American citizens and those in countries around the world that have oppressive governments and persecute their civilians, the left prioritizes canceling Dr. Seuss, Mr. Potato Head, and boycotting Goya. America is not a “systemically racist” country and this effort by the UN and State Department is a distraction from serious human rights abuses that millions of people around the world face.

Finally, the Biden Administration’s effort to infuse woke-CRT ideology across our society is disconcerting but also dangerous. Be sure, adversary nations are not so foolish. We refuse to stand idly by while our colleagues on the other side of the aisle demand conformity and compliance to their extremist agenda in our schools, federal agencies, our military, and nearly all aspects of our culture.

As such, we vehemently urge the State Department to rescind the invitation and prioritize American diplomatic efforts to shed light on and confront actual violations of human rights by sitting members of the UN Human Rights Council.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and we look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

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Lauren Boebert
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Gosar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large "P" and "G".

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



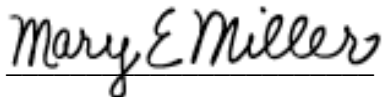
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