

March 18, 2021

Dear Ms. Boebert,

My name is Bryce Chismire, and, for the past several months, I can't help but feel like we as a country are undergoing a severe crisis concerning Cancel Culture.

Ever since the death of George Floyd last year, when we were hunkering down due to the COVID-19, there have been so many acts of censorship going wild in light of that travesty. So many that it mutated into a trend, one that is gradually tightening its grip on us and putting our democratic system in jeopardy.

I know there were so many such incidents spewing out as of late, and I don't want to weigh you down with all those examples. But there are a few of those incidents that stood out to me.

- The re-theming of Splash Mountain at Walt Disney World to have it go from "Song of the South" to "The Princess and the Frog."
- The firing of Gina Carano, a Conservative actress, from "The Mandalorian" after she made a harmless comparison of America's political divides with the treatment of the Jews by Nazis in World War II.
- The banning of six Dr. Seuss books for containing racial stereotypes, including Dr. Seuss' first book, "And To Think I Saw It On Mulberry Street."
- Pepe le Pew being cut off from the Looney Tunes because of allegations of normalizing sexual harassment despite Pepe le Pew being a cartoon caricature of the typical Frenchmen's romantic maneuvers.
- Statues of Confederate generals being dismantled around the country.
- The statue of Christopher Columbus in Denver being torn down due to his mistreatment of Indians.
- The statue of George Washington in Portland being torn down due to his ownership of slaves in his lifetime.
- The term "Antebellum" being renounced due to its connections to slave labor in the American South.
- The removal of ties to Abraham Lincoln and George Washington in Abraham Lincoln High School in San Francisco.
- Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head possibly having the "Mr." and "Mrs." being dropped from their names because there was no transgender option among them.



- Illinois possibly cutting off its ties of Abraham Lincoln despite it being his birthplace, thus giving Illinois the nickname "Land of Lincoln."

Personally speaking, I'm all for equal rights for African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Native Americans, LGBTQ people, and all other kinds of ethnicities. But I also believe that we all deserve a fair opportunity to learn from whatever creative or historical flaws are out and about in America so that we, as a nation and as communities, could learn from those mistakes to improve ourselves and ensure a better future that way. By continually getting rid of them or erasing them from our collective history and entertainment platforms, all we're really doing is subjecting our country to national amnesia. And unless we act up against it and do it soon, the United States of America as we know it could be in serious trouble.

I understand that technically we have the First Amendment, which states that the U.S. Government should not establish a law that prohibits freedom of speech. But with so many confrontations, online and in person, about freedom of speech, there needs to be something done, whether it's to have a new law passed or anything similar, to prevent this kind of censorship from ever occurring.

The last thing I want to do is propose something, even if it's in the name of historic preservation, that could conflict with either freedom of speech or supply and demand. But what I want to see even less is a new law passed that could contradict the First Amendment, kind of like how the 21st Amendment overturned the 18th Amendment when it renounced its ban of alcoholic beverages. The First Amendment is one of America's most sacred rights, and we still need to maintain it if we are to remain the United States of America that we grew up to be.

One of the other examples I think should be worth mentioning is that the news broke out this past October about some suspicious information uncovered from Hunter Biden's laptop. But while the New York Post did its part and report it to mainstream audiences, Facebook and Twitter automatically cut out any links or references to that article because of the heat of the Presidential Election going on. But it may also be because they didn't want anything that didn't align with liberal views to be shared online. That only added fuel to the flames concerning suspicions that the presidential votes were rigged, and that was one of the biggest reasons that January's Capitol riots occurred the way it did, even though it sadly backfired in the end. Since then, I saw some reports expressing worries that this could result in a second Civil War unless we do something about it.

Even though many people like to think that the issues concerning Cancel Culture are more of a Republican problem than they are a Democratic problem, some people from the Left expressed similar concerns and frustrations against Cancel Culture. That includes Whoopi Goldberg, who was a firm believer in keeping historical artifacts, movies, entertainment,



records, and stereotypes available for the sole purpose of having us pick up on their backgrounds and acknowledge them as opposed to rage against it out of knee-jerk reactions. Besides, I also heard about how, much like many other Conservatives out there, plenty of Liberal people were kicked out of their social media accounts just for sharing something undesirable. If it's getting to the point where Cancel Culture affects everyone regardless of political background, then it feels like an issue that needs to be addressed as soon and with as much urgency as possible.

As soon as we reached 2021, I was hoping this year would be the year where the worst is behind us, especially as far as the COVID-19 is concerned, what with the vaccines continually rolling about everywhere. But with all this Cancel Culture chaos going on, I still feel like this is starting to feel no different from last year. And this time, the disease hitting our country hard is of our own making.

Honestly, it's getting to the point where after seeing so many reports about Cancel Culture in the news, I'm starting to have had it with just watching it all happen when I know I could be doing something about it. Or rather, when I know we could be doing something about it.

I don't know if what I'm doing on my part is a good enough first step, but I started by writing letters to some of the companies who made the mistake of bending the knee to the loud protesting few who complained about what they perceived as automatically 'wrong'. That included Disney, Warner Bros., and the Dr. Seuss facility. I wrote to them and told them how stupid their actions were, that they should not be censoring out objectionable content and that I would not be buying anything from them unless they reversed their mistakes. Of course, with so many forms of high-quality entertainment at their disposal, boycotting them feels easier said than done. Instead, I don't plan to stop at just the one letter I sent to each of them; either every two weeks or once every month, depending on how severe each issue is, I plan to continue writing letters to them without ever forgetting to bring them up every time.

I'm begging you, Ms. Boebert, If we are to turn the tide against Cancel Culture, make sure that we ease the violent waters of turmoil and uncertainty in our country, and ensure a steadier, more appropriately progressive future for America without alienating people on either side of the spectrum, this needs to be addressed to Congress, or whoever can handle these kinds of national issues. We can't guarantee a more inclusive America by excluding our imperfections.

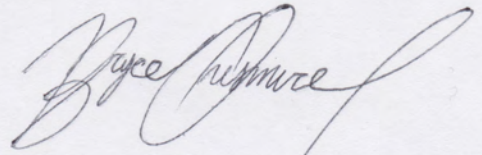
As I conclude my letter to you about Cancel Culture, I want to take the opportunity to personally congratulate you on standing your ground when your restaurant was about to be closed down by force. We need more people and leaders like you,



someone who not only maintained their firm belief in their American ideals but also acted off of them with bravery, logic, and a strong sense of conviction.

Thank you for your time, and I wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely, and with deepest thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bryce Chismire". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large loop at the end.

Bryce Chismire