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## Dear Friends and Supporters,

**T**his year is one of special significance for both our country and National Review. For this institution, it is a year of growth and renewal; for the nation, it is a year in which we celebrate the moment, 250 years ago, when the truth that all men “are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights” was proclaimed as the foundation of a new republic. From that proposition came the greatest nation in human history.

This is a moment for not only celebration but also reflection. Free people cannot preserve what they no longer understand. If we are to honor the American founding, we must do more than admire it. We must recover its principles, defend them, and apply them to the challenges of our own time.

National Review exists to defend, clarify, and advance the permanent truths of the American founding. The conservative movement, to which this institution gave voice and force, exists to conserve those first principles without which America would lose its coherence and its character: ordered liberty, constitutional government, moral responsibility, and the dignity of the person.

We are a nation bound together not by blood or ancestry but by a creed. Ours is a constitutional order grounded in truths held to be self-evident and rights understood to be natural—that is, rights that do not come from government and therefore cannot rightly be taken away by government. Our nation’s founders understood that liberty was not a gift from the state. It preceded the state. Government exists to secure it.

That conviction shaped the constitutional order they built: limited government, separated powers, checks on ambition, and protections for rights that no majority should be permitted to erase. The American experiment rests on a simple but demanding idea: that human beings are capable of self-government, but only if power is restrained and liberty is protected.

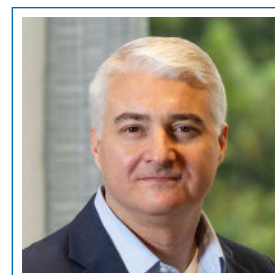
George Washington understood this clearly. In his Farewell Address, he called the Union the “main prop of your liberty” and said that love of the one ought to endear to us the preservation of the other. Love of liberty should strengthen our love of country, and love of country should deepen our resolve to preserve the institutions that make liberty possible.

National Review gives voice, perhaps even yells, the principles of America’s founding—connecting them to the challenges of our time—even if “no one else is inclined to do so.” We know that you, however, are so inclined, and for that you have our eternal gratitude.

Onward,



Chuck DeFeo  
Chief Executive Officer



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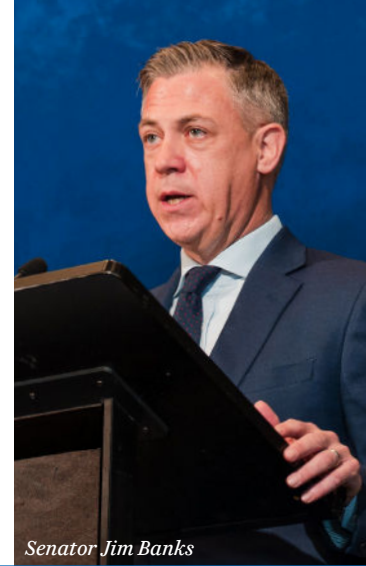
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Senator Jim Banks

# MILLIONS REACHED BY ANTISEMITISM SYMPOSIUM WITH SENATORS, TRUMP OFFICIALS, AND MOVEMENT LEADERS

**O**n March 11 at the **Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C.**, National Review partnered with the **Republican Jewish Coalition** for a symposium dedicated to confronting modern antisemitism. Several hundred individuals were in attendance, and thousands more watched live on our website and on YouTube, Facebook, and X. The event was also carried live by C-SPAN and later rebroadcast. Clips of the symposium shared on social media and video platforms have received more than 5.5 million views as of this writing.

Attendees and viewers heard from more than two dozen policymakers, scholars, journalists, and religious leaders who discussed the historical roots of antisemitism, the parallels we see in our own time, the vital contributions of Jewish Americans to our national story, and how conservatives can draw a bright moral boundary as they have in the past.

**SENATOR TED CRUZ (R., TEXAS)** gave blistering remarks in which he warned about antisemitic pathologies that are gaining traction among younger conservatives. “I have seen more antisemitism in the last 18 months on the right than at any point in my lifetime,” Cruz said. “A year and a half ago, I could not have imagined we would be here having

this conversation. And it is growing and it is gaining real purchase especially with young people.”

“And it is being spread by loud voices, the most consequential of whom is Tucker Carlson,” Cruz added. “I’ve made the decision that I’m going to take him on directly.”

**SENATOR TOM COTTON (R., ARK.)** questioned whether so-called right-wing influencers were that influential, or even really on the right, noting that they share economic beliefs with Senator Elizabeth Warren and the “blame America first” foreign policy views of Representative Rashida Tlaib. “I do not agree that I share a political movement or a political party with anybody who traffics in antisemitism,” Cotton said.

Providing the perspective of the Trump administration, **Leo Terrell**, assistant attorney general for civil rights and head of the antisemitism task force of the Department of Justice, said that President Trump has told him many times, “Whatever you need to fight antisemitism, just ask.” He said the administration is dedicated to fighting antisemitism “24/7.”

Other speakers included **Ambassador Rabbi Yehuda Kaploun**, President Trump’s special envoy

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to monitor and combat antisemitism; **Eric Cohen**, executive director of the **Tikvah Fund**; and former Minnesota **Senator Norm Coleman**, who serves as national chairman of the **Republican Jewish Coalition**.

In addition to the speakers, there were several thought-provoking panels. **Rich Lowry** led a discussion featuring **David Azerrad** of **Hillsdale College** and **Rebecca Heinrichs** of the **Hudson Institute**, in which they explored the America First case for a strong U.S.-Israel relationship. Rich also discussed the role of faith communities in combating antisemitism with **Texas Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick**, who chairs President Trump's religious liberty commission, and **Pastor Gary Hamrick**. *National Review Online* editor **Philip Klein** spoke with the *Wall Street Journal's* **Matthew Continetti**, the **Manhattan Institute's** **Tal Fortgang**, and **Rabbi Meir Soloveichik** of **Congregation Shearith Israel** about historical lessons on combating antisemitism. *National Review's* **Caroline Downey** spoke on a panel featuring **Gates Garcia** and **Shabbos Kestenbaum**, about influencers and antisemitism. And the **Manhattan Institute's** **Ilya Shapiro** moderated a panel on the policy response to antisemitism, featuring **Department of Education** adviser **Noah Pollak** and **Ken Marcus**, the founder and CEO of the **Louis Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law**.

A defining aspect of William F. Buckley Jr.'s legacy was his lifelong commitment to ensuring that antisemitism had no place in America. We are carrying this legacy forward with efforts such as this symposium. Senator Cruz's statement, "I don't want to wake up in five years and find myself in a country where both major political parties are unambiguously anti-Israel and unapologetically antisemitic," is a call to action for all of us.



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## EVERY GENERATION REACHED ON VIDEO AND SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

As of this writing, NR's video live stream and subsequent clips delivered 5.7M views across X, YouTube, Facebook, TikTok, and Instagram.

A clip of Senator Tom Cotton's remarks posted to the National Review X account drove over 1.8M views.

These views turned into action as clips from the symposium garnered over 123,000 likes, shares, comments, and saves across National Review's social media channels.

"Our adversaries like China and Iran want to destabilize America, and stoking antisemitism on campuses and through sham organizations are some of their most effective tools to do it."

—Senator Jim Banks (R., Ind.)

### The Platforms

- 2.9M views on X
- 2.6M views across YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok



Senator Tom Cotton



Texas Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and NR's Rich Lowry



Senator Ted Cruz

## Minnesota's Ridiculous Lawsuit to Bar Federal Immigration Enforcement



Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison speaks as Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter and Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey look on during a press conference in Minneapolis, Minn., January 12, 2026. (Tim Evans/Reuters)

By ANDREW C. MCCARTHY

## Jihad in America: The Michigan Attack



Families leave after being reunited outside Temple Israel synagogue after an active shooting event, in West Bloomfield, Mich., March 12, 2026. (Jeff Kowalsky/AFP via Getty Images)

By ANDREW C. MCCARTHY  
March 14, 2026 6:30 AM

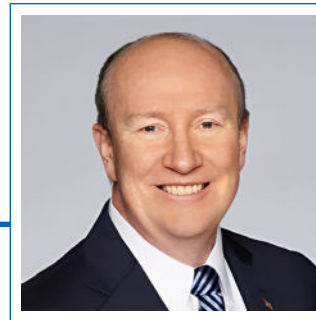
## No, the Threat to U.S. Interests Need Not Be 'Imminent' for POTUS to Use Force Unilaterally



President Donald Trump at the White House in Washington, D.C., November 17, 2025. (Evelyn Hockstein/Reuters)

By ANDREW C. MCCARTHY  
March 1, 2026 5:55 PM

# FROM FEDERAL PROSECUTOR TO CONSTITUTIONAL REFEREE: ANDREW C. MCCARTHY



**A**ndrew C. McCarthy carries many titles: senior fellow, contributing editor, Fox News contributor . . . but umpire is, perhaps, most important of all.

Informally, of course, the title best describes what he does and the exacting dedication with which he does it: calling legal balls and strikes, no matter the team. In 2026, Andy has applied his unrivaled knowledge to today's most pressing issues.

When Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison brought a lawsuit attempting to halt the Trump administration's immigration enforcement efforts, McCarthy described it as "ridiculous." As he wrote, "The Supreme Court gets to say what the law is, and it has construed the Constitution to have delegated immigration-enforcement authority to the federal government." At the same time, McCarthy has painstakingly explained why and how the administration has run into trouble with its otherwise necessary immigration enforcement push.

On the Iran war, McCarthy has covered everything from the legality of the unilateral use of force and the role of Congress to the ayatollah succession. Significantly, he has explained in response to misleading coverage that there was no legal

requirement that the United States face an "imminent" threat from Iran in order for President Trump to act without congressional authorization. Rather, as he wrote, "The doctrine is that the president may use force if there is a *true threat to vital American interests*," even if the president, ideally, should go to Congress in such situations.

More recently, after a string of terrorist attacks that coincided with the war, McCarthy has had to return to the grim subject of jihad in America and the pernicious influence of sharia supremacism—a subject with which the prosecutor in the "Blind Sheikh" case is intimately familiar. As McCarthy has written, the jihad never ceased. Since the 1979 Iran hostage crisis and the bombings in Beirut all the way through to the modern day, our enemies remain "animated by their anti-Western, anti-American ideology"—and Iran is often a common thread.

Andrew McCarthy is an invaluable resource at *National Review*. His authoritative, dispassionate, and constitutionally grounded work is to the benefit of American civic health and the public's understanding of these unprecedented times.

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## A Good Day's Work for Grandma Moses and the Smithsonian



Grandma Moses, *Sugaring Off*, 1943, oil on board. (Private collection, © Grandma Moses Properties Co., N.Y.)

By **BRIAN T. ALLEN**  
March 21, 2026 6:30 AM

## Go to Fredericksburg to Discover Washington the Man



Decorative plaster ceiling at Kenmore. ("Fredericksburg, VA - Kenmore Plantation 03.jpg" by Jrozgado is licensed under CC BY 4.0)

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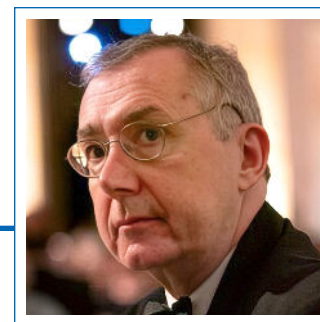
## Spring Splendor in Indianapolis



Flower power, courtesy of the Indianapolis Museum of Art's video-art program. (Indianapolis Museum of Art)

By **BRIAN T. ALLEN**  
April 4, 2026 6:30 AM

# CONSERVING THE ARTS: BRIAN T. ALLEN



**W**here in the world is Brian Allen? This would be a fitting title for a show about the senior fellow's work crisscrossing the country and globe as our intrepid art critic.

Readers will be familiar with his twice-weekly pieces on exhibitions, art dealers, and other happenings in the world of culture. As this is America's 250th, Allen is giving special attention to historical sites and museums that tell a part of our national story.

In January, Allen helped kick off the Semiquincentennial year with a piece on the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia and its exhibition *The Declaration's Journey*, examining how word of that audacious document spread in a time before TikTok. "Much as gunfire in Lexington and Concord in 1775 was 'the shot heard round the world,' the Declaration was the message read and

absorbed nearly round the world and a catalyst," Allen wrote.

A former curator himself, Allen has an eye for art (and a nose for nonsense, as any woke institution on the receiving end of his criticism has learned), but he also devotes time to highlighting the lesser-known places on America's cultural and historical map. Everyone knows Mount Vernon, for instance; not everyone is familiar with the home of Washington's mother, Mary Ball Washington, or with the site of his boyhood home, both in Fredericksburg, Va. Allen wrote about them in rich detail in March.

Spotlights on Grandma Moses, Frank Lloyd Wright, and other American treasures were also on his itinerary in the first part of this year. We're grateful for Allen's expertise, his wit, and his dedication to sharing American history and craft with his readers.

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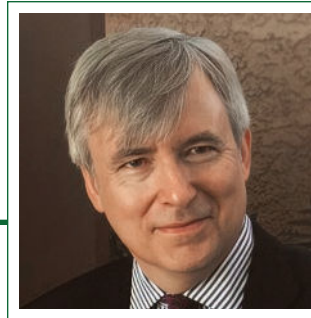
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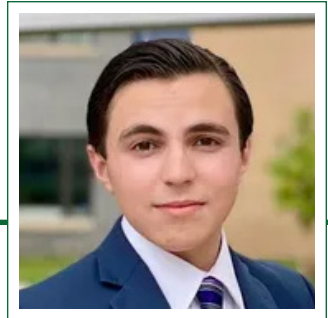
# NATIONAL REVIEW CAPITAL MATTERS

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## DEFENDING, CELEBRATING, AND EXPLAINING FREE ENTERPRISE



NRCM Editor Andrew  
Stuttaford



Thomas L. Rhodes Journalism  
Fellow, John Puri

**N**ational Review Capital Matters (NRCM) is, under editor **Andrew Stuttaford**, and benefiting from the position that *National Review* has built up over the decades, a rare platform for unapologetic free-market advocacy. Those who read articles published on Capital Matters or who listen to NRCM's podcasts or watch its webinars will find a continuing discussion on free markets in theory and in practice, a discussion sometimes shaped by current events, from the election of a socialist mayor in New York City to the development of new fat-busting drugs.

NRCM believes that, when given the chance, free markets will continue to make an enormous contribution to human flourishing. *When given the chance*: NRCM's mission includes pushing back against the opponents of free enterprise, whether from left or right, C-suite or "green."

Over the past twelve months, NRCM has run articles on a wide range of topics, from climate policy to tariffs to the national debt. It's no news that the last item, a frequent theme on NRCM, remains an "im-pending disaster," as NRCM's **John Puri** (deploying a mild description, by his standards) recently put it.

Puri, the new Thomas L. Rhodes Journalism Fellow, joined NRCM from Stanford University. He succeeds **Dominic Pino**, who during his time with NRCM established himself as one of the most thoughtful and articulate economic writers on the right. He left us toward the end of 2025 to become an editorial writer for the *Washington Post*. Pino continues to write a monthly column for *National Review* magazine.

Free-market principles are timeless, but time does not stand still. Applying them to what once was unimaginable is part of what NRCM does. Therefore, it has published articles warning of the danger to the U.S. lead in AI by overregulation and, not unrelated, the damaging effect of state-by-state AI rulemaking. Michael Reilly called for a federal override on the latter, noting that in 2025 "more than 1,200 AI-related bills were introduced across all 50 states, and 145 were enacted." AI laws, argued Kevin Frazier, need a "kill switch," a sophisticated variant of the sunset clauses that are a valuable, but underused, device in deregulators' toolbox.

As frequently documented on NRCM, the West's misguided climate policies have weighed down its



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economies (and they have been a geopolitical windfall for Beijing). In the U.S. and, to a far lesser extent, elsewhere, there have been some welcome changes of direction of late. More are likely to come. Nevertheless, helped by lawfare and a still flourishing climate ecosystem, “zombie net-zero” is, Andrew Stuttaford maintains, a potent force. The same is true of the assault on shareholder rights represented by ESG and its kin, a long-term area of focus for NRCM. In the U.S., these ideas have lost some of their grip, but (thanks to some skillful “greenhushing”) by less than is sometimes assumed. They too are backed by a profitable and powerful ecosystem.

Capital Matters appropriately dedicated a good number of articles to the administration’s tariff policies. Our writers were not fans. As an example, here’s Veronique de Rugy, who wrote last year: “Modern manufacturing is a web of interdependent producers. Protecting one link with tariffs often corrodes the rest. The damage is local, persistent, and politically invisible until it shows up as shuttered plants and smaller paychecks in communities far from Washington’s spotlight.”

Nevertheless, NRCM also has room for discussion of the extent to which American trade (and indeed industrial policy) needs to reflect today’s tricky geopolitics, an uncomfortable reality for free marketeers that Adam Smith anticipated 250 years ago: “Defense is of much more importance than opulence.” For some years now, Capital Matters has been publishing pieces about the threat to American security posed by our dependence on rare earths mined and/or processed in China. And that is not the only dangerous dependency on Beijing that has been examined on NRCM.

That said, our writers have argued that the best way to reduce such dependencies is often deregulation: less government, not more. But where government involvement is necessary, it should only very rarely include direct equity investment. In the same vein, NRCM has been increasingly taking note of the evolution (or the need for evolution) of the defense sector on both sides of the Atlantic.

NRCM writers have also examined how far this White House, when compared with Republican administrations of the past half century, favors higher levels of state intervention in other aspects of economic policy: from antitrust to interest-rate caps on credit cards. David Bahnsen observes that the latter, if implemented, would hurt the very people it is intended to benefit, which is typically the case—think of rent controls—when government monkeys around with the price mechanism.

Rent control is a terrible idea that never goes away. The same is true of many of NRCM’s targets, some of which not only persist but have assumed even uglier forms, as the current talk about wealth taxes reminds us. But NRCM has happier tales to tell too: of promising reforms in red states, of America’s energy abundance, of the rise of Argentina’s Javier Milei, of the development of the space economy, and, above all, of how—despite countless bumps in the road—America remains the supreme example of what can be built on a foundation of free markets, a free society, and the rule of law.

We are grateful for your continued support and dedication, which allows NRCM to carry on its work and expand its reach.

REGULATORY POLICY  
**State Regulation of AI Deserves the Boot**



By MICHAEL O'RIELLY  
March 16, 2026 6:30 AM

REGULATORY POLICY  
**Lawfare Is the Climate Warriors' Best Friend**



By ANDREW STUTTAFFORD  
February 12, 2026 9:25 PM

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INTERNATIONAL  
**Defense Tech and Drones: A Ukrainian Lesson**



By ANDREW STUTTAFFORD  
March 30, 2026 8:19 AM

THE CORNER  
FISCAL POLICY  
**The Nation's Fiscal Clouds Get Even Darker**



By JOHN R. PURI  
February 11, 2026 7:57 PM

REGULATORY POLICY  
**AI Laws Need a Kill Switch**



By KEVIN FRAZIER  
February 26, 2026 6:30 AM

THE CORNER  
REGULATORY POLICY  
**The Tariffs Are Gone for Now — Don't Worry About the \$18 Trillion**



By VERONIQUE DE RUGY  
February 20, 2026 1:23 PM

REGULATORY POLICY  
**The Saddest Part of This Recent Economic Lunacy**



By DAVID L. BAHNSEN  
January 12, 2026 6:30 AM

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NR's Charles C. W. Cooke



ADF's Kristen Waggoner and the Babylon Bee's Seth Dillon



Author Jonathan Turley

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# LASTING LIBERTY AND PROSPERITY

## National Review Convenes Landmark Series for America's 250th

**N**ational Review's events make history and serve as an arena for conservative debate and the exchange of ideas. The concepts that animate National Review writers and readers deserve to be publicly advocated and celebrated—live and in person.

In honor of America's 250th anniversary, National Review launched a yearlong seminar series, "**Lasting Liberty and Prosperity**." Hosted in key cities across the country, each gathering highlights a core pillar of freedom and features experts who are not merely talking heads, but influential leaders who are shaping the future in defense of truth and sanity.

The series opened **on March 31** in New York City with a seminar on **Individual Liberty**. A distinguished lineup including **Seth Dillon, Jonathan Turley, Rich Lowry, Caroline Downey, Andrew C. McCarthy, and Dan McLaughlin**, addressed the state of our most fundamental rights. In a remarkable moment, the Supreme Court issued a landmark ruling in favor of an Alliance Defending Freedom client just before **Kristen Waggoner** took the stage. The program concluded with a powerful call to vigilance against the rising appeal of collectivism.

On **April 17** in Miami, we focused on **Limited Government**. Conversations featuring **Jeb Bush, Jim Geraghty, John Yoo, Ryan Owens, Timothy Sandefur, and Charles C. W. Cooke** explored constitutional structure, federalism, and responsible government at the state level. **Daniel Hannan** closed by underscoring a central principle: liberty endures only when power is restrained.

On **May 28** in Dallas, our topic was **Economic Freedom**. Sessions underscored the necessity of free markets, limited government, and the protection of private enterprise. Our exceptional lineup included **Karl Rove, David Bahnsen, Rich Lowry, Dominic Pino, and Andrew Stuttaford**.

This work is only possible because of committed partners. With your support, National Review will continue to elevate these ideas, convene influential leaders, and ensure that the principles of liberty remain vibrant for the next 250 years.

# REACHING FUTURE LEADERS AT THE CALVIN COOLIDGE CONFERENCE

In America today, voices on both the left and right seem increasingly open to greater government involvement in private affairs. Yet these impulses are misguided, as history has proven time and again. Throughout the 20th century, government intervention worsened economic downturns and stifled growth. To reaffirm the importance of free enterprise and a vibrant business culture, NR partnered with the **Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation** for its annual Calvin Coolidge Conference. The conference audience is made up of the Coolidge Foundation's young scholars. The event featured prominent economists, politicians, and other public intellectuals in the conservative movement. NR Buckley Fellow **Guy Denton** and NRI Senior Fellow **Andrew Stuttaford** joined the conference to conduct video interviews with many of these figures, including **Representative French Hill (R., Ark.)**, **Kent Lassman**, and NRI Senior Fellow **Amity Shlaes**. These fascinating conversations explored how America's unique culture of innovation and entrepreneurship has created a level of prosperity that remains unparalleled throughout the world. The interviews demonstrate that to ensure greater prosperity for the future, we must learn from the economic mistakes of our past.



(Left) NR Interviews Representative Anna Paulina Luna. (Right) NR Interviews California Assemblyman David Tangipa.

## NR INVESTS IN YOUNG CONSERVATIVES AT RUN GEN Z

In January, National Review was proud to be the media sponsor of the annual Run Gen Z conference hosted by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). Run Gen Z invests in the next generation of conservative leadership by recruiting promising candidates, conducting targeted research, and equipping them with the tools to navigate today's challenging political climate. NR's team on the ground connected with the hundreds of Gen Z attendees and conducted interviews with Gen Z and Millennial elected officials, including **Representative Anna Paulina Luna (R., Fla.)**, **California Assemblyman David Tangipa**, **North Carolina State Representative Wyatt Gable**, **South Dakota State Senator Amber Hulse**, **New Hampshire State Representative Valerie McDonnell**, and **Run Gen Z's executive director Adam Pennings**. The team also sat down with **ALEC CEO Lisa Nelson** for a discussion on how ALEC continues to identify and develop the next generation of conservative leaders who will become principled policymakers.



NRI Fellow Amity Shlaes interviews NRI Trustee David Bahnsen.



NR CEO Chuck DeFeo interviews Steve Forbes.



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NR's interviews with rising leaders from ALEC's Run Gen Z event

# BUCKLEY FELLOWS ‘STAND ATHWART’ RADICAL GENDER CURRICULUM AND NYC SOCIALISM

**K**amden Mulder’s article revealing that Seattle-area schools survey children as young as ten years old about sex and drug use perfectly illustrates the necessity of National Review’s William F. Buckley Jr. Fellowship in Political Journalism.

Kamden spent months sifting through documents and interviewing parents, and she wove the resulting reporting into a compelling story about what happens when left-wing radicals take over trusted institutions that shape the lives of a city’s children.

While Kamden did exemplary work exposing the educators and mental health professionals behind the survey, the fact that this story was still waiting to be told is inexplicable. Local Seattle news outlets had either ignored the survey, which had been distributed in the area for years, or reported on it uncritically, in a manner that cast parental concerns about the age-inappropriate content in a skeptical light and elevated the supposed mental health benefits of asking children whom they’re “most likely to have a crush on” and whether they identify as “non-binary.”

Fortunately for the parents in Seattle, the Buckley Fellowship exists—and there was a reporter out there who was willing and

**It’s writers like Kamden and Guy that help conservatives understand the scale of the challenge we’re up against—and the importance of National Review’s continued work.**

able to place their concerns on equal footing with the misguided opinions of local educators and health care professionals who claim the mantle of authority and expertise.

In addition to her excellent investigative reporting, Kamden has done valuable work through her video journalism to expose the harms wrought by left-wing social policy. Kamden was in front of the U.S. Supreme Court in January to capture the scene as the Court heard oral arguments in two cases that concerned whether males should be allowed to compete against females in athletics. Kamden interviewed Soleil Hofer, an 18-year-old plaintiff who was forced to compete in track and field against male athletes. Thanks to Kamden, Hofer was able to share her story with a national audience.

Kamden is joined in the Buckley fellowship program by Guy Denton, who has already proven himself a capable editor and writer. Guy plays an invaluable role in bringing NR’s cherished monthly print issue into existence through his diligent editing and work on the beloved Week section of the magazine.

Guy skillfully covered the inauguration of NYC Mayor Zohran Mamdani in January, bringing NR readers along as the crowd cheered Mamdani’s vow to bring the “warmth of collectivism” to the city. The enthusiasm behind Mamdani’s unlikely mayoral bid might have been difficult for an NR reader who does not live in the city to grasp, so Guy provided a firsthand account of the jubilant atmosphere that the mayor’s far-fetched promises stirred up. The progressive activists and New Yorkers



NR Buckley Fellows Guy Denton and Kamden Mulder

in attendance that day *really believe* that Mamdani will usher in a new era of cooperation and prosperity in New York, as Guy revealed:

*One of the group’s members expressed his optimism that Mamdani can succeed in building “a more equitable” New York: “I think he has a lot of momentum. People know what he’s trying to do.”*

It’s quotes such as this, and writers like Guy, that help conservatives understand the scale of the challenge we’re up against—and the importance of NR’s continued work.



## INTRODUCING NR'S NEWEST BUCKLEY FELLOWS

**P**art of National Review's mission is to identify rising conservative writers and equip them with the skills and experience needed to thrive in today's media landscape. Designed for recent graduates, the **William F. Buckley Jr. Fellowship in Political Journalism** places fellows at the heart of National Review, where they take on key reporting and writing assignments, sharpen their journalistic voices, and develop their judgment in a fast-paced newsroom environment. This year, we are expanding the Buckley fellowship from two to four fellows. Joining Kamden and Guy are **Skyler Safriet** and **Eva Terry**.

**SKYLER SAFRIET** graduated from Boston College with a degree in philosophy. At BC, she co-founded the Gasson Society, a non-partisan student organization dedicated to fostering free expression and civil discourse on campus. She also competed for three years on the Division I women's track-and-field team before stepping away to help launch *The Linden*, an independent student newspaper at Boston College committed to the pursuit of truth and human flourishing.



**EVA TERRY** joins National Review from the *Deseret News*, where she covered politics, energy, and environmental issues. On September 10, 2025, she reported on Charlie Kirk's American Comeback Tour at Utah Valley University and his tragic assassination that followed. She has since covered the criminal trial of Tyler Robinson, Kirk's alleged assassin, in Utah County. Earlier in her career, Eva interned for *The Spectator* through the National Journalism Center. She is a graduate of Brigham Young University, where she studied English literature, computer science, and Korean.



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National Review Institute welcomed its newest trustee in November 2025.



**L**andon Gibbs is a managing partner at Altitude Ventures. Prior to this role, he identified and managed early-stage equity investments at Clayton Associates. He was named the "Newsmaker of the Year" by the *Nashville Business Journal* for his work to improve the lives of Tennesseans and for innovative efforts to bring industry and solutions to the Nashville community. Mr. Gibbs serves on numerous for-profit and not-for-profit boards. Before joining Clayton Associates, he served as an aide to President George W. Bush. Mr. Gibbs recently received the Governor Winfield Dunn Award for philanthropic leadership. He received his undergraduate degree in economics from Vanderbilt University.

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