

Elected Officials Continue to Decry Wokeness

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Applauds the Rejection of Wokeness by
three US
Governors and the College Board*

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The [Palm Beach Freedom
Institute](#), America's most prominent
think tank addressing wokeism and
cancel culture, applauds the elevation
of its vital cause in February by three
prominent elected officials after U.S.
Governors Chris Sununu, Sarah
Huckabee Sanders and Ron
DeSantis came out swinging:

□ New Hampshire Gov. Sununu decried
the prevalence of “woke cancel
culture,” which he claimed sows
“divisiveness” in American schools and
communities. During an appearance

on CBS's Face the Nation, Sununu noted that the government was unlikely to fix a “cultural problem.” Sununu said that cancel culture has created an “us versus them” binary in which “everything's a war.” He added: “That’s a cultural problem we have to fix in America and it starts with good leadership, good messaging, more hopeful and optimistic.”

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Arkansas Gov. Sanders, in her [response](#) to President Biden's State of the Union, accused the Biden administration of pursuing “woke fantasies,” adding that “we are under attack in a left-wing culture war.” Sununu said he agreed with Sanders’s claim during her response to the State of the Union that there was a culture war being waged by “awoke mob that can’t even tell you what a woman is.”

Florida Gov. DeSantis grabbed headlines this month with his continuing promotion of the Stop-Woke (Wrongs to Our Kids and Employees) Act, which [prohibits](#) educational institutions and businesses from teaching students and employees anything that would cause anyone to “feel guilt, anguish or any form of psychological distress” due to their race, color, sex or national origin. In addition, DeSantis organized what some critics have called a “hostile takeover” of the New College of Florida, the University of Florida system’s Honors College, by appointing six right-leaning trustees to reform its structures and personnel.

In addition, the College Board revealed changes to its curriculum for its pilot African American Studies course earlier this month following backlash from Gov. DeSantis and conservative politicians, who claimed the original course plan included content that ranks race and gender in a way that they claim is “inexplicably contrary to Florida law and significantly lacks educational value.”

“The Palm Beach Freedom Institute salutes these elected officials for pushing back against wokeism whenever it rears its ugly head,” said Dr. Paul du Quenoy, PBFi’s president.

According to a March 2021 Harvard CAPS-Harris poll, 64% of Americans – including 48% of Democrats – view cancel culture as a threat to their personal freedom. In October 2022, an identical percentage blamed “woke politicians” for recent increases in crime. Only 32 percent of Americans identify as “woke.”

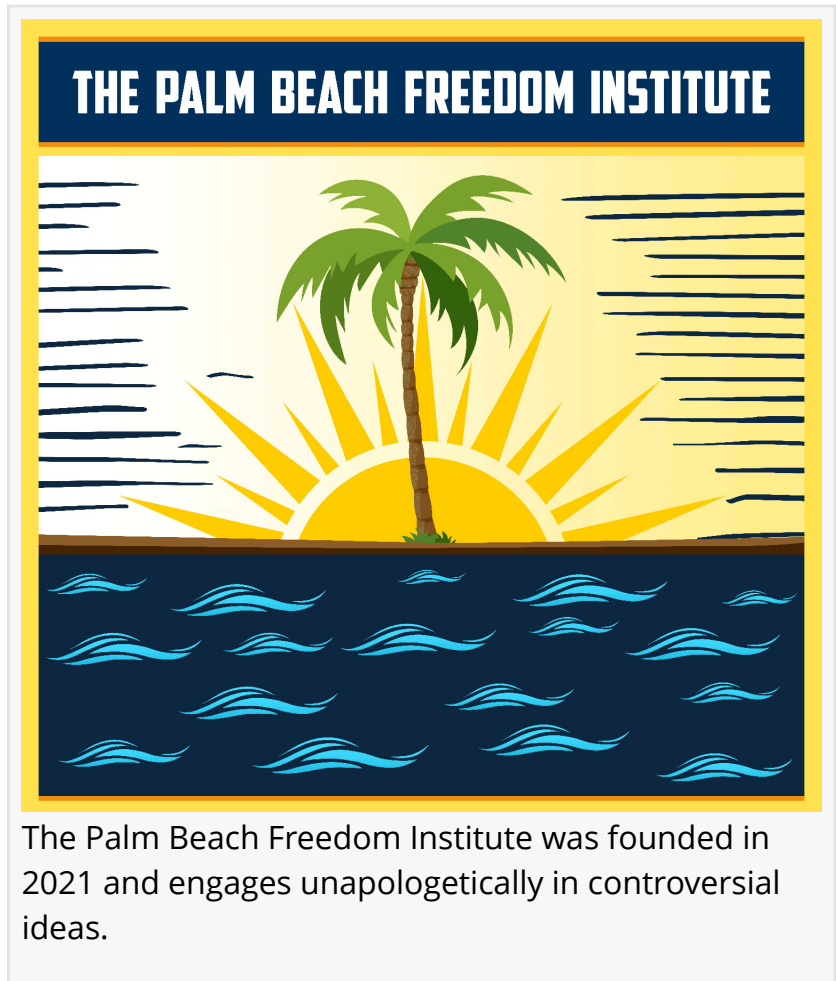
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