

Space Force missile commander removed after fascist ranting on right-wing podcast

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A Space Force commander in charge of detecting ballistic missile launches has been relieved of his command after he appeared on a far-right podcast to promote his fascist book while falsely claiming that “Marxists” had infiltrated the US military.

Military.com reported last week that Lt. Col Matthew Lohmeier appeared on the podcast “Information Operation” with L. Todd Wood to discuss his self-published book, “Irresistible Revolution: Marxism’s Goal of Conquest & the Unmaking of the American Military.”

Lohmeier told the website that he had consulted with his base public affairs and legal counsel team before going forward with the book.

A description of the book on Amazon.com, where it is currently sold out, reads, “Irresistible Revolution is a timely and bold contribution from an active-duty Space Force lieutenant colonel who sees the impact of a neo-Marxist agenda at the ground level within our armed forces.” The book is said to question if “white supremacy or white nationalist” are “a problem within our armed forces?”

The description of the book continues: “After becoming aware of the Marxist conquest of American society, you will never again look at things in the same way. Mainstream media, social media, the public education system (including universities), as well as federal agencies have all become vessels of various schools of thought that are rooted in Marxist ideology—an ideology bent on the destruction of America’s history, of Western tradition, specifically Judeo-Christian values, and of patriotism and conservatism.”

While promoting his fascist screed on the podcast, Lohmeier claimed that since assuming command of the 11th Space Warning Squadron at Buckley Air Force

Base, Colorado, ten months ago he “saw what I consider fundamentally incompatible and competing narratives of what America was, is and should be.”

Lohmeier claimed that these “narratives” which included diversity and inclusion training in the military and postmodernist “critical race theory” were “Marxist in nature” and a “warning sign.” Reached by Military.com, Lohmeier claimed that he was not engaged in “partisan politics,” but that he wrote a book about “a particular political ideology (Marxism) in the hope that our Defense Department might return to being politically non-partisan in the future as it has honorably done throughout history.”

On Friday, May 14, Lt. Gen. Stephen Whiting, the head of Space Operations Command, told Military.com that Lohmeier had been relieved from his command over a “loss of confidence in his ability to lead.”

“This decision was based on public comments made by Lt. Col. Lohmeier in a recent podcast,” a Space Force spokesperson told Military.com in email. “Lt. Gen Whiting has initiated a Command Directed Investigation on whether these comments constituted prohibited partisan political activity.”

The removal of Lohmeier has prompted a wave of condemnation from Republican lawmakers, many of whom supported Trump’s attempted coup on January 6, with nearly all voting to back his lying claims that the election was fraudulent and that President Joe Biden is illegitimate.

These include “Stop the Steal” organizer Arizona Rep. Andy Biggs, who claimed the military was “being brainwashed with Marxist ideals,” described Lohmeier as “a hero” on Twitter, while Texas Senator Ted Cruz, one of seven Republican senators to vote to overturn the election results after the siege of the Capitol, called the firing of Lohmeier “troubling.”

Florida Representative Byron Donalds, another pro-Trump Republican who voted to overturn the election, described Lohmeier as a “hero” on Twitter for defending “the freedoms of the leftist mob attempting to cancel him.” Florida Representative Matt Gaetz, another Republican who voted to overturn the election, said on Twitter that “Lohmeier is a Patriot telling the truth about the attempted wokeification of our military—and worse... I will be seeking action on this in the Armed Services Committee.”

Lohmeier graduated from the Air Force Academy in 2006 and spent 14 years in the Air Force as an instructor pilot for the T-38 Falcon. He also flew the F-15C Eagle. At Space Force, Lohmeier was put in charge of a space-based missile warning system, an extremely sensitive position that, given that it could trigger a nuclear response by the United States, has potentially apocalyptic implications for humanity.

Last November, then President Trump called him on Thanksgiving, earning praise from the officer on Twitter. “Thank you to @ realDonaldTrump for spending some of his Thanksgiving with my 11th Space Warning Squadron Knights. We are grateful!”

Lohmeier was the second fascistic military officer in the news last week, following the indictment Thursday of a Marine Corps officer in connection with the January 6 assault on the Capitol.

The US Department of Justice (DoJ) announced charges against active-duty Marine Major Christopher Warnagiris. In a statement, the DoJ said Warnagiris “violently entered the Capitol on Jan. 6, after pushing through a line of police officers guarding the east Rotunda doors.”

“When a US Capitol Police officer tried to pull the doors shut, Warnagiris refused and continued pushing it open. Warnagiris can be seen pushing the officer in an effort to maintain his position in the open door in security camera footage and publicly available video footage,” the DoJ said.

The Marine Corps has confirmed that Warnagiris joined the Corps in October 2002 and has deployed at least four times, including to Iraq and Afghanistan. Warnagiris is field artillery officer, currently assigned to the Marine Air-Ground Task Force Staff Training Program, and he has multiple awards according to his service record.

According to the *Washington Post*, of the 411

suspects facing over 2,000 criminal charges filed in connection with the siege of the Capitol on January 6, at least 46, representing over 11 percent of the total arrests, have military backgrounds.

The participation of active and former military members in the siege prompted Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin to declare a “stand-down” by the entire military, beginning in February, to “discuss the problem of extremism in the ranks.”

The completion of this farcical pretense of self-criticism last month has not lessened the threat of a fascist coup within the United States, as demonstrated by the wide support Lohmeier has received from coup-plotting Republicans in the days following his removal.



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