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Behold! 🔥 The Focus Group from Hell 🔥

Hitler! Fuentes! Jews! Dating problems! Young Republicans tell you who they really are.



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1. Groypermania

City Journal, like the rest of the Manhattan Institute, has gone from anti-anti-Trump, to Trump-curious, to pro-Trump. Which is why I cannot understand why they convened this focus group of Gen Z Republicans and published the results. Because they are . . . *not flattering* to Trump supporters.

Whatever you might have thought was bubbling around in this cohort, the reality is worse. The kids respect Hitler. The guys are angry girls aren't into them. They want a Christian nationalist theocracy.

I present to you **a focus group so vile** that if it hadn't been published approvingly by a Trump-loving publication, you'd have thought it was parody. Here, for instance, is what happened when the moderator asked the group what they thought about Hitler:

Ashley: I think he was a great leader, to be honest. I think what he was going for was terrible, but I think he showed very strong leadership values.

Andrew: I'm in favor of a strong executive. I think we should have a stronger executive branch. I don't think we should be killing people or doing mass genocide, obviously, but I do think we should have a strong executive. I feel like one of the biggest problems Trump is running into right now is all these little courts, they want to throw up little blockages against everything he's trying to do, whether it be his tariffs or deporting people. So I'm very pro-strong executive, strong leader, strong man. I support national sovereignty, and Hitler was a nationalist. He was like, we have to take Germany back for Germans. And I feel like we should do that in America. We should take America back for our native population. So, I'm not an expert on Hitler by any means, but as far as nationalism is concerned, I'm all that.

Brice: I myself am actually Jewish, ancestrally. I'm Christian by faith, but Jewish by blood. I've actually read *Mein Kampf*. The end conclusions that he

came to: absolutely abominable. But I strangely understood where he was coming from as far as wanting to improve the national state of Germany.

My friends: *It gets worse from there.*

Buckle your chin straps. It's about to get heavy.

After the Hitler question, the *City Journal* moderator asked the young Republicans what they think about Jews:

Atticus: They've got Hollywood on lock.

George: Don't they own, like, a ton of the media, and, like, just kind of everything?

Brice: No different than black people, Asian people, or any other people here today. I don't really know why there's a single issue about Jewish people.

Andrew: I would say a force for evil. I don't see why we support Israel. I think Israel's a very evil state. The genocide in Gaza, killing all these poor people. And the only reason we really support them is because they are the biggest donors. We have AIPAC, and these are all Jewish-run organizations.

At this point the moderator gets a little shook:

Moderator: Let me clarify that. Andrew, you think the Jewish people are a force for evil?

Andrew: Yes, sir. It doesn't bother me if it's true. Those slurs, if you're racist whatever, that just rolls off my back... This is my country, my people have been here since the American Revolution, so I say what I want to.

Ah, I see. Andrew is a Heritage American. The moderator asks the group what they think of Andrew's statement. Here's a one of the responses:

Lauren: I hear [pro-Israel content] all the time from certain pastors, and it makes me question them. I used to go to Global Vision Bible Church with G Locke, and he's demonic, and I know a lot of stuff and how much harm he's done to a lot of people . . . he goes to Israel all the freaking time and takes his stupid money. Israel has a lot of connections to sex and human trafficking, and that doesn't sit well with me. I don't feel like this is anti-Semitic because I'm a little bit Jewish myself, so I have all the room to talk, and I've been seeing evidence. When you see evidence of a pastor abusing people, or a pastor won't show you his financial statements, that's a big freaking problem.

Demonic Israeli sex traffickers giving money to evangelical pastors. Wow.

Would you like more? I have more. What do the kids think of Nick Fuentes?

George: I think it's hilarious. I agree with a lot of his points. He definitely doesn't care about how it's gonna be reacted to, which I respect, but I also think it can be kind of dangerous. I think I read earlier that he's not ever planning running for political office, which I think is probably a good thing. There's a lot of baggage attached to him. I just think he's funny, honestly, and through the humor he's saying a lot of things that I kinda align with. He said that all blacks should be in jail on Piers Morgan. And I was like, oh my god, this guy's kind of a psycho.

Ally: At its core I believe a lot of what he says, but I think the delivery is kind of poor. Like, I feel that way about Trump. [But] . . . He's America First. He's no

anti-helping out other countries, but he's like we can't be putting our country at risk because of it, so I just think that general mindset is what I agree with.

Atticus: I dig him. He knows his market. He's not trying to please everybody. He's definitely going after more of the shock value with some of his stuff. But as far as general beliefs or values, I sort of agree.

Ethan: He has some interesting opinions, I think specifically about race.

Andrew: I feel like his viewpoints would have been mainstream not that long ago. If he's saying something like most women want to be raped, well, *Fifty Shades of Grey* sells like hotcakes to women, so I feel like that's just a fact.

Wow. That Andrew guy seems a little out there! The moderator later asks about dating and Andrew seemed annoyed that he isn't able to find a good woman:

Andrew: I know a lot of guys who were pretty successful, who are in pretty good shape and successful, and they have a hard time finding a good Christian woman. I'm successful. I do pretty well. I make almost \$100,000. I'm only 20 years old, so this isn't a top-of-mind concern for me, but I don't see a lot of good Christian women. I see a lot of tattoos, I don't like that. And I see a lot of promiscuity with women, and I don't like that, either. I see a lot of feminism too. A lot of bossy women. I look at my mother, and I see a very traditional, conservative woman, and I don't see that in other women around.

Can't a brother just find a good woman like his mom? Because really, women have gotten so uppity. The moderator asks if anyone in the group thinks women shouldn't be allowed to vote and Andrew raises his hand and then explains:

Andrew: I just feel like women are very emotional, and that politics is a man's discipline. I seriously believe it. My mother actually believes this, too. And I

know some other women who believe that. I just feel like I've never really seen a woman who truly understands politics.

It's a mystery why this studmuffin can't get laid.

2. Only the Best Young Republicans

At one point the moderator asked what has “broken” the country and the consensus of the group seems to be health care costs. Most of them complained about lacking insurance coverage. And then this happened:

Ashley: I don't think that guy [Luigi Mangione] went about it the right way, but I can see where his frustrations were.

There was a good deal of immigration talk. You will be unsurprised at the general tenor:

Andrew: I feel like the country's worsening, and really because of immigration. I feel like who is in the country makes up the country, and dictates what kind of country it's going to be. And I don't feel like the Trump administration is doing enough to deport people. I know that they need resources for that but they're deporting about as many people as Biden did and as Obama did. They're on track to hit about a million by the end of his term, which is what Obama did and I feel like that's not nearly enough. I think more people need to be deported faster, so I would say the country is getting worse.

Asked if things are getting better or worse in America, here is one response:

Lauren: I feel like it's a combination. Some things are worsening . . . the immigrants and the deportation. That just makes me angry: there shouldn't be women dying because certain people are not put away. And these . . . Democratic judges just freaking, like, letting people off. I'm like, do your freaking job, and actually put people away when they commit a crime. Like, why are you letting them off? Why is this so politically charged? No. Democrat or Republican, do your freaking job . . . There's talk about cancer research going down, and kind of . . . almost ending, and that really makes me angry. I mean, my mom had cancer, my grandma is enduring it right now. But religion's improving: the percentages of Gen Z seeking out the Lord and starting a relationship . . . with who God truly is.

“Religion” is improving. Cool, cool.

Asked about Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, not a single participant thought America should support Ukraine. A sample of the responses:

Wilks: Scam. Europe's problem.

Ethan: I don't really care.

Grant: Calculated and money.

The moderator asked the group which political figure or media personality best represents them.

Ashley: Charlie Kirk. I like the core values he held and put forward, putting God first, above everything. And that Kennedy guy—with the raspy voice.

Lauren: Shawn Ryan. And Charlie Kirk, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Joe Rogan.

George: Tucker Carlson. Especially after his departure from Fox, just seeing kind of how he's a little more middle ground. Not so brainwashed by the bosses who tell him what to say.

Yes, yes. The Venn diagram of Charlie Kirk, RFK Jr., and Joe Rogan's political views is famously a circle. And it is a truth universally acknowledged that when Tucker Carlson was on Fox, he was super brainwashed and woke. He has become much more middle ground in his independent media phase.

At one point the moderator asked if any immigrant groups were better at assimilation than others. After a number of people complained about Hispanic people, one woman—Addie, a self-described “very right-wing” 18-year-old Hispanic Baptist who had said JD Vance should be the next president—walked out.

The Gen Z Republicans were too much for her.

Some time after Addie left, the group was asked what they think the rest of society thinks about people like them.

George: The most dangerous threat to democracy? It's just ridiculous . . . Maybe we should be a more dangerous threat.

Caleb: The representation of, like, young right-wing people, it's either, “you're a Groyper” or “you're a Christian nationalist.”

Nate: They make us out like we're extremists, the young Right. You know, we're either on the left or we're alt-right, we can't just be in the middle. I'm not a

Groyper, and I don't know any Groypers.

At which point I thought, *Nate, buddy, the groypers are in the room with you. You've spent the last hour with a bunch of them.*

But more broadly, how could anyone possibly think that young people who have read *Mein Kampf* and found a lot of interesting stuff in it, who think Hitler was a strong leader who was just trying to make Germany great again, who aren't sure women should be allowed to vote—how could anyone think people like that are extremists or dangers to democracy?

There's so much to unpack here. Let me give you a few prompts for our discussion today.

- Do you think the people at the Manhattan Institute were scared straight by this focus group? Or are they so far gone that they don't see anything wrong with it?
- How much longer can right-wing Jewish Republicans pretend that nationalism isn't coming for them?
- How will JD Vance square the circle of (a) providing aid and comfort to antisemites while also (b) maintaining the support of Jewish Republicans? ¹

I look forward to your thoughts in the comments. As always: Please try to be your best selves.

3. People Power

This *Mother Jones* piece about how the people of Chicago beat ICE is encouraging

In a residential neighborhood in Kenner, Louisiana, two vehicles full of Border Patrol agents speed down the street. Their goal is to work quickly, before the protesters show up and start blowing whistles and honking horns to alert potential targets to hide inside. Border Patrol might spend hours waiting to detain an immigrant, only to be thwarted by a united neighborhood effort. Here in Kenner, a suburb of New Orleans, it looks like the feds might succeed. But as the agents round a corner, a Mercedes-Benz SUV comes out of nowhere, wedging itself between their vehicles, laying on the horn, whistles shrieking.

It's a scene that has played out across Chicago, Charlotte, and now New Orleans, where the Trump administration launched what it calls "Operation Catahoula Crunch." When Customs and Border Protection and Commander Gregory Bovino move into town, so does **Whistlemania**. Activists create and distribute thousands of 3D-printed whistles, and their piercing cries are used as a signal that immigration agents are nearby. Caravans of protesters follow agents around, raising the alarm as they drive through the streets.

Hours after the chase in Kenner, Bovino and his team held a photo op for protesters. As they walked out of a store and back to their vehicles, video journalist Forrest Fischer **asked** Bovino if the whistles and horns had impeded the raids.

"No, it actually helps us," Bovino claimed. "Oftentimes that helps. We incorporate that into our strategy."

When asked for clarification, Bovino explained, "Sometimes it alerts them. We're able to look at a reaction from the horn, and gather info and intel from that." He quickly walked away.

CBP didn't answer my follow-up questions about the raid I saw that day. But based on my experience observing Border Patrol and ICE across the country

found it hard to believe they actually *wanted* protesters to warn neighbors about their presence. And that certainly wasn't what I witnessed in Louisiana.

Read the whole thing.

- 1 Trump achieved this by being nice to the Proud Boys and having dinner with Nick Fuentes. He made antisemites feel comfortable and welcome even while his policies were to be maximally useful to Benjamin Netanyahu.

So far, Vance seems to be trying to stake out the inverse position: He wants to cut American aid to Israel, but to keep Jewish Republicans onboard by unpersoning the antisemites in his coalition. Could this possibly work?



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