

Northrop Grumman's Commitment To Democracy And Diversity Flies In The Face Of Its \$83,000 To Seditiousists Supported By White Supremacists

SUMMARY: Northrop Grumman has given \$83,000 to the Seditious Caucus despite claiming that its work "[preserves freedom and democracy](#)" and after it was the [first defense contractor](#) to halt political contributions after the insurrection. Notably, the company has claimed a commitment to the "[highest ethical standards,](#)" and an aspiration to be an "[ideal corporate citizen.](#)"

Additionally, Northrop Grumman's Seditious Caucus contributions are at odds with its claimed commitment to "[embracing diversity](#)" since the insurrection was seen as "[the culmination](#)" of Trump-era white supremacy.

Northrop's senior leadership also includes figures associated with the right. One of Northrop's Vice Presidents, [Lesley Kalan](#), was a staffer under then-Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Sen. Ted Stevens (R-AK), who was found guilty of [lying](#) on his Senate ethics forms. And retired [Admiral Gary Roughead](#) sits on Northrop's board while also serving as a "[distinguished military fellow](#)" at the conservative [Hoover Institution](#).

Lastly, Northrop claims that the principles of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights "[lie at the core of our company's values.](#)" The Declaration includes an article on preserving "[genuine elections,](#)" which were directly threatened by the Seditious Caucus' attempt to overturn the 2020 presidential election.

Northrop Grumman—Which Has Claimed That Its Work “Preserves Freedom And Democracy”—Gave \$83,000 To The Seditious Caucus After It Was The First Defense Contractor To Halt Contributions After The Insurrection.

Northrop Grumman Donated \$83,000 To The Seditious Caucus So Far In 2021.

Northrop Grumman Has Given \$83,000 To The Seditious Caucus, As Of December 22, 2021.

[Accountable.US, Corporate Donations Tracker, accessed [12/22/21](#)]

PAC	Member Of Congress	Amount	Date
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Ken Calvert (CA-42)	\$10,000	9/28/21; 6/16/21; 4/28/21
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Vicky Hartzler (MO-04)	\$10,000	6/8/21; 5/26/21
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Trent Kelly (MS-01)	\$5,000	10/27/21; 6/28/21
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Mike Johnson (LA-04)	\$5,000	10/27/21; 8/13/21
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Frank Lucas (OK-03)	\$5,000	7/28/21; 5/25/21

Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Robert Aderholt (AL-04)	\$5,000	9/28/21; 5/25/21
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Tom Cole (OK-04)	\$5,000	9/28/21; 5/25/21
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Kevin McCarthy (CA-23)	\$5,000	7/28/21
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Mike Rogers (AL-03)	\$5,000	6/28/21; 5/25/21
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Rob Wittman (VA-01)	\$5,000	6/28/21; 4/28/21
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Mike Garcia (CA-25)	\$4,000	8/13/21; 5/25/21
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Hal Rogers (KY-05)	\$2,500	10/27/21
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Sam Graves (MO-06)	\$3,500	6/28/21; 11/29/21
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. John Carter (TX-31)	\$2,500	6/16/21
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25)	\$2,500	8/13/21
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Steve Scalise (LA-01)	\$2,500	9/28/21
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Chris Stewart (UT-02)	\$2,500	4/28/21
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Jason Smith (MO-08)	\$1,000	6/28/21
Employees Of Northrop Grumman Corporation PAC	Rep. Stephanie Bice (OK-05)	\$2,000	6/28/21; 11/29/21
Total:		\$83,000	

[Accountable.US, Corporate Donations Tracker, accessed 12/22/21]

During The 2020 Election Cycle, Northrop Grumman Had Given \$767,939 To Members Who Voted Against Certifying The Presidential Election. “According to OpenSecrets.com, which analyzed leadership PACs and individual donations for the 2020 election cycle, four defense firms were among the top 20 overall donors to the members who opposed Biden’s certification: Lockheed Martin (\$794,353, 9th on the list), Northrop Grumman (\$767,939, 11th), Raytheon Technologies (\$736,866, 13th), Boeing (\$662,701, 20th).” [Defense News, [01/11/21](#)]

Northrop Grumman Was The First Defense Contractor To Halt Political Contributions Following The Insurrection, Stating That It Was "Evaluating The Way Forward" At The Time.

Northrop Grumman Was The “First Defense Manufacturer To Halt All Donations From Its Political Action Committee” Following The January 6 Insurrection. “On Monday evening Northrop Grumman became the first defense manufacturer to halt all donations from its political action committee, joining a growing corporate backlash against the Capitol violence Wednesday.” [Washington Post, [01/12/21](#)]

Statement From Northrop Grumman Spokesman Tim Paynter: “We Are Pausing Political Action Committee Giving And Evaluating The Way Forward.” [Defense News, [08/11/21](#)]

Northrop Grumman Has Claimed That Its Work “Preserves Freedom And Democracy.”

Northrop Grumman Has Claimed Its Work “Preserves Freedom And Democracy” In A Job Posting, As Of August 11, 2021. “At Northrop Grumman, our employees have incredible opportunities to work on revolutionary systems and technology that impact people's lives around the world today, and for generations to come. Our work preserves freedom and democracy, and advances human discovery and our understanding of the universe.” [Northrop Grumman, accessed [08/11/21](#)]

Northrop Grumman Has Committed To "Embracing Diversity" And Touts Multiple Awards For Diversity And Inclusion—However, The Insurrection Has Been Seen As The "Culmination" Of Trump-Era White Supremacist Displays, Including The "Unite The Right" Rally.

Northrop Grumman Touts Their Commitment To The “Highest Ethical Standards”, “Embracing Diversity,” And Becoming An “Ideal Corporate Citizen.”

Northrop Grumman Has Touted Their “Highest Ethical Standards, Embracing Diversity, And Becoming An Ideal Corporate Citizen.” “At Northrop Grumman, we take pride in conducting business with a broad perspective, taking into account customers, employees, shareholders, the environment and communities in which we operate. As we continue to grow, we remain committed to maintaining the highest ethical standards, embracing diversity and becoming an ideal corporate citizen. We do so by implementing our core values: taking responsibility for the quality we put forth, delivering customer satisfaction, demonstrating leadership, acting with integrity, valuing our people, and treating our suppliers as essential team members.” [Northrop Grumman, accessed [11/23/21](#)]

Northrop Grumman Claims It “Values Diversity” And Its Chair And CEO Kathy Warden Released A Statement Claiming That “Diversity And Inclusion Is Rooted In Our Culture And Values.”

Northrop Grumman: “We Believe That Creating A Team And A Workplace That Values Diversity And Fosters Inclusion Is Pivotal To Promoting Innovation And Increasing Productivity And Profitability.” “We believe that creating a team and a workplace that values diversity and fosters inclusion is pivotal to promoting innovation and increasing productivity and profitability. Our goal is to continually support and nurture the large number of Northrop Grumman employees whose backgrounds, characteristics and perspectives are as diverse as the global communities in which we reside.” [Northrop Grumman, accessed [11/23/21](#)]

Northrop Grumman’s Chair And CEO Kathy Warden Released A Statement Claiming That “Diversity And Inclusion Is Rooted In our Culture And Values.” “Diversity and inclusion is rooted in our culture and

our values, and we want our employees to know they can be their true selves at work. I truly believe that diversity and inclusion drive performance. Great ideas come from diversity of thought, background, perspective, culture, gender, race, age and many other factors. We continue to make great strides in ensuring our employees feel respected and know their voices matter. - Kathy Warden, chairman, chief executive officer and president” [Northrop Grumman, accessed [11/23/21](#)]



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[Northrop Grumman, accessed [11/23/21](#)]

2021: Northrop Grumman Was Named In DiversityInc’s Top Companies For Diversity In 2021. [Northrop Grumman, accessed [11/23/21](#)]



DiversityInc Top 50 Companies for Diversity, 2021

[Northrop Grumman, accessed [11/23/21](#)]

2021: Forbes Named Northrop Grumman As One Of Its “America’s Best Employers For Diversity. [Northrop Grumman, accessed [11/23/21](#)]



Forbes - America's Best Employers for Diversity, 2021

[Northrop Grumman, accessed [11/23/21](#)]

2021: Minority Engineer Magazine Named Northrop Grumman As One Of The Readers' Choice Top 50 Employers. [Northrop Grumman, accessed [11/23/21](#)]



Minority Engineer Magazine - Readers' Choice Top 50 Employer, 2021

[Northrop Grumman, accessed [11/23/21](#)]

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Associated Press: Years of white supremacy threats culminated in Capitol riots [Associated Press, [11/15/21](#)]

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- "Extremist Groups" Had A Presence In The Insurrection, "Including The Pro-Trump, Far-Right, Anti-Government Oath Keepers And The Three Percenters." "Extremist groups, including the pro-Trump, far-right, anti-government Oath Keepers and the Three Percenters, a loose anti-government network that's part of the militia movement, were among those descending on the halls of power on Jan. 6." [Associated Press, [11/15/21](#)]

Avowed White Nationalist Group The Groyper Army Was Present At The Insurrection. "Also among the rioters were members of Groyper Army, a loose network of white nationalists, the white supremacist New Jersey European Heritage Association, and the far-right extremist Proud Boys, along with other known white supremacists, Tuchman said. While not all the anti-government groups were explicitly white supremacist, Tuchman said many support white supremacist beliefs." [Associated Press, [1/14/21](#)]

Northrop Grumman's Leadership Contains Figures Associated With The Conservative Movement, Including A Former Staffer For Sen. Ted Stevens (R-AK), Who Was Found Guilty Of Lying On Ethics Forms, And A Current "Distinguished Military Fellow" For The Conservative Hoover Institution.

Lesley Kalan, Northrop Grumman's Corporate Vice President And Chief Strategy And Development Officer, Worked Under Former Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Sen. Ted Stevens (R-AK), Who Was Found Guilty Of Seven Counts Of Lying On Ethics Forms.

Lesley Kalan Is The Corporate Vice President and Chief Strategy And Development Officer Of Northrop Grumman Corporation. According to Northrop Grumman's leadership page, Lesley Kalan is the Corporate Vice President and Chief Strategy and Development Officer, Northrop Grumman Corporation. [Northrop Grumman, accessed [11/23/21](#)]



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[Northrop Grumman, accessed [11/23/21](#)]

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- **Sen. Ted Stevens Was Chair Of The Senate Appropriations Committee From 1997 To 2001 And From 2003 To 2005.** [Ted Stevens Foundation, accessed [11/30/21](#)]

2009: Sen. Ted Stevens Was A Republican Senator From Alaska Who Was Found Guilty Of Seven Counts Of Lying On Senate Ethics Forms. "A federal judge on Tuesday set aside the conviction of Republican former Sen. Ted Stevens while excoriating the case's prosecutors. District Judge Emmet Sullivan also appointed an independent, nongovernment attorney, Henry Schuelke III, to investigate possible misconduct by the government lawyers who prosecuted the 85-year-old former senator from Alaska. [...] In October, Stevens was found guilty of seven counts of lying on Senate ethics forms. He lost his bid for re-election in November to Democratic challenger Mark Begich, then mayor of Anchorage. In December, an unnamed FBI whistle-blower accused prosecutors of withholding evidence from the defense. [CNN Politics, [4/7/09](#)]

Admiral Gary Roughead Is A Member Of Northrup Grumman's Board Of Directors And Is A "Distinguished Military Fellow" At The Conservative Hoover Institution.

Admiral Gary Roughead Is A Member Of The Northrop Grumman Board Of Directors. "Adm. Gary Roughead was elected to the Northrop Grumman Board of Directors in 2012. Roughead retired from his position as the 29th chief of naval operations in September 2011, after serving in that position for four years. The chief of naval operations is the senior military position in the U.S. Navy. As chief of naval operations, Roughead stabilized and accelerated ship and aircraft procurement plans and the Navy's capability and capacity in ballistic missile defense and unmanned air and underwater systems. He restructured the Navy to

address the challenges and opportunities in cyber operations. Prior to becoming the chief of naval operations, he held six operational commands (including commanding both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets)." [Northrop Grumman, accessed [11/23/21](#)]

Admiral Roughead Is A "Distinguished Military Fellow" At The Hoover Institution. "Roughead is a Robert and Marion Oster Distinguished Military Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. He is also a director of Maersk Line, Limited and chairman of Fincantieri Marinette Marine Corp. He is the head trustee of Dodge and Cox Funds, a trustee of Johns Hopkins University and serves on the Board of Managers of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory." [Northrop Grumman, accessed [11/23/21](#)]

- **Roughead Was Still Listed As A Robert and Marion Oster Distinguished Military Fellow As Of November 30, 2021.** [The Hoover Institution, accessed [11/30/21](#)]

The Hoover Institution Is A Conservative Think Tank. "No one has ever doubted that the Hoover Institution, a think tank and research center named after Republican president Herbert Hoover, leans conservative. Its fellows have shaped American domestic and foreign policy under nearly every president for the past 50 years. Despite this prestigious service to our University and our country, several members of the faculty senate suddenly decided they had had enough of the sole conservative institution on campus. Professor Kenneth Taylor called the Hoover Institution's conservative ideology 'intellectually bankrupt.' In a published statement last Friday, over a dozen Stanford professors described Hoover's commitment to its mission statement, as 'constraining' and "antithetical to the spirit of open inquiry that is a fundamental element of liberal education." [Stanford Daily, [2/11/19](#)]

Northrop Grumman Claims That The United Nations Universal Declaration Of Human Rights—Which Includes An Article On Preserving "Genuine Elections"—"Lie[s] At The Core Of Our Company's Values."

Northrop Grumman States That The Principles Of The United Nations Universal Declaration Of Human Rights "Lie At The Core Of Our Company's Values"—The Declaration Includes An Article On Democratic Rights That States, "The Will Of The People Shall Be The Basis Of The Authority Of Government," As Expressed Through "Genuine Elections."

Northrop Grumman States That The Principles Of The United Nations' Universal Declaration For Human Rights "Lie At The Core Of Our Company's Values." "Human rights are generally defined as the basic freedoms believed to be inherent to all people. They are outlined in the Universal Declaration for Human Rights, www.un.org/en/documents/udhr. The Universal Declaration focuses on dignity, respect and equality, without discrimination. These are principles that lie at the core of our Company's values. We are committed to treating all of our stakeholders – including our employees, customers, shareholders and suppliers, and the communities in which we operate – with dignity, respect and equality, and also to partnering with our stakeholders to help them to do the same." [Northrop Grumman, accessed [11/30/21](#)]

The Universal Declaration Of Human Rights Includes The Right For "Everyone Has The Right To Take Part In The Government Of His Country, Directly Or Through Freely Chosen Representatives." "Universal Declaration of Human Rights [...] Article 21 [...] Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives." [United Nations, accessed [11/09/21](#)]

The Universal Declaration Of Human Rights Includes, "The Will Of The People Shall Be The Basis Of The Authority Of Government," As Expressed Through "Genuine Elections." "Universal Declaration of Human Rights [...] Article 21 [...] The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures." [United Nations, accessed [11/09/21](#)]

The United Nations Office Of The High Commissioner On Human Rights States That "Genuine Elections" Are "Necessary And Fundamental" In Promoting Human Rights. "The right to take part in the conduct of public affairs, including the right to vote and to stand for election, is at the core of democratic governments based on the will of the people. Genuine elections are a necessary and fundamental component of an environment that protects and promotes human rights." [United Nations Office Of The High Commissioner On Human Rights, accessed [11/12/21](#)]

Northrop Grumman Claims That It Observes The United Nations Guiding Principles For Business And Human Rights, Which Says Companies Should "Should Address Adverse Human Rights Impacts With Which They Are Involved."

Northrop Grumman States That "Companies Share A Responsibility To Act In Ways That Support" Human Rights As It Cites The United Nations Guiding Principles For Business And Human Rights. "Although governments have the primary duty to provide and protect human rights, companies share a responsibility to act in ways that support them. The U.N. Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights, adopted by the U.N. in 2011, offers a source of guidance on how governments, companies, and other parties can address their responsibilities." [Northrop Grumman, accessed [11/30/21](#)]

The United Nations' Guiding Principles On Business And Human Rights States Companies Should "Should Address Adverse Human Rights Impacts With Which They Are Involved." "II. THE CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS A. FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES 11. Business enterprises should respect human rights. This means that they should avoid infringing on the human rights of others and should address adverse human rights impacts with which they are involved." [United Nations, accessed [11/09/21](#)]