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Ohio House GOP Primary Candidate Helped Found Soros-Backed Environmentalist Group

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In a rarity, George Soros has a connection to a Republican candidate for once.

The candidate in question is one of the Republicans running for Ohio's 15th district (which is +9 Republican).

As Red State's Seton Motley writes:

Brian Stewart is an alleged Republican state Rep, running to be an alleged Republican US Congressman. In his announcement, he talks a little bit of a good game: "Th(e)se

challenges – whether from the extreme left, or an adversarial nation – must be dealt with aggressively and with conviction."

As he notes however, Stewart launched the environmental group Ohio Conservative Energy Forum, which is backed by leftist donors including Soros and former Democrat presidential candidate Tom Steyer. All mention of Stewart was scrubbed from their website in 2019.

Soros money is behind...just about everything Leftist. His Tides Foundation kicked in coin to the Network. And Steyer's TomKat Charitable Trust/Foundation – kicked in \$3 million.

Oh: And President Joe Biden's ridiculous "Climate Czar" Gina McCarthy? She of the radical policy prescriptions and fake email accounts?

She served on the Board of the same Leftist group alleged Republican Stewart had been proudly leading.

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The group also takes money from the leftist Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the Turner Foundation, the McKnight Foundation and the Argosy Foundation.

The conservative-named organization has long been described as a Trojan horse due to the army of leftist backers behind it. The group produces polls claiming to prove the majority of conservatives back a cavalcade of left-wing environmental policies, presumably in an attempt to further a bogus narrative that such policies are bipartisan. It's the same kind of propaganda strategy you see employed over at MSNBC or CNN, who employ "Republicans" whose views align with 5% of actual Republicans.

As the Washington Examiner's Kevin Rooney wrote back in 2019:

Why would an organization that markets itself as conservative receive the backing of so many liberal foundations?

Hayden Ludwig, an investigator with the Capital Research Center, has some insight.

He sees an effort from environmentalists to burrow in with pliable Republicans who seek cover on questions of climate change.

"These groups want to pretend to be bipartisan, but their funding pretty much comes from all left-wing groups," he said in an interview. "In some cases, a group may have a Republican figurehead in a prominent position, but when you look at the rest of their staff and their funding it's pretty much all left-of-center."

It's no secret that Soros has long funded hundreds of leftist organizations. It looks like we need to keep tabs on who he's funding on the "right" as well.

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