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Milo Yiannopoulos and the Alt-Right

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Breitbart editor Milo Yiannopoulos, the self-described “Kayne West” of journalism, recently caused an uproar when he visited the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Comedian Steven Crowder and Christina Hoff Sommers, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and former philosophy professor, joined Milo on the panel to discuss issues of free speech and the culture of political correctness on college campuses.

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Unsurprisingly, the panelists were greeted with a throng of outraged college students holding up middle fingers and screaming obscenities. The outraged students continued to shout vulgarities and constantly interrupted the panelists, making video of the event almost unwatchable.

One young woman kept shouting, “Get your hate speech off this campus,” while hysterically sobbing, rocking back and forth, and wailing like a six-year-old child. It’s therefore ironic that the same student demanded that the panelists “stop talking to us like children.” Hoff Sommers replied, “Then stop acting like a child.”

The panel was part of Milo’s national speaking tour, which has already drawn similar hysteria at other colleges. Milo gained tremendous national attention in recent years because of his *Breitbart* columns and his intentionally offensive social media presence.

Milo, who is openly gay, is far from a typical right-wing journalist. Departing from the ethos of conventional conservatives like Charles Krauthammer, Bill Kristol, and George Will, 32-year-old Milo represents an emerging faction known as the “alternative right.”

A brief glance at his Twitter account reveals that Milo is not a typical conservative writer. He’s an unapologetic Trump supporter who often refers to the Donald as “Daddy.” One Instagram post shows Milo at a shooting range, dressed in a suit and wearing a “Make America Great Again” hat, and holding a gun and a

Louis Vuitton bag. The caption reads, “The only man who can defeat ISIS.”

Although Milo’s persona can be entertaining, his goal is often not to engage in productive dialogue, but to incite anger. Milo describes feminism as “cancer,” and once planned to dress in a Native American costume on a visit to Yale just to offend the students.

He defends Donald Trump from all criticism. Last month, Trump retweeted an unflattering photo of Cruz’s wife next to a picture of Melania Trump with the caption, “A picture is worth a thousand words.” Milo wrote an entire article defending this tweet, arguing that “Trump’s crass tweets and objectionable comments may not be comfortable reading for old-fashioned conservatives who appreciate decency and good manners, but they are helping to break the language codes that were primarily set up by the left, for the left.”

As the de facto leader of the alternative right movement, or the

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A National Hero on the \$20 Bill

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For the first time in nearly 100 years, the \$20 bill is about to undergo a major redesign. Harriet Tubman will replace Andrew Jackson on the face of the bill, and Jackson will move to the back.

The bill has undergone minor design changes over the years, but this will be the first time since 1928, when Jackson replaced Grover Cleveland, that the face of the bill will change fundamentally.

Secretary of the Treasury Jack Lew previously announced his plan to replace Alexander Hamilton on the \$10 bill with a woman by 2020 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. But thanks in part to the Broadway hit *Hamilton*, Americans resisted the redesign and Lew reversed his decision.

Instead, the reverse side of the \$10 bill will be redesigned to feature Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Alice Paul, heroes of the women’s suffrage movement.

An organization called “Women on 20s” helped lead the push to put Tubman on the \$20 bill after polling the public to see which iconic woman they preferred.

The representation of Harriet

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Tubman on the \$20 is a victory for all Americans. Some on the right claim that the redesign panders to feminists and social justice groups, but Tubman in truth embodied some conservative values, and many common to all Americans, throughout her life.

Tubman dedicated her life to fighting for freedom. As a conductor on the Underground Railroad, she acted independently to fight for liberty. She had few tools at her disposal, and the government’s Fugitive Slave Law against her, and yet she risked her life to ensure that all

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Undermining ISIS Online

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White House rhetoric over the past few months has suggested that ISIS is growing weaker. These claims crumble, however, in light of the terrorist group’s recent attacks on Paris and Brussels, as well as their growing strength in Syria and Iraq.

Although American forces have succeeded in recapturing key cities such as Ramadi, the Islamic State continues to expand its sphere of

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“alt-right” for short, Milo has tasked himself with representing even the most absurd branches of the bizarre and eclectic coalition. Benjamin Welton of the *Weekly Standard* describes the movement as a group of “neo-reactionaries, monarchists, nativists, populists, and even a few self-declared fascists. They mostly congregate online, with a large swath of blogs and websites dedicated to their concerns.”

Unlike “establishment-Republicans,” the alternative right is an anti-globalization movement averse to foreign intervention, free trade, and immigration.

There appears to be one common denominator that characterizes the rise of Trump and the alternative right: low information. The average Donald Trump supporter does not realize that waging an aggressive trade war could threaten the stability of global markets. The average Trump support does not accept that new immigrants commit crimes at lower rates than the American population and help support economic growth. According to a report last year by the *Wall Street Journal*, immigrants started 28.5 percent of new businesses in 2014.

Trump’s criticism of NATO also reflects the isolationist stance of the alternative right. His supporters probably won’t realize the importance of NATO until Russian troops are marching through the streets of Estonia.

At this point, it seems inevitable that Trump will be the Republican nominee. The party is in shambles, having been hijacked by the alt-right and its addiction to entertaining personalities like Trump and Milo.

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within the United States could enjoy basic liberty.

Tubman also supported the idea that gun ownership allows individuals to take responsibility for their own security. She carried a revolver not only for her protection but for the protection of the refugees in her company. Her weapon provided some security against slave catchers, as well as encouragement to those runaways who considered turning back and risking the safety of the rest of the group.

During the Civil War Tubman fought alongside the Union. In her quest for liberty for all, she could not be deterred by the threat of death—she craved liberty over all else.

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physical freedom of the slaves, but as a battle for the souls of Americans as a whole. A devout Christian, she acted upon her faith to help redeem a lost nation.

“Her incredible moral and physical courage is an example to all Americans, as is her willingness to act on her Christian faith,” said Kristina Arriaga, executive director of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. “She is an icon of religious liberty.”

After the North’s victory, Tubman turned her attention to another cause: the women’s suffrage movement. She saw it as imperative to the sanctity of the nation that both men and women have the right to choose their elected officials.

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Tubman will be the first woman on an American banknote in over 100 years. While Tubman will not be the first woman ever on an American banknote, as Martha Washington twice graced the \$1 bill (first in 1886 on the face and again in 1896 on the reverse side), Tubman will be ending a lengthy absence of historically significant women on American paper currency.

The redesign is a momentous occasion for all Americans. Tubman embodied the American idea throughout her life—the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness. She fought to ensure that all in America were free and equal under the law. A champion of individual rights, Harriet Tubman was a true American hero who deserves her place on the \$20 bill.

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influence both within the Middle East and beyond. As of last Wednesday, ISIS has claimed responsibility for or inspired nearly 90 attacks in 21 countries, including the United States. The death toll of these attacks stands at nearly 1,400 people.

Military officials hope to disrupt ISIS’s ability to attract new members, circulate orders, and carry out day-to-day functions.

Clearly, neither traditional military involvement nor American intelligence gathering methods are working. ISIS always seems to be a

step ahead. The terror group relies on social media sites and encryption to recruit and carry out operations, making it difficult for U.S. intelligence to pin down where and when attacks will occur.

Weapons alone cannot win the war against ISIS. The United States must change its tactics so that it fights smarter instead of harder.

Last week, military officials took a step in the right direction. For the first time since its inception six years ago, U.S. military officials directed Cyber Command, the NSA’s military counterpart, to mount computer network attacks against the Islamic State. Until recently, Cyber Command focused solely on Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea, all countries from which cyber attacks on the United States frequently originate.

By implementing cyber attacks, military officials hope to disrupt ISIS’s ability to attract new members, circulate orders, and carry out day-to-day functions. The Obama administration also hopes that publicizing this new campaign will aid in deterring potential recruits and scaring ISIS commanders.

Officials say that the attacks will involve infiltrating ISIS networks to learn the online habits of their commanders. Then Cyber Command will imitate the ISIS commanders or alter their messages in order to lure ISIS militants into areas more vulnerable to American ground forces or drone strikes.

Officials have also hinted at using cyber attacks to interrupt electronic transfers and misdirect payments. As General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said, “We’re trying to both physically and virtually isolate [ISIS], limit their ability to conduct command and control, limit their ability to communicate with each other, limit their ability to conduct operations locally and tactically.”

In addition, Lisa O. Monaco, Obama’s top adviser for counterterrorism, has led the effort to disrupt recruiting on social media, including taking down social media posts and developing a counter narrative about the group’s brutality. Corporations including Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter are also growing more efficient at finding and removing Islamic State posts, a tactic they can pursue without court orders because the posts violate the companies’ terms of service.

While cyber warfare could open up a new front in the fight against ISIS, there is some concern that the cyber attacks will backfire. For instance, members of ISIS might stop using their current communication channels in favor of ones that are harder to find, penetrate, or de-encrypt.

Despite the risks, Cyber Command should move forward with the cyber attacks against ISIS. They may be our best hope of defeating an elusive enemy.

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