



# Liberals of the Library

Political Bias Inside the Library of Congress

April 17, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: Interested Parties

From: American Accountability Foundation

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Re: Liberals of the Library of Congress

Carla Hayden and Shira Perlmutter sit atop the Library of Congress as the 14<sup>th</sup> Librarian and the 14<sup>th</sup> Register of Copyrights, and both have shown a bias towards Democratic causes and candidates.

Hayden – a nominee of President Barack Obama – was appointed to the position of librarian in 2016, and since then she has used the Library of Congress to promote left-wing initiatives. Hayden supports allowing children to read books on sexual identity, has promoted DEI at the Library, and has held meetings with anti-Trump historians.

Hayden appointed Shira Perlmutter to head the Copyright Office in 2020 and radical Democrat Jerry Nadler was the first to praise the pick. Perlmutter has a history of supporting Democratic candidates, including donations to Hillary Clinton and Kamala Harris' campaigns against President Trump.

It is for the Trump Administration to rid the Library of Congress of its partisan bias.

Highlights from the report include:

- Hayden and Perlmutter are longtime Democratic donors
- Hayden has supported children having access to books on sexual identity.
- Anti-Trump historians were invited for conversations with Carla Hayden, one of these people had referred to Liz Cheney as "incorruptible"
- Carla Hayden hosted the American Library Association Conference in 2023, the group supports Black Lives Matter and changed its code of conduct to advance "social justice"
- Shira Perlmutter has advocated for questionable internet censorship without regard to due process
- Perlmutter is part of a left-wing family, and her sister referred to a vote for President Trump as a reflection on "racism as well as sexism"



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## Carla Hayden, 14<sup>th</sup> Librarian of Congress

### Campaign Finance History

#### Federal Campaign Contributions

Hayden has contributed to former President Barack Obama, the Democratic National Committee and a host of other Democrats.<sup>1</sup>

RECIPIENT	DONOR	EMPLOYER	OCCUPATION	DATE	AMOUNT
DNC SERVICES CORPORATION/DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	HAYDEN, CARLA D MS.			10/8/04	\$150.00
HOPEFUND INC.	HAYDEN, CARLA D	ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY	DIRECTOR	6/20/05	\$2,000.00
JOHN SARBANES FOR CONGRESS	HAYDEN, CARLA	ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY	LIBRARIAN	8/2/06	\$1,000.00
CUMMINGS FOR CONGRESS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE	HAYDEN, CARLA	ENOCH PRATT LIBRARY	DIRECTOR	2/12/06	\$500.00
OBAMA FOR AMERICA	HAYDEN, CARLA DIANE	ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	3/4/08	\$1,500.00
CUMMINGS FOR CONGRESS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE	HAYDEN, CARLA	ENOCH PRATT LIBRARY	DIRECTOR	2/6/08	\$1,000.00
OBAMA FOR AMERICA	HAYDEN, CARLA D.	ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	8/28/12	\$1,000.00
OBAMA VICTORY FUND 2012	HAYDEN, CARLA DIANE	ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	6/13/12	\$500.00
OBAMA VICTORY FUND 2012	HAYDEN, CARLA D.	ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	8/28/12	\$1,000.00
OBAMA FOR AMERICA	HAYDEN, CARLA D	ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	6/13/12	\$500.00
O'MALLEY FOR PRESIDENT	HAYDEN, CARLA DIANE	ENOCH FREE PRATT LIBRARY	CEO	6/26/15	\$2,700.00
FRIENDS OF JOHN SARBANES	HAYDEN, CARLA	ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY	LIBRARIAN	5/15/15	\$500.00

#### Maryland State Contributions

Hayden has contributed to Martin O'Malley and Democrats with major scandals like former Baltimore Mayors Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and Sheila Dixon.<sup>2</sup> Dixon was convicted of embezzlement for misusing charitable gift cards and Rawlings-Blake was ordered to pay back a \$2 million business loan.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/tyjk6xlqz4bgc82cqgeux/Hayden-Carla.xlsx?rlkey=30speg97cqi8oo2hzi9t7ukh&st=eegags5x&dl=0>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/fn0tpe94wydlfqaq0ilw2/Carla-Hayden-Maryland-State-Contributions.xlsx?rlkey=alt4bo8qsr55znz6t0gy05wrz&st=xz0ot24r&dl=0>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.cbsnews.com/baltimore/news/maryland-former-mayor-business-loan-lawsuit/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://apnews.com/article/baltimore-mayor-sheila-dixon-running-again-f946fe3f473b3e9ca8ef16c43e18eb1f>



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RECIPIENT	DONOR	EMPLOYER NAME	EMPLOYER OCCUPATION	DATE	CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT
RAWLINGS-BLAKE, STEPHANIE FOR BALTIMORE	HAYDEN, CARLA D			8/31/07	\$1,000.00
O'MALLEY, MARTIN FRIENDS OF	HAYDEN, CARLA DIANE			8/1/06	\$100.00
SARBANES, MICHAEL FRIENDS OF	HAYDEN, CARLA DIANE			9/7/07	\$750.00
WASHINGTON, MARY PEOPLE UNITING TO ELECT	HAYDEN, CARLA			9/20/13	\$50.00
BROWN, ANTHONY FRIENDS OF	HAYDEN, CARLA DIANE	PRATT LIBRARY	EDUCATION	10/31/14	\$1,000.00
DIXON, SHEILA FRIENDS FOR	HAYDEN, CARLA D.			8/31/07	\$1,000.00
O'MALLEY, MARTIN FRIENDS OF	HAYDEN, CARLA DIANE			6/17/10	\$2,500.00
RAWLINGS-BLAKE, STEPHANIE FOR BALTIMORE	HAYDEN, CARLA D.	ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY SYSTEM	ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT	4/23/15	\$500.00
SARBANES, MICHAEL FRIENDS OF	HAYDEN, CARLA DIANE			8/30/07	\$250.00
BROWN, ANTHONY FRIENDS OF	HAYDEN, CARLA D	CARLA ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY	OTHER	11/14/12	\$500.00
BROWN, ANTHONY FRIENDS OF	HAYDEN, CARLA		GOVERNMENT	1/3/14	\$500.00
RAWLINGS-BLAKE, STEPHANIE FOR BALTIMORE	HAYDEN, CARLA DIANE			1/4/11	\$1,000.00
MARYLANDERS FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY	HAYDEN, CARLA D		OTHER	8/22/12	\$100.00
WEST, CHRIS FRIENDS OF	HAYDEN, CARLA DIANE			4/23/14	\$100.00
BROWN, ANTHONY FRIENDS OF	HAYDEN, CARLA D	PRATT LIBRARY	ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT	6/4/14	\$1,000.00
SIMMS, STUART FRIENDS OF	HAYDEN, CARLA D			9/5/06	\$100.00
O'MALLEY, MARTIN FRIENDS OF	HAYDEN, CARLA DIANE			10/20/06	\$1,000.00
RAWLINGS-BLAKE, STEPHANIE FOR BALTIMORE	HAYDEN, CARLA DIANE			3/22/11	\$500.00
JONES, VERNA L. FRIENDS OF	HAYDEN, CARLA DIANE			12/16/05	\$250.00
JESSAMY, PAT FRIENDS OF	HAYDEN, CARLA			8/30/10	\$500.00
RAWLINGS-BLAKE, STEPHANIE FOR BALTIMORE	HAYDEN, CARLA D	ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY SYTEM	EDUCATION	4/23/13	\$1,000.00
BROWN, ANTHONY FRIENDS OF	HAYDEN, CARLA D	PRATT LIBRARY	GOVERNMENT	12/17/13	\$1,000.00



## Voter Registration

### Hayden is a Registered Democrat

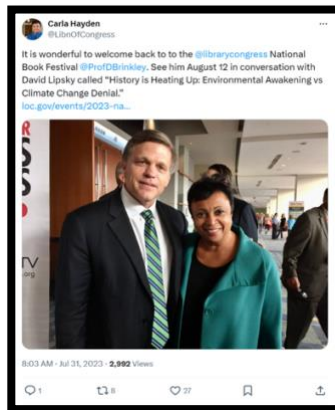
Hayden is a registered Democrat according to Baltimore City records.<sup>5</sup>

Board of Elections: Baltimore City		Voter Profile Report				Date : 03/31/2025
Voter ID From : 1069354 To :						
Voter Information						
Voter ID	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix	DOB	Driver License
1069354	HAYDEN	CARLA	DIANE			
Registration Information						
Party	DEMOCRATIC	Status	Active	Reasons	Active Registrant	
Last Voted Date	11/05/2024	Original Reg. Date	08/10/1993	Effective Registration Date	08/10/1993	

## Hosted Anti-Trump Professor

### Hayden Hosted Anti-Trump Professor Douglas Brinkley

In 2023, Hayden hosted Brinkley at the Library.<sup>6</sup>



### Brinkley called Liz Cheney and Cassidy Hutchinson “Incorruptible”

In 2022, Brinkley called Liz Cheney and Cassidy Hutchinson “incorruptible” in a piece he authored for CBS News.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>5</sup><https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/5biw7z67l3k9iejxefsow/CARLA-DIANE-HAYDEN.pdf?rlkey=to8ldtd2ep0fchl9hdxpugow&st=3140lsw3&dl=0>

<sup>6</sup> <https://x.com/LibnOfCongress/status/1686014806313078785>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/douglas-brinkley-on-truth-tellers-cassidy-hutchinson-liz-cheney/>



*With Independence Day upon us, let's celebrate an underappreciated type of American archetype: the hyperpartisan defender of democracy. That is, politicians who put country over party in times of crisis.*

*Charles Thomson was the Secretary of the Continental Congress from 1774 to 1789. Along with John Hancock, his was one of only two names to appear in the original printing of the Declaration of Independence.*

*Thomson wrongly thought that the new country couldn't survive a two-party system, that polarization would reign supreme, and that the new nation would inevitably devolve into two mobs vying for power every four years.*

*Thomson didn't know then that the federal government could produce incorruptible leaders such as Cassidy Hutchinson and Liz Cheney. They're truth-tellers in the Margaret Chase Smith tradition.*

## Moderated American Library Association (ALA) Conference

### Hayden Moderated the Annual Conference of the Left-Wing American Library Association

In 2023, Hayden served as a moderator for the American Library Association's conference.<sup>8</sup>



<sup>8</sup> <https://x.com/LibnOfCongress/status/1672994352849645568>





## ALA Encouraged its Members to Support Black Lives Matter

In 2020, ALA encouraged its membership to support Black Lives Matter.<sup>9</sup>

*In the summer of 2020, on the heels of George Floyd's murder, the American Library Association (ALA) encouraged its members to support Black Lives Matter (BLM).*

*"Many people are feeling helpless, but there are many ways we can center the voices and experiences of Black library workers and the Black community, support the broader Black Lives Matter movement, fight against police violence, and further the cause of racial justice," Amber Hayes, a communications officer for the ALA wrote in a mass email to the ALA and its affiliate, the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS).*

## ALA Changed its Code of Conduct to Advance Social Justice

In 2021, ALA changed its code of conduct to advance racial and social justice.<sup>10</sup>

*The ALA made its embrace of progressivism official in July 2021, updating its code of conduct to include a commitment to "recognize and dismantle systemic and individual biases; to confront inequity and oppression; to enhance diversity and inclusion; and to advance racial and social justice."*

## ALA Pushed LGBTQ+ Material To Children

The American Library Association claims that limiting children's exposure to sexually obscene books unfairly targets the LGBT community.<sup>11</sup>

*The progressive American Library Association (ALA) on Monday claimed that the parental campaigns to remove sexually obscene books from children's libraries unfairly target LGBT and minority communities.*

*Kicking off National Library Week, the organization revealed its top ten most "challenged" titles, including infamously radical books such as Gender Queer, All Boys Aren't Blue, and This Book is Gay. In March, the ALA claimed that public libraries experienced a 92 percent increase in the number of titles that were objected to on the basis of inappropriate content compared to the previous year.*

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.nationalreview.com/news/educators-turned-activists-librarians-sound-alarm-over-left-wing-takeover-of-profession/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.nationalreview.com/news/educators-turned-activists-librarians-sound-alarm-over-left-wing-takeover-of-profession/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.nationalreview.com/news/american-library-association-claims-banning-sexually-obscene-books-targets-lgbt-community/>



*“In looking at the titles of the most challenged books from last year, it’s obvious that the pressure groups are targeting books about LGBTQIA+ people and people of color,” ALA President Emily Drabinski said in a statement. “At ALA, we are fighting for the freedom to choose what you want to read. Shining a light on the harmful workings of these pressure groups is one of the actions we must take to protect our right to read.”*

*Gender Queer, which includes graphic descriptions of sexual interactions between characters and an illustration of oral sex, has been accused of being pornographic.<sup>12</sup>*

## Hosted Anti-Trump Historian John Meacham

In 2025, Hayden had a conversation with John Meacham, an anti-Trump historian.<sup>13</sup>



## Meacham Has Called President Trump a “Demagogue”

In 2024, Meacham called Trump a demagogue and claimed he ushered in an era of fear, prejudice, resentment, xenophobia, and extremism.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> <https://web.archive.org/web/20250217130534/https://www.nytimes.com/2024/11/05/opinion/donald-trump-regret.html>

<sup>14</sup> <https://web.archive.org/web/20250217130534/https://www.nytimes.com/2024/11/05/opinion/donald-trump-regret.html>



*I thought I knew what we were dealing with. When Donald Trump began his rise to power in 2015, he struck me as a dangerous but recognizable demagogue. As a biographer of presidents, I tend to think historically and seek analogies from the past to shed light on the present. And so, for years Mr. Trump's marshaling of fear, prejudice, resentment, xenophobia and extremism put me in mind of grievance-driven figures ranging from Huey Long to Joseph McCarthy to George Wallace. To me, Mr. Trump was a difference not of kind (we had long contended with illiberalism in America) but of degree (since the Civil War, no figure with such illiberal views had ever actually won the White House).*

## Hayden has Advocated for Exposing Children to Books on Sexual Identity

Hayden called it concerning that conservatives were going after books on sexual identity.

*"The books about sexual identity have seemed to be targeted the most recently. And that is concerning in many ways, because when you think about those young adults or young people who are grappling with all types of things in their lives, let's say. And to be able to have access to materials that now are being produced, because just like Judy Blume was at the forefront with certain things that she talked about, and it was like, "Oh my gosh, thank you." Here's a book you can give a young person about that. Especially librarians, we knew that sometimes we were the only adults in some of the young people's lives that could suss out a little bit or try this or think about this or that. We were these trusted people in young people's lives, too. When I think about being a young adult librarian in the '70s like I was, I would've loved to have had a lot of the materials that are available now. Just so many things that just ... There's a book about everything, just every situation, just about. A children's book, and that's so helpful. I've had parents that I even work with, it just makes such a difference when you can share a book with a young person."*<sup>15</sup>

*"Different people have different levels of being comfortable with going to a school board meeting or going to a library board meeting. But it certainly is helpful when you have other voices at those meetings, when these types of things are being discussed, to say, "I want my child to read freely." Or, "I want to be able to decide with my child and in my household what my child could read. And I want my tax dollars to offer a broad range." And so being able to be part of the discussion helps the school librarians and the public librarians, when you say that it's not just one point of view, we need that."*

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/a-brief-history-of-banned-books-in-america-180983011/>



## Participated in DEI Roundtable

### Hayden Participated in a Roundtable on DEI

In 2024, Hayden participated in a roundtable on DEI.<sup>16</sup>

DEI Round Table Discussion

Friday, September 06, 2024  
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT  
Category: Events

**"Libraries Are That Safe Place for Discussion of Ideas."**

The [KLA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion round table](#) invites you to join us in a virtual interactive discussion of this short article in the Issues in Science and Technology and what it means to us and for our libraries. The article features Librarian of Congress Dr. Carla Hayden in conversation with Issues contributing editor Molly Galvin. Reading is optional; recommended but not required for participation.

- Date: Friday, September 6
- Time: 1 p.m.
- Read Article here: <https://doi.org/10.58875/CANH5294>

Register for the event at <https://bit.ly/kladeimeet>

<sup>16</sup>[https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/dfwh33rcku3cx3bign5mw/screenshot-kla-memberclicks-net-index-php-2025-04-01-10\\_00\\_22.pdf?rlkey=kboin7dtoublu7pgol94ljkxm&st=tj2xpv6l&dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/dfwh33rcku3cx3bign5mw/screenshot-kla-memberclicks-net-index-php-2025-04-01-10_00_22.pdf?rlkey=kboin7dtoublu7pgol94ljkxm&st=tj2xpv6l&dl=0)



## Shira Perlmutter, Director of U.S. Copyright Office

### Campaign Finance

#### Federal Election Filings Reveal Perlmutter is a Staunch Democrat

Donations from Perlmutter include Kamala Harris, Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, Kirsten Gillibrand, and Chuck Schumer.<sup>17</sup>

Recipient	Donor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
TONY KNOWLES FOR US SENATE	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA		TIME WARNER	10/27/04	\$250.00
OBAMA FOR ILLINOIS INC	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA		TIME WARNER	7/19/04	\$500.00
SALAZAR FOR SENATE	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA			7/12/04	\$500.00
FRIENDS OF SCHUMER	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA		TIME WARNER	4/21/04	\$1,000.00
CANTWELL 2012	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA MS	TIME WARNER	ATTORNEY	4/20/05	\$500.00
OBAMA FOR AMERICA	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	GLOBAL LEGAL PLOICY	EVP	10/28/08	\$1,000.00
OBAMA FOR AMERICA	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	IFPI	ATTORNEY	3/3/08	\$1,000.00
DEMOCRATIC SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	TIME WARNER	ATTORNEY	10/25/10	\$250.00
GILLIBRAND FOR SENATE	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	TIME WARNER	ATTORNEY	12/31/09	\$250.00
OBAMA VICTORY FUND 2012	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	US PATENT	ATTORNEY	10/25/12	\$1,000.00
OBAMA FOR AMERICA	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	US PATENT	ATTORNEY	10/25/12	\$1,000.00
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	LAWYER	9/29/16	\$250.00
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	LAWYER	10/18/16	\$250.00
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	LAWYER	9/2/16	\$250.00
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	LAWYER	10/31/16	\$100.00
HILLARY VICTORY FUND	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	LAWYER	9/2/16	\$250.00
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	LAWYER	8/31/16	\$1,000.00
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	LAWYER	5/26/16	\$50.00
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	LAWYER	4/19/16	\$250.00
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	LAWYER	6/5/16	\$200.00

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/vqrfupt0dxrk8sz6sava9/Perlmutter-FEC.csv?rlkey=uth80hwewi6z10ue595zq0sbi&st=5kavclur&dl=0>





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Recipient	Donor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	LAWYER	6/30/16	\$250.00
HILLARY FOR AMERICA	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	LAWYER	8/10/16	\$250.00
DSCC	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE	DIRECTOR	10/27/22	\$250.00
DNC SERVICES CORP / DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE	DIRECTOR	10/31/22	\$250.00
HARRIS FOR PRESIDENT	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE	DIRECTOR	8/23/24	\$250.00
DNC SERVICES CORP / DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE	DIRECTOR	10/16/24	\$250.00

## Florida Campaign Contributions

In 2001, Perlmutter donated to Democrat Janet Reno when she ran for Florida governor.<sup>18</sup>

Recipient	Donor	Employer	Occupation	Date	Amount
Janet Reno	PERLMUTTER, SHIRA	N/A	Lawyer	11/05/2001	\$200.00

## Three Strike Rule

### Perlmutter Advocated for Banning People from the Internet Over Copyright Strikes

In the 2000's, Perlmutter spoke fondly of a three strikes rule that would ban internet users for copyright strikes.<sup>19</sup>

*IFPI lawyer Shira Perlmutter spoke Monday at the Progress & Freedom Foundation's Aspen summit to say that three strikes rules represent an emerging worldwide consensus and that "good things are beginning to come to pass" because of them. Such rules, which first came to prominence in France and are now being voluntarily implemented in the UK, bring ISPs into the fight against illicit file-sharing. In most versions of the idea, rights-holders have primary responsibility for policing their content on P2P networks, but when they turn IP address information over to ISPs, the ISPs assume the duty of notifying subscribers about the alleged infringement. In France, the plan is to escalate enforcement such that the ISP would cut off Internet access after three violations on the same account.*

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/tim9rp0yymxhxwv6zgivt/Shira-Perlmutter-FL-Contribution.pdf?rlkey=mpbhfljqouu5wda53we5pb4o1&st=jzssfrv0&dl=0>

<sup>19</sup> <https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2008/08/ifpi-three-strikes-efforts-hit-worldwide-home-run/>



## The Copyright Rule had Due Process Issues

Some people noted that the practice could expand to other areas like libel and that there would be issues with adjudicating claims.<sup>20</sup>

*But it also raises questions. Among them was one raised by UCLA law professor Eugene Volokh, an expert on copyright and cyberspace law, who asked why this approach would be limited to copyright, and why only to specific industries. If enacted, would the same procedure eventually expand to include online libel claims, for instance? What about all other online problems? And who adjudicates these claims? What if users say they aren't guilty? And ISPs have their own questions, such as who will foot the bill for this notification, and whether they will have to deal with adjudication hassles.*

## Perlmutter Called Internet Suspension the Most Straight Forward Deterrence

In 2010, Perlmutter claimed that suspension of internet privileges is the most straightforward deterrence.<sup>21</sup>

*Shira Perlmutter is the Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Intellectual Property Policy, at AOL Time Warner. She agreed with Mr. Robertson on a number of points, including the belief that a system with warnings will give users the opportunity to be educated and informed about the law, and will help them to avoid going to court. She said that there is evidence that an approach with notices is highly effective if people understand that there is a final deterrence. Suspension of internet access is the most straightforward deterrent, and it is not actually exile since users are still able to go to other ISPs or even internet cafés. With respect to due process, she believed that this can in fact be achieved with graduated response legislation, and even the recording industry is on board with the idea of having evidence of infringement meet set standards in order to qualify as enough to warrant notices being sent to users. She disagreed with Mr. Morris about lawsuits being a better choice than a three strikes system, because notices allow users to change their behaviour so that they are not dragged into the legal system and forced to spend thousands of dollars on legal services.*

## Perlmutter's Appointment Drew Praise from Jerry Nadler

### Nadler Praised the Appointment of Perlmutter to Copyright Office

In 2020, radical left-wing Democrat Jerry Nadler praised the appointment of Perlmutter.<sup>22</sup>

<sup>20</sup> <https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2008/08/ifpi-three-strikes-efforts-hit-worldwide-home-run/>

<sup>21</sup> <https://www.yorku.ca/osgoode/iposgoode/2010/02/18/panel-discussion-on-graduated-response-raises-key-issues/>

<sup>22</sup> <https://nadler.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=394426>



Today, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) and Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet Chairman Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. (D-GA) released the following joint statement congratulating Shira Perlmutter on her appointment as the 14th Register of Copyrights:

*"We applaud today's appointment of Shira Perlmutter to be the 14th Register of the Copyrights. Ms. Perlmutter will bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the position, having worked in private practice, industry, academia, and most recently, serving as the Chief Policy Officer and Director for International Affairs at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. She is well-positioned to advance the critical work of the Copyright Office as it continues to modernize its IT systems, engage in policy analysis and development, and advise Congress. We look forward to working with Ms. Perlmutter to ensure that the copyright system lives up to its promise to promote the creation of expressive works for the benefit of us all, as well as to provide a fair reward to those who create them.*

*"We would also like to thank the Librarian of Congress, Dr. Carla Hayden, for her thorough search process to identify a new Register that included extensive outreach to the public as well as to Members of Congress.*

## Perlmutter's Sister is a Radical Leftist

### Tova Perlmutter is a Radical Left-wing Nonprofit Executive

Shira Perlmutter has a sister named Tova Perlmutter.<sup>23</sup>

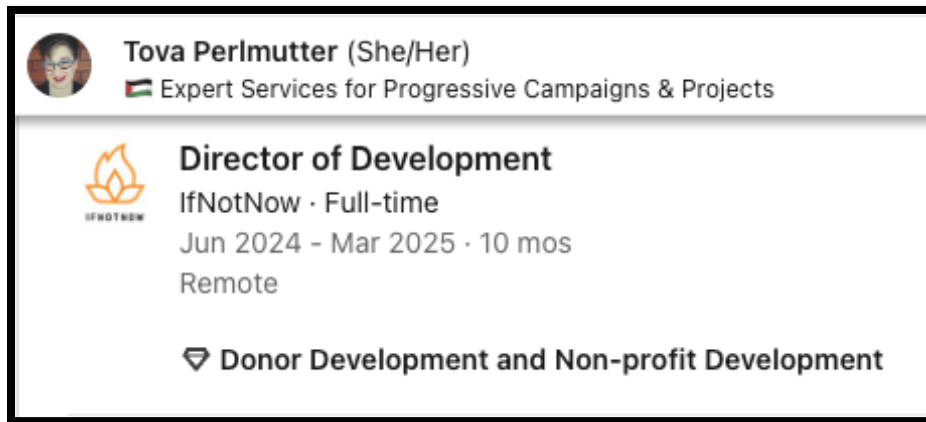
*After law school, she worked in New York at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, doing general commercial litigation, before moving to Cowan, Liebowitz & Latman, a boutique firm specializing in copyright and trademark law. She then joined the faculty at Columbus School of Law at The Catholic University of America, thinking that, like many in her family, she would spend the rest of her career as an academic. Her brother, Nobel Prize-winning physicist Saul, teaches at the University of California, Berkeley; her sister Tova is a nonprofit executive. However, the move to Washington, D.C., also brought with it greater exposure to the world of policy, and Perlmutter was hooked. "My training as a lawyer had been very much about interpreting and applying the law and using it to help clients. For the first time I was looking at the law as something to be shaped and molded, and I found it absolutely fascinating," she said.*

<sup>23</sup> <https://journal.law.upenn.edu/issue/summer-2023/directing-ip-in-dc/>



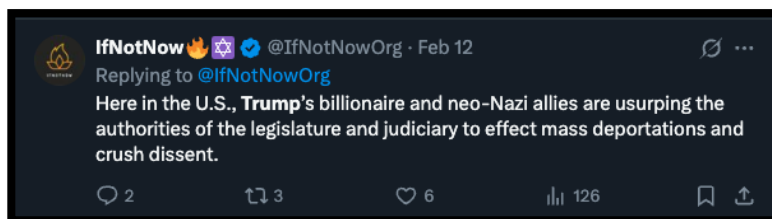
## Tova Perlmutter was the Director of IfNotNow

From 2024 to 2025, Tova was the Director of Development for a radical left-wing organization.<sup>24</sup>



## IfNotNow has Claimed that President Trump and Elon Musk have Neo-Nazi Allies

In March 2025, IfNotNow released an X post claiming President Trump and Elon Musk are surrounded by Neo-Nazi allies.<sup>25</sup>



## Accused President Trump of Trying to Ethnically Cleanse Palestinians

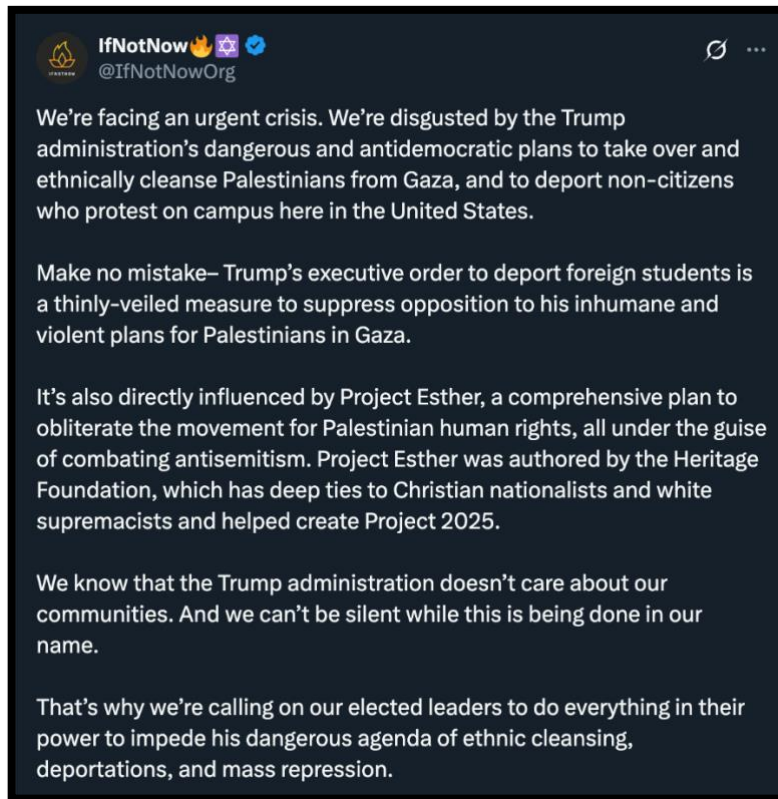
In 2025, IfNotNow accused President Trump of trying to attempt to ethnically cleanse Gaza of Palestinians.<sup>26</sup>

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.linkedin.com/in/tovaperlmutter/>

<sup>25</sup> <https://x.com/IfNotNowOrg/status/1889774053247816169>

<sup>26</sup> <https://x.com/IfNotNowOrg/status/1890438164835152191>





## Attempting to Steal 2020 Election

In 2020, Tova Perlmutter accused President Trump of attempting to steal the 2020 election.<sup>27</sup>



<sup>27</sup> <https://x.com/BettyFckinWhite/status/1308895511471108099>





## “I Feel So Sick”

In 2016, Tova posted “I feel so sick” on X after President Donald Trump won the race.<sup>28</sup>



## Claimed Voting for President Trump Represented Racism and Sexism

In 2016, Perlmutter claimed that voting for President Trump reflected racism and sexism.<sup>29</sup>



## Brother Called Trump Era an “Existential Crisis”

### Saul Perlmutter claimed it was a “Dangerous Era” After Trump Won

After President Trump won the 2024 election, Saul Perlmutter claimed it was a “dangerous era.”<sup>30</sup>

*Having just been elected president of the United States for a second time, Donald Trump is poised to reshape international relations at a critical moment. Navigating this new and dangerous era of uncertainty requires reflecting on the progress we have made, not least to seek insights into how to overcome the challenges ahead.*

<sup>28</sup> <https://x.com/TovaProgress/status/796175887242788865>

<sup>29</sup> <https://x.com/TovaProgress/status/796185654732406787>

<sup>30</sup> <https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/upholding-human-progress-requires-democratic-renewal-and-global-culture-of-cooperation-by-tawakkol-karman-et-al-2024-1>



## Appointed by Former President Biden

In 2021, Saul Perlmutter was appointed to the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology by former President Joe Biden.<sup>31</sup>

*Saul Perlmutter, an astrophysicist and faculty director of the Berkeley Institute for Data Science (BIDS), has been appointed to the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), the White House announced today.*

*The council is the body of external advisors charged with advising President Joe Biden and the White House on science, technology and innovation policy.*

*"It's certainly an honor to serve on PCAST," said Perlmutter, who shared the 2011 Nobel Prize in physics for the discovery of the accelerating expansion of the universe. "Science has so much to offer our society, with both solutions and guidance, so it is more important than ever that we make it possible for everyone to share an understanding of its approaches and capabilities. I hope my experience with curiosity-driven and practical research and education can help with both the advising and the understanding of this advice."*

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<sup>31</sup> <https://cdss.berkeley.edu/news/president-biden-appoints-bids-faculty-director-saul-perlmutter-council-advisors-science-and>

