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Hillsdale College Hosts National Leadership Seminar in Phoenix

Speakers discussed early priorities of the Trump administration, Israel, Big Pharma, and more.

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Hillsdale College hosted a National Leadership Seminar in Phoenix, Arizona, from Feb. 18-19. Topics included Israel, anti-white racism, and Big Pharma. National Leadership Seminars gather America's business, education, and community leaders to promote the ideas of limited government, free-market economics, individual liberty, personal responsibility, and a strong national defense.

Charlie Kirk, founder and CEO of Turning Point USA, spoke on "Hitting the Ground Running: The Trump Transition and Early Priorities." Kirk argued that the Trump administration is working to restore the three branches of government, the sovereignty of the people, and the authority of the president over executive agencies.

"This is a once-in-many-lifetimes opportunity — a moment to reclaim what has been given to us that we did not earn, that we do not deserve — to get us back on the path of the Divine Providence that the founders talked about in our birth certificate, the Declaration of Independence. And it's only possible, in my opinion, thanks to Hillsdale College and all the work that you guys do here."

Josh Hammer, author of "Israel and Civilization: The Fate of the Jewish Nation and the Destiny of the West," spoke on "Israel and Civilization." Hammer argued that fundamental aspects of Western civilization, from human equality to constitutional government to the idea of a nation-state have their roots in the Bible and the Jewish tradition.

"We can't do this separately," Hammer said. "Only an ecumenical Jewish-Christian alliance that doubles down on our biblical inheritance, that recognizes exactly what we stand for — only that alliance that has the original people of the book, the Jews and Christians, who really made

Western civilization themselves — it is only an alliance between both of these groups that will be sufficiently strong, knowledgeable, confident, and able, willing, and (dare I get my hopes up a little too much) eager to turn back the tide against woke, Islamism, and global neoliberalism.”

College President Larry P. Arnn spoke on “Defending the American Way of Life.” He said that the American way of life is based on a principle, that all men are created equal. He said it is the story of a free people who persevered in the face of great obstacles.

Of the administrative state’s threat to America, he said, “This thing that has grown up, that has consumed half our economy and driven us to near bankruptcy and threatens to reduce us to despotism — we’ve got to the place now where it can’t go on much more,” Arnn said. “It’s a house divided, and it must become one thing or the other, and if it becomes the new thing that it’s trying to become, it will be a contemptible and miserable thing, and people are waking up and seeing that, and the kind of people who are coming to the fore right now are a resurrection of the best people from the past.”

Jeremy Carl, author of “The Unprotected Class: How Anti-White Racism Is Tearing America Apart,” spoke on “The Rise of Anti-White Racism,” and Sharyl Attkisson, author of “Follow the Science: How Big Pharma Misleads, Obscures, and Prevails,” spoke on “The Problem of Big Pharma.”

For photos from the seminar, click [here](#). Video recordings of the lectures will be made available [here](#). For a high-resolution copy of the Hillsdale College clocktower logo, click [here](#).

About Hillsdale College

Hillsdale College is an independent, nonsectarian, Christian liberal arts college located in southern Michigan. Founded in 1844, the College has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 6.7 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.

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