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When I told you two weeks ago that a mob pressured Google to shut down their AI board because they didn't like the fact that I was on it, the comments section was flooded with words of encouragement. I was simply speechless! When you become the president of a conservative think tank, becoming the target of a mob comes with the territory. But receiving love from so many fine patriots like you more than makes up for it. Truly, thank you!

With that said, let me be clear: This is far bigger than me. It's even bigger than free speech. Angry mobs are trying to control with coercion what people actually think, and if you disagree with them, you will be exiled from public discourse. This isn't just happening at Google, but at Big Tech firms everywhere.

Our experts are speaking out about this. Recent articles by Helle Dale, Klon Kitchen, and Arthur Milikh take aim at this anti-democratic trend. Please take a look and share with your friends and family.

In other news, the Supreme Court considered a challenge to the Trump

administration's decision to reinstate a citizenship question in the 2020 census, and Heritage staff are in attendance at the NRA's annual convention, happening now. Lastly, I want to let you know about some of the exciting opportunities that our intern graduates are pursuing – I think you will be as impressed as I am!

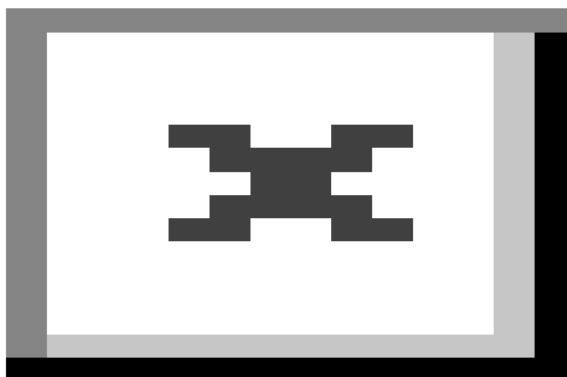
Once again, thank you for your words of encouragement. We are all in this together, and I am honored to be in it with you.

All the best,

Kay C. James

President

Big Tech and Threats to Liberty



After Google decided to [nix its AI advisory board](#) when employees objected to the addition of Heritage President Kay Coles James, Heritage experts spoke out about how trends in the Big Tech world are jeopardizing liberty.

Klon Kitchen, Heritage's senior fellow for technology and science policy, laid out some of the conservative recommendations that James would have made had Google not dissolved the advisory board. [Find out what they are here.](#)

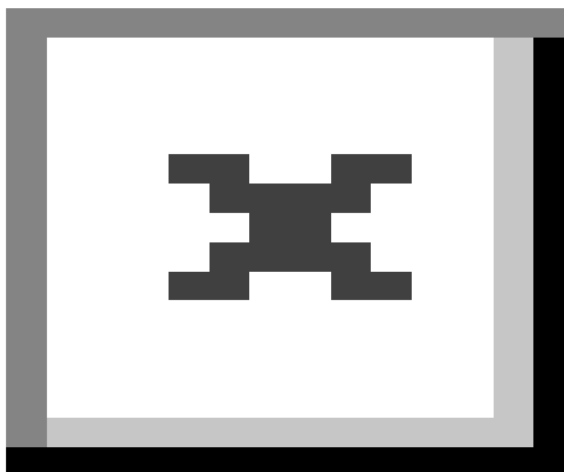
Helle Dale, Heritage's senior fellow in public diplomacy, warned that tech titans "end up undermining the very ideals on which they were founded when they caved to pressure from left-wing ideologues who cannot abide diversity of opinion." You can read her new commentary piece in the [Daily Signal](#).

Arthur Milikh, research fellow and associate director of Heritage's Simon Center, explained how Big Tech companies justify censorship through their embrace of the concept of "Freedom of Expression" instead of "Freedom of Speech." [Learn](#)

about this important distinction [here](#).

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Census 2020: Will the Citizenship Question Be Included?



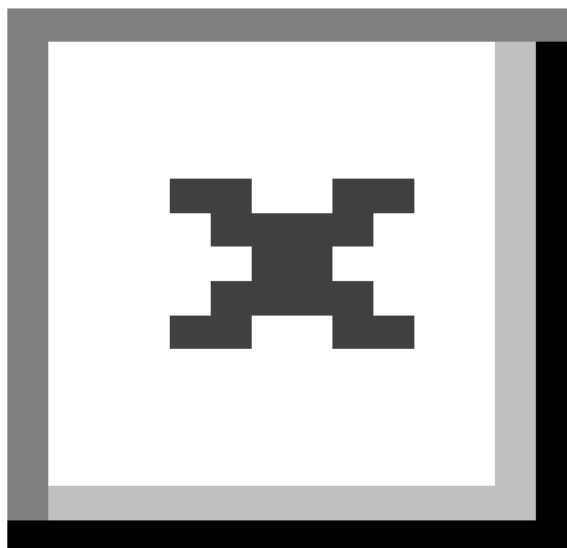
On Tuesday, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments for *Dept. of Commerce v. New York*, in which the state of New York and pro-illegal immigration groups challenge the Trump administration's reinstatement of a question about citizenship in the 2020 census form.

According to Heritage Senior Fellow Mike Gonzalez, the reason this question is so important is because it has deep implications for one of the biggest cultural disputes of our time: is America a nation-state that can determine voting precincts based on legal voters, or should America be a battleground of subgroups arranged within a hierarchy of victimhood? You can find out more about Mike's take on this case in the [Daily Signal](#).

Tune in to the [SCOTUS101 podcast](#), where Heritage legal scholars Elizabeth Slattery and Hans von Spakovsky discuss the case in detail.

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Heritage Attends NRA Convention



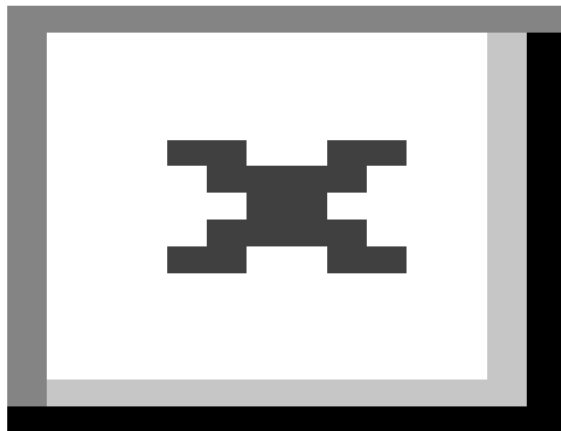
The National Rifle Association is now holding its annual convention in Indianapolis, with more than 80,000 guests in attendance. President Trump and Vice President Pence spoke earlier today about the vital right to bear arms.

The Heritage Foundation is exhibiting at this event, with an “ask the expert” booth featuring Cully Stimson, who is highlighting immigration and border security, and Amy Swearer, who is highlighting mental health and the 2nd Amendment. Both spoke on the VIP appearance schedule and are interacting with convention

attendees. Staff are also promoting a Heritage report, [The Right to Arms and the American Philosophy of Freedom](#).

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Exciting Next Steps for Heritage Interns



Last week, Heritage graduated 55 interns who took part in the 15-week Spring

Internship Program. This was an ambitious and high-achieving group. Seventeen of them have already lined up positions at various organizations, including the Leadership Institute, the Daily Caller News Foundation, and Judicial Watch. Twelve graduates are returning to school (four of which will be law schools), and nine will be moving to summer internships, including at the Georgetown Lombard Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation.

Heritage is accepting applications for the [Fall Internship Program](#), now through June 3. Let the young conservative in your life know today!

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