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Fake News Media, Left-Wing Politicians Attack Republika Srpska to Drive a Wedge with Trump — It Will Fail

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After Bosnia and Herzegovina's (BiH) historic elections one week ago—which saw Bosnian Serbs and Croats score major victories for BiH's Christian communities—the left-wing globalist media, often anti-Christian, aligned with their favored politicians, are at it again, seeking to undermine the results with misinformation and a barrage of smears against Republika Srpska and its leaders.

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From *The New York Times* to *Politico* and *Al Jazeera*, all the usual suspects lined up to distract from the momentous victory by spinning headlines meant to conjure images of foreign interference and corruption.

We've seen this smoke-and-mirrors act before, and we know it's designed to do one thing: distract from the sea change happening in the Balkans.

With former UN High Representative (OHR) Christian Schmidt gone and U.S. officials calling for him to be sanctioned for transnational repression, the globalist elite are losing control of the narrative they have been peddling for years—one that wants to see the rise of an Islamic State in Europe, while disenfranchising Orthodox Serbs and Catholic Croats.

Now, with election results, they are lashing out seeing their grip on power slip away.

Bosnian Serbs and Croats Reject Schmidt's Rule by Fiat

In a rebuke of former OHR Christian Schmidt's rule by fiat, Željka Cvijanović of the SNSD won the Bosnian Serb seat on Bosnia and Herzegovina's tripartite presidency with more than 55 percent of the vote. The Alliance of Independent Social Democrats (SNSD), led by former President Milorad Dodik, whom Schmidt illegally ousted, also secured a large majority in the Republika Srpska Assembly.

In a further sign of Bosnian Christians' dissatisfaction with the rush to build an Islamic State by the globalists and the political establishment of the West, Darikana Filipovic of the Croatian Democratic Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina won the Bosnian Croat seat on the tripartite presidency, defeating candidates who have historically bowed to the Islamist agenda.

Max Primorac, a foreign policy expert at the Heritage Foundation, called the victory the "*first free and fair elections in Bosnia Herzegovina in decades as its three peoples freely elect their own leaders without interference from global elites*."

This victory was even more remarkable given the years of political oppression BiH's Christian populations faced at the hands of former OHR Schmidt. Schmidt, who ruled by fiat without

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the consent of BiH's constituent peoples or the U.N. Security Council, unilaterally changed BiH's criminal code to remove Dodik from office and imposed new electoral laws, including installing controversial voting machines and procedures that threaten the right to a secret ballot.

Even *The New York Times* admitted that "*Some delays and technical issues were reported during voting*," while the *Daily Caller* reported in greater detail how new biometric identification technology and cameras at polling stations caused long lines and delays, especially in Republika Srpska.

The technical issues and delays were so widespread that the Central Election Commission considered annulling the results. Thankfully, BiH's Christian populations came out in such large numbers that the results were simply too overwhelming for anyone to question. The result was simply Too Big To Rig.

That's why it's unsurprising that the globalist elites and their allies in the liberal media are now taking a different approach: engaging in an all-out smear campaign against Republika Srpska in an attempt to undermine Bosnian Serbs' victory and Republika Srpska's growing partnership with the Trump administration.

Bosnian Serb Member President Cvijanović summarized it best:

"*Globalist media are trying to settle scores with President Donald Trump through the Republic of Srpska, while Sarajevo media are settling scores with the Republic of Srpska through President Trump, whom they openly hate. The Republic of Srpska respects the policy and approach of the current U.S. administration, and because of that, we are exposed to attacks from its opponents in Washington and Sarajevo. Globalist elites have been destabilizing BiH for thirty years, and now they want to threaten the stability achieved thanks to President Trump's administration once again.*"

Perhaps their efforts would be more effective if they weren't so transparent and tired.

Senator Shaheen Joins the Finger-Wagging from Sarajevo

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One U.S. Democratic Senator couldn't resist from getting in on the food fight.

Appearing on CNN live from BiH, U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen claimed that international support for self-determination for Republika Srpska—which the senator called a "*province of Bosnia and Herzegovina*"—was not in BiH's interest and was "*being done at the expense of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the unity of this country.*"

False.

Why does a Senator from New Hampshire get to decide the fate of Christians in the Balkans?

The Senator's language here is very telling. Under the Dayton Accords, a treaty negotiated by the United States, Republika Srpska was designated as one of two semi-autonomous entities within Bosnia and Herzegovina, with its own president, parliament, and police force. It is not and has never been a "province" of Bosnia and Herzegovina, even if that is how former OHR Christian Schmidt treated the entity when he repeatedly invalidated democratically enacted laws and ousted former President Dodik.

Given her knowledge—or lack thereof—of Republika Srpska and the realities on the ground today, it's perhaps not surprising that Senator Shaheen thinks supporting democratic freedoms for Bosnian Serbs is not in America's or Bosnia and Herzegovina's interest. Senator Shaheen has a very narrow and incomplete view of who constitutes Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Perhaps most telling, Senator Shaheen never once uttered the word "Christian" or "Catholic" in her answer or addressed the fact that a vast majority of Bosnian Serbs voted for Milorad Dodik's party, or that Bosnian Croats sent a clear signal that enough is enough, completely rejecting former OHR Christian Schmidt's legacy of overreach and oppression.

Here's a question: why isn't Senator Shaheen's rhetoric— which completely ignores the wishes of two of Bosnia's constituent populations (i.e., Christians)—considered foreign interference?

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We know what really isn't in America's or BiH's interests: continuing to prop up unelected foreign bureaucrats who rule by fiat, override democratic decision-making, and oppress BiH's Christian populations to advance an Islamic State in Europe.

These attempts at transnational repression must be stopped by holding perpetrators accountable. That is why the U.S. must sanction Christian Schmidt now, making clear that the reign of unelected and unaccountable foreign bureaucrats is over. Sunday's election marks a brighter day for all peoples of BiH; it's time for the globalist elite to get on board.

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