

**New York Times Shareholder Meeting Question**  
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I'm Justin Danhof of the National Center for Public Policy Research.

I want to ask about the hostile culture here at the *New York Times*. “White men are bullshit.”<sup>i</sup> How about #cancelwhitepeople.” Or: “White people have stopped breeding. you’ll all go extinct soon. that was my plan all along.” Then there is this gem: “Are white people genetically disposed to burn faster in the sun, thus logically being only fit to live underground like groveling goblins.” These are just a few of the racist musings of *Times* editorial board member Sarah Jeong. And these quotes aren’t from decades ago when she was a confused tween; she tweeted some of this bile as recently as 2016.

Also consider that in 2015, the *Times*’s support for then-President Obama’s plan to funnel billions of dollars to Iran went so far as to create a “list” of Jewish lawmakers who opposed the bill and then targeting those who represented highly-populated Jewish districts for even more scrutiny.<sup>ii</sup> The *Times* pulled the clearly anti-Semitic list after fierce backlash.

Then last week, the *Times* published an insanely anti-Semitic cartoon featuring President Trump and Prime Minister Netanyahu in nearly the exact same manner that ACTUAL NAZI propaganda was deployed against Winston Churchill.<sup>iii</sup> And initially, you wouldn’t even apologize for it.

The *Times*’s seething hatred of President Trump and his family is further evidence of a culture that breeds hostility. The *Times* spent two years perpetuating – and in fact creating – the hoax that the President and his team worked with the Russians to steal the election from the candidate whom you had endorsed.<sup>iv</sup> That’s not journalism, and many, including the President, have suggested that you should return the Pulitzer that you won for covering this hoax.<sup>v</sup> Integrity would dictate you do so.

When you consider that last year one of your own employees – at this very meeting – implored management to increase the paper’s circulation in the Midwest so that “those folks” could get some news from Democrats, a few things are clear:

- First, the *Times* is a paper by liberals for liberals. Everyone knows that.
- Second, the *Times* has fostered a culture that is so viscerally anti-conservative, anti-white and anti-Semitic that last week’s wildly anti-Semitic cartoon was not a mere oversight; it was inevitable. It was a reflection of the *Times*’s ethos.

In light of this, I have a few quick questions: was Ms. Jeong in any way connected to the cartoon? Will you make the results of your internal investigation into the cartoon available to the public, including any persons who are being fired or disciplined and what structural changes the paper will make? And will you make all of the underlying documents and communications of the investigation public?

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<sup>i</sup> <http://nymag.com/intelligencer/2018/08/sarah-jeong-new-york-times-anti-white-racism.html>

<sup>ii</sup> <http://nymag.com/intelligencer/2015/09/nyt-quietly-removes-list-of-jewish-lawmakers.html>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/israel/2019/april/apology-not-accepted-enraged-critics-rip-the-new-york-times-for-publishing-anti-semitic-cartoon-featuring-trump-netanyahu>

<sup>iv</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/25/opinion/sunday/hillary-clinton-for-president.html>

<sup>v</sup> <https://townhall.com/tipsheet/bethbaumann/2019/03/25/flashback-remember-when-wapo-nyt-won-pulitzer-prizes-for-their-deeply-sourced-n2543726>