

Corporate Power Becomes Political Power as Bank of America Stops Lending to Some Gun Makers



Bank of America announced it will not lend money to manufacturers of “military-style firearms” used by civilians just weeks after Citigroup announced that it will not do business with retailers unless they restrict gun sales. Powerful companies like Bank of America and Citigroup can make sweeping changes to America without a single political vote being cast. Political activists lobby big companies in secret. You might not even know it’s happening, and yet it can affect your life immensely, as much as any federal law. Ideological differences are punished in the marketplace- this is the Chinese model.

Referendum to Split California into 3 States May

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Tech billionaire and venture capitalist, Tim Draper, has gathered enough votes to trigger a referendum on splitting California into three separate states that include Northern California, which would include San Francisco and Sacramento; Southern California, including San Diego, San Bernardino, and the Mojave Desert; and California, a sliver of coastline taking in Los Angeles and surrounding areas. California has almost 40 million residents, and a GDP of \$2.75 trillion. If a November referendum were to be successful, Congress would still have to authorize the split due to its national significance.

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Draper's CAL 3 campaign has gathered 600,000 signatures supporting the split since he proposed the initiative last August. He told the Telegraph that 600,000 signatures was a "milestone" and sent a message that people across California would "create a brighter future for everyone."

With only 364,000 signatures needed to force a referendum, a vote will be held on the proposal this November, alongside the midterm elections.

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Republican Congressmen Fire Back at Citibank's Anti-Gun Policies



Sixteen Republican congressmen are asking the General Services Administration (GSA) to reevaluate a contract with Citibank to facilitate \$700 billion in payment transactions as a result of the the financial institution's anti-Second Amendment policies. Last month, Citibank announced that companies using Citibank financial services are required to restrict the sale of firearms for individuals under 21 years of age and stop selling "bump stocks or high-capacity magazines.

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The congressmen, led by Indiana Rep. Todd Rokita, sent a letter to GSA Administrator Emily Murphy on Wednesday, asking her to terminate the contract in response to Citibank's

March announcement restricting its clients participation in gun sales.

“In 2017, the General Services Administration (GSA) awarded Citibank a contract of more than \$700 billion to partially implement the federal charge card program, SmartPay 3,” the congressmen wrote in the letter, a copy of which was obtained by The Daily Caller News Foundation.

“Because of Citibank’s new guidelines targeting customers wishing to exercise their legal Second Amendment rights, we urge you to cancel Citibank’s participation in the SmartPay 3 contract, and award it to a company that does not unfairly restrict a customer’s constitutional rights,” it reads.

“This flagrant attempt to undermine our fundamental rights by caving to radicals should not be endorsed by our federal government,”the congressmen added. “The federal government should instead do business with companies that respect all of our constitutional rights, including the Second Amendment. GSA should take all necessary steps to review and terminate its contract with Citibank unless they rescind their guidelines, and rebid the SmartPay 3 contract.”

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