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Sir,

BLUF: Yesterday late afternoon the Washington Post published an important opinion piece by one of our very own faculty members. I know our teams have been working together to ensure our messaging on this charged issue remains spot-on. Below is the message I conveyed to DF leadership. In it, I stressed the importance of academic freedom at our service academy, and our need as leaders to protect it. We owe our cadets a robust, broad liberal arts education that develops and challenges their abilities of *how to think*...not what to think. The profession of arms deserves nothing less.

While not much will shake me loose from enjoying sailing on a beautiful bay off Lake Ontario, an

important opinion piece published by one of our own faculty certainly rises to that occasion! Now, back to the sailing! Should you or your team need anything else on this topic, we are standing by to assist.

v/r Linell

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Leaders –

Yesterday afternoon, the Washington Post published an important opinion piece by one of USAFA's own associate professors, Dr Lynne Chandler Garcia, articulating why military academies should teach critical race theory. (See attached.) Through her essay, Dr Chandler Garcia exemplifies the importance of academic freedom at service academies...from the critical nature of exploring subjects in our classrooms to writing and publicizing the "why" behind such examination. Academic freedom must remain a hallmark of our classrooms, our scholarship, and our Academy; we--as leaders--of this institution must remain vigilant in the protection of that freedom for our faculty.

My thanks to Dr Chandler Garcia for putting into words what many of us have expressed to each other around the water coolers about the importance of teaching our cadets *how to think*. As future leaders of the profession of arms, we owe them nothing less.

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