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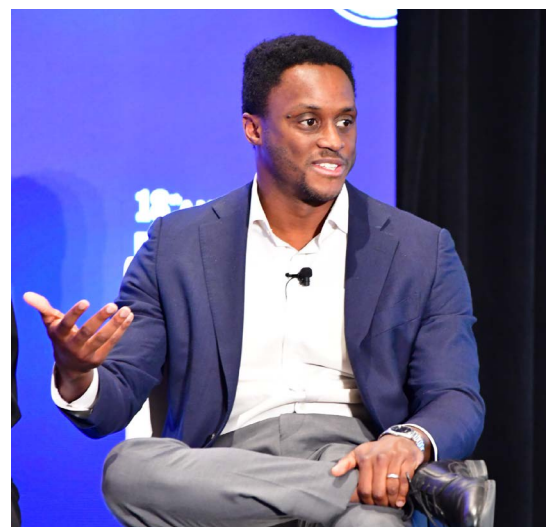
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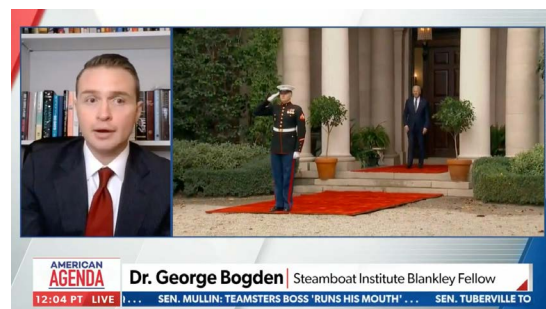
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Before journalism, Wegmann grew up in little Woodburn, Indiana then graduated from even smaller Hillsdale College with degrees in History and Politics. When the weather is nice, and sometimes even when it isn't, he can be found weaving in-and-out of traffic on his beloved Honda, a beautiful 1981 CB750 motorcycle.

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