

Bloody Hands: The Southern Poverty Law Center

Long before homosexual activist Floyd Corkins entered the **Family Research Council** (FRC) with the intent to commit mass murder, I warned from the rooftops that the hard-left Southern Poverty Law Center's anti-Christian "hate group" propaganda might spur such bloodshed. With a column headlined, "Liberal violence rising," I wrote, "The SPLC's dangerous and irresponsible ('hate group') disinformation campaign can embolden and give license to like-minded, though less stable, left-wing extremists, creating a climate of true hate. Such a climate is ripe for violence."

Tragically, my deepest fears were realized.

Then, in August, days after Corkins was heroically disarmed by FRC employ Leo Johnson, whom Corkins shot in the arm, I penned another column titled "Fanning the flames of left-wing violence." I plead with the SPLC to end its "dishonest and reprehensible" strategy of "juxtaposing FRC and other Christian organizations with violent extremist groups" in a transparent effort to marginalize them.

"I appeal to your sense of goodwill. This is not a game. Lives are at stake," I implored. "I know you have good employees (I've met some) who believe they're doing the right thing; so, please, validate that belief. It's time to remove your metaphorical 'hate group' Star of David from mainstream Christian organizations before another of your ideological allies spills blood."

I no longer believe the SPLC has a sense of goodwill. In fact, based on FBI evidence and the group's own actions (and inaction), I and many others are left with no other inference but this: The SPLC—a left-wing extremist fundraising

behemoth—may be intentionally inciting anti-Christian violence.

Just days ago, Corkins pled guilty to a number of charges, including domestic terrorism. FBI evidence revealed that he was both motivated by and utilized the SPLC's "anti-gay hate map" to target and locate his intended Christian mass murder victims.

Further evidence reveals that the "hate map"—more accurately labeled "hit map"—even provided the exact location of FRC and other Christian groups found on Corkins' hit-list with little red dots to helpfully pinpoint their precise locations.

Corkins told the FBI after the shooting that he intended to "kill as many as possible and smear the Chick-fil-A sandwiches (which he brought with him) in victims' faces." Prosecutors said that he planned to leave FRC after the attack and go to another conservative group to continue his reign of terror. A handwritten list of three other groups was found with his belongings, while an investigation of Corkins' computer revealed that he identified his targets on the SPLC website. The other groups were also maliciously listed by the SPLC as "hate groups."

Motive to kill? Fomented. Who to kill? Provided. Where to kill? Pinpointed, with easy access to driving directions. The only thing the SPLC did not do was purchase Corkins' gun and drive him to the crime scene.

Here's why, to my own aghast bewilderment, I'm left with little choice but to believe the SPLC may be intentionally inciting anti-Christian violence. As noted by the FRC, "Even after an attempted mass murder of the FRC staff, the 'hate map' is still prominently featured on the SPLC website today — which shocks most conservative pundits."

"Shocks" is an understatement.

“When Congresswoman Giffords and several others were shot in Arizona by Jared Loughner, the left went into overdrive blaming Sarah Palin for a map that had a list of political targets on it. After the fact, we learned that Loughner was apolitical and he clearly had not used Sarah Palin’s map of political targets. That did not stop the left from blaming the right,” noted RedState’s Erick Erickson. “By the way, Palin took down her target map after the controversy. The **Southern Poverty Law Center**? Crickets ...”

What other explanation is there? I understand that it’s difficult to admit you’re wrong, especially when the scheme seemed so delicious at the time. But once FBI evidence conclusively proves that you were, to a large degree, responsible for inciting an act of domestic terrorism, most reasonable people would take a deep breath, take a step back, admit fault and hobble forward in an effort to rehabilitate a reputation in ruin.

Is the SPLC a left-wing extremist group? Absolutely. Are they anti-Christian? Without a doubt. But few would have believed, until now, that they might intentionally, with malice aforethought, seek to incite anti-Christian bloodshed.

Scandalously, the Obama administration continues to maintain deep ties with this radical organization.

“The Southern Poverty Law Center has a long history of maliciously slandering pro-family groups with language and labels that incite hatred and undermine civil discourse,” said Mat Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel. “In the issues of family and marriage, Christians are literally in the crosshairs of radical homosexual activists, and the SPLC is fueling the hatred and providing the targets. The SPLC should be held accountable for its reckless acts. Even more disturbing than the SPLC’s irresponsible behavior is the fact that the Obama administration is in bed with this group,” said Staver.

"It is ironic that Christians who believe in natural marriage have been isolated by radical homosexual activists and demonized as 'homophobes' and 'haters,'" he concluded.

Weeks before Corkins pleaded guilty of terrorism and assault with intent to kill, a study from the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point entitled "Challengers from the Sidelines: Understanding America's Violent Far Right" said the "violent far right" exhibits an intense fear or dislike of foreign people, "including people with alternative sexual preferences." The SPLC's warped view of reality has been adopted by the Obama administration.

"What the SPLC and other homosexual activists are doing is intentional and dangerous," said Staver. "It is time to end the dangerous rhetoric and resume a civil discourse on the subject of natural marriage and morality."

Indeed if, God forbid, this SPLC "hate group" propaganda leads to another act of left-wing terrorism like that at FRC, this dangerous group should be held legally—perhaps even criminally liable.

In the meantime, to the media, I say this: If you dare, even for a moment, give any credence whatsoever to this deadly SPLC "hate group" nonsense, you too will have blood on your hands.

SPLC, you're no longer fooling anyone. Stop fooling yourselves.

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