

News Brief: 'Extremist' Moms for Liberty Group Added to 'Hate' List

The Southern Poverty Law Center's "Hate Map" continues to grow, and it apparently is sparing no one who opposes its views and values.

In its "Year in Hate and Extremism 2022" report released this week, the SPLC has added a "terrifying" and extremist group to its list—Moms for Liberty. On its website, Moms for Liberty describes its mission as being "dedicated to fighting for the survival of America by unifying, educating and empowering parents to defend their parental rights at all levels of government." It's vision is for Americans to be "empowered and thriving in a culture of liberty."

In its latest report, the SPLC says schools "have been on the receiving end of ramped-up and coordinated hard-right attacks." After being "spurred by the right-wing backlash to COVID public safety measures," parental rights groups appeared to have "grown into an anti-student inclusion movement that targets any inclusive curriculum that contains discussions of race, discrimination and LGBTQ identities.

"At the forefront of this mobilization is Moms for Liberty, a Florida-based group with vast connections to the GOP that this year the SPLC designated as an extremist group. They can be spotted at school board meetings across the country wearing shirts and carrying signs that declare, 'We do NOT CO-PARENT with the GOVERNMENT.' The group hijacks meetings, preventing officials and parents from conducting their normal proceedings."

Its supposed connections to the GOP is a major sticking point with the SPLC. The report added; It added, "But Moms for

Liberty activities make it clear that the group's primary goals are to fuel right-wing hysteria and to make the world a less comfortable or safe place for certain students—primarily those who are Black, LGBTQ or who come from LGBTQ families.”

While many haters went to Moms for Liberty's Facebook page to condemn the group, there were others who fight in support of MFL.

“SPLC is comical that they are so threatened by parents fighting for children,” one comment read.

“Southern Poverty Law Center is a joke. I know the lawyers in Dallas who support it. Shocking!” another user said. {eoa}

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