

Why You May Want to Stop Using PayPal Right Now

PayPal CEO Dan Schulman recently revealed that his company has teamed up with the progressive Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) to determine which groups or individuals should be banned from using the online money transfer service. The decision follows a growing trend of businesses and social media platforms who seek to enforce their own standards of acceptable beliefs and values by targeting so-called “hate speech.”

What’s particularly concerning about PayPal’s decision to enlist the SPLC to root out “hate groups” is the organization’s long history of targeting conservatives and those who hold traditional Christian views or speak out against Islamist extremism. The progressive legal organization has sought to silence Christian groups like D. James Kennedy Ministries, the Family Research Council and Alliance Defending Freedom by deeming them “extremist” and “hate groups.”

A Growing Trend

As Faithwire reported last May, Alliance Defending Freedom, which defended Christian baker Jack Phillips in a landmark Supreme Court victory, was removed from Amazon Smile—an Amazon platform that donates a small percentage of proceeds from eligible items to the nonprofit of customers’ choosing—after the online shopping giant partnered with the SPLC to flag hate groups. {eo}

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