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Inside Track

Ministry Sues SPLC for Calling It a "Hate Group"

The National Center for Life and Liberty of the D. James Kennedy Ministries (DJKM) filed suit August 22 against the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) for "trafficking in false or misleading descriptions of the services offered under the ministry's trademarked name; and for defamation pursuant to Alabama common law arising from the publication and distribution of information that libels the ministry's reputation and subjects the ministry to disgrace, ridicule, odium, and contempt in the estimation of the public."

At issue is the SPLC's inclusion of the ministry in its "hate" map, along with the KKK and various Nazi groups. Thanks to the acceptance of that "hate map" as legitimate by various members of the media, it has damaged the ministries. That's why included in the lawsuit are Amazon and the charity guidance group GuideStar — both have taken SPLC's accusation seriously, with Amazon blocking DJKM from AmazonSmile and GuideStar removing DJKM from its list of approved ministries.

The lawsuit states, "It is the SPLC's intent that the people who receive the information that SPLC publishes about the ministry will rely on SPLC's information as fact and will base their charitable giving decisions on that information." The lawsuit includes GuideStar for "knowingly accept[ing] defamatory information from the SPLC regarding the ministry and knowingly, intentionally, and purposefully republish[ing] that defamatory information with the intent that the people who receive the republished SPLC information from GuideStar will rely on that information as fact for the purpose of making their charitable giving decisions."

The ostensible cause of SPLC's inclusion of DJKM in its "hate" map is the ministry's position on LGBT issues, and DJKM CEO Frank Wright feels that this is tantamount to discrimination for one's religious beliefs: "Because the ministry's position on 'LGBT' issues is inextricably intertwined and connected to the ministry's religious theology, and because SPLC and GuideStar have declared the ministry to be a hate group due to the ministry's stand on LGBT issues, what occurred here is that SPLC and GuideStar have discriminated against the ministry because of its theology and its religious beliefs."

After Charlottesville, UN Demands U.S. Limit First Amendment

The United Nations issued an "early warning" to the United States and demanded illegal restrictions on free speech. As part of its August 23 decision, the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), a body that includes communists and Islamists, lambasted the United States and President Donald Trump without actually mentioning his name. But critics were quick to ridicule the UN outfit amid growing calls for the U.S. government to withdraw from the widely criticized "dictators club."

In an August 23 press release, the UN CERD blasted the United States for its alleged "failure to unequivocally reject racist violent events" (referring to the August 11-12 Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia). "We are alarmed by the racist demonstrations, with overtly racist slogans, chants and salutes by white nationalists, neo-Nazis, and the Ku Klux Klan, promoting white supremacy and inciting racial discrimination and hatred," complained radical left-wing activist Anastasia Crickley,

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the chairperson of the UN CERD. "We call on the U.S. Government to investigate thoroughly the phenomenon of racial discrimination targeting, in particular, people of African descent, ethnic or ethnoreligious minorities, and migrants."

In multiple statements plastered across the UN's websites, the global outfit attacked the First Amendment head on. The statements demanded that the U.S. government restrict free speech and association, saying it called on authorities "to provide the necessary guarantees so that such [free speech] rights are not misused to promote racist hate speech." In other words, the UN is calling on U.S. authorities to violate the supreme law of the land to enforce an illegitimate and unconstitutional UN "convention."

It is becoming increasingly clear to Americans that the dictators club has a totalitarian agenda for humanity, and that it must be stopped. With the dictators club viciously maligning Trump and the nation that elected him to the presidency, critics of the UN hope the time has finally come to get the United States out of the UN, and the UN out of the United States.

Nearly 100 Percent of Icelandic Mothers Abort Down Syndrome Babies

CBS News glowed August 15 over news that Down syndrome has disappeared in Iceland. The reason: Virtually all moms there abort the babies who a prenatal test determines will likely be born with the condition.

"Since prenatal screening tests were introduced in Iceland in the early 2000s," reported CBS, "the vast majority of women — close to 100 percent — who received a positive test for Down syndrome terminated their pregnancy" — "terminated" being a euphemism for killing by abortion.

Iceland's government mandates that all pregnant women be informed about screening for abnormalities, and while it does not require that women actually go through with the testing, the majority opt in — and abort those babies they deem unsuitable to live.

Other "progressive" countries are not far behind Iceland in Down syndrome termination rates. As of 2015, France was unburdening itself of 77 percent of potential Down syndrome babies annually, while Denmark has nearly matched Iceland at 98 percent. And in the United Kingdom, 90 percent of women who receive a positive Down syndrome diagnosis terminate the lives of their pre-born babies. In the United States, the estimated abortion rate is around 67 percent (according to statistics between 1995-2011) when Down syndrome is detected.

Commenting on the CBS report, Focus on the Family founder James Dobson said on August 16, "I have rarely seen a story that so closely resembles Nazi-era eugenics.... The Bible tells us that 'we are all fearfully and wonderfully made.' I know countless parents who would say the same of their own children with Down syndrome. A child born with a chromosome defect is a child made in God's image, fully capable of living a happy, productive, and healthy life. They are as capable of giving and receiving love just as you and I are. They deserve a chance to live — and those of us in the Church must speak out on their behalf."

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Trump Reauthorizes Military Equipment for Police

By executive order issued under "the authority vested in [him] by the Constitution," President Donald Trump on August 28 restored the federal program whereby local and state law enforcement can apply to receive surplus military equipment from the U.S. Department of Defense. The current president had to use his pen to power up the program after the previous president used his pen to curtail it.

In a speech delivered August 28 at the national convention of the Fraternal Order of Police in Nashville, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions remarked on the restoration: "The Department of Defense's 1033 program that Congress signed into law more than 25 years ago, [has] recycled more than \$5.4 billion in used gear and equipment that taxpayers had already purchased, and made it available for your agencies to repurpose it in the fight against terrorism, crime, and disaster relief. One sheriff told me earlier this year about how, due to the prior administration's restrictions, the federal government made his department return an armored vehicle that can change the dynamics of an active shooter situation.... Those restrictions went too far. We will not put superficial concerns above public safety."

Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.), who is opposed to such programs, said, "Americans must never sacrifice their liberty for an illusive and dangerous — or false — security. I disagree with Attorney General Sessions on the Department of Defense's 1033 program. The militarization of our law enforcement is due to an unprecedented expansion of government power in this realm. It is one thing for federal officials to work with local authorities to reduce or solve crime, but it is another for them to subsidize militarization."

Vehicles, surveillance equipment, weapons, training, and tear gas from the Pentagon often come with strings attached, and when there is a conflict of interest between those being served (the community) and those providing the powerful weapons, the people are all too likely to be ignored in favor of the givers of the free stuff: the federal government.



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