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Docs Show Biden DOJ Let SPLC, Other Groups, Set Civil Rights Agenda

Following the end of the FBI's cooperation with the far-left Southern Poverty Law Center, America First Legal dropped a trove of documents proving that President Joe Biden's Justice Department closely cooperated with SPLC, ADL, and other groups to target so-called hate.

Indeed, the documents show that Kristen Clarke, the black supremacist who ran DOJ's Civil Rights Division under Biden, took direction from the SPLC in running her department and setting its priorities.

Such were the close contacts that one wonders why Clarke didn't give SPLC and ADL offices at DOJ to cut down on travel time for meetings with the radicals.



AP Images
Kristen Clarke

□BREAKING — AFL has obtained thousands of pages of records exposing Biden DOJ's SHOCKING partnership and coordination with the radical SPLC to WEAPONIZE civil rights enforcement.

No daylight between DOJ and SPLC.

Here's round #1 □ pic.twitter.com/YPvCrmUkBM

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Last week, [FBI chief Kash Patel ended](#) the bureau's cooperation with the SPLC. In April, he vowed not to "rely on politicized or agenda-driven intelligence from outside groups — and certainly not from the SPLC."

Patel called the disgraced and discredited outfit a "partisan smear machine."

The Southern Poverty Law Center long ago abandoned civil rights work and turned into a partisan smear machine. Their so-called "hate map" has been used to defame mainstream Americans and even inspired violence. That disgraceful record makes them unfit for any FBI partnership.

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SPLC Influence

What America First Legal revealed about the scope of the SPLC's access that Patel scrapped is frightening.

"Biden's DOJ not only offered SPLC a seat at the table — it handed over early access to FBI data, encouraged SPLC's participation at standing quarterly meetings, and even invited the partisan extremist group to lead official trainings for federal officials," [AFL reported](#):

This access included regular communications with DOJ's Civil Rights Division, as well as with the Office of the Deputy Attorney General. America First Legal has obtained THOUSANDS of pages of records of responsive documents to its requests, and will release additional findings in subsequent releases.

This was not a casual relationship; it was a deeply embedded partnership that put a discredited, ideological smear factory — best known for putting mainstream groups like Turning Point USA and Moms for Liberty on its "hate map" alongside the KKK — at the heart of the Justice Department's civil rights agenda. Biden's DOJ handed over the training of its federal prosecutors to SPLC, then cozied up to its staffers over coffee and danishes.

Clarke, for instance, emailed the SPLC to see "if there are federal civil rights matters of concern that we should be tracking."

/5 Kristen Clarke, then-Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, personally asked SPLC to flag "civil rights matters" for DOJ to track.

This is a blatant outsourcing of federal power to a group whose mission is to "destroy" its political opponents. pic.twitter.com/tT3EB3wtJe

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"This was an invitation from the Biden DOJ for radical outside groups to help shape priorities and drive the very civil rights agenda that federal prosecutors were then trained to enforce," [AFL concluded](#).

A revealing memorandum from Myesha Braden, associate deputy attorney general, described the guidance far-left groups would offer DOJ:

LDF [Legal Defense Fund]: election security

SPLC: public education re: hate crimes data release (Leadership Conference — advance copy)

HRC [Human Rights Campaign]: anti-LGBTQ violence

ACLU: racial profiling guidance

Clarke's office met quarterly with SPLC torpedoes, with schedules made to accommodate "top Biden officials like then-Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta," AFL reported.

Also included in the meetings were a Who's Who of far-left groups. That bag of coconuts included "Rainbow Push, Color of Change, Human Rights Campaign, National Action Network, Southern



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Coalition for Social Justice, Law for Black Lives, and others.”

/4 Biden’s DOJ invited SPLC to join standing quarterly Civil Rights Division meetings, alongside other radical groups like Color of Change and the Human Rights Campaign.

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Clarke and SPLC

And Clarke, it seems, was tight as an Alabama tick with the SPLC. She emailed the smear machine to say she was “looking forward” to a taxpayer-paid junket to Montgomery for a tour of “civil rights” venues, including the SPLC’s palatial headquarters.

“This relationship culminated in public platforms: the SPLC was given a prime speaking slot at the DOJ’s 2023 ‘hate crimes symposium,’ in which it trained more than 100 federal prosecutors,” [AFL reported](#):

R.G. Cravens, a senior SPLC analyst, used the opportunity to equate “viewpoint diversity” with “white nationalism” and even falsely tied AFL’s lawsuit against Target to bomb threats — failing to mention that the very article he cited confirmed the threats came from Leftists demanding more LGBTQ merchandise on the shelves.

/6 At DOJ’s 2023 “Hate Crimes Symposium,” SPLC’s R.G. Cravens equated “viewpoint diversity” with “white nationalism” and FALSELY tied AFL’s lawsuit against Target to bomb threats — ignoring that Leftists made those threats. pic.twitter.com/Ler61aWYCJ

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/8 SPLC’s inflammatory rhetoric has REAL consequences.

They smeared Charlie Kirk as an “extremist” ONE DAY before his assassination by a radical leftist.

Did they apologize or condemn the murder? SILENCE. pic.twitter.com/vuXiDBLtmL

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Leftist Violence

AFL also noted that the SPLC’s rhetoric remains unchanged despite credible evidence that its demonization of those such as slain conservative activist Charlie Kirk might well encourage radicals to explode in violence.

“SPLC included Charlie Kirk and Turning Point USA in its ‘Hatewatch’ newsletter, smearing both the group and its founder as dangerous extremists,” [AFL observed](#):

The newsletter was published just one day before Kirk’s public assassination at the hands of



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a radical leftist. SPLC did not apologize for its article in the wake of Kirk's assassination, nor did it condemn or even comment on his murder that took place in broad daylight on a college campus.

The SPLC was also linked to domestic terrorist Floyd Lee Corkins, who used the outfit's bogus "hate map" to target the Family Research Center in an attempted mass murder in 2012. Another of the SPLC's big fans was the nut who opened fire on Republicans at the congressional baseball game in 2017.

Turning Point USA is also [on the SPLC's "hate map."](#)

The SPLC [was disgraced and discredited](#) long ago and [revealed to be](#) a fundraising scam.

As for Clarke, last year, [she confessed](#) to lying during her confirmation process when asked if she were ever arrested for a violence crime. Clarke answered the Senate Judiciary Committee's written question with a "no."

DOJ's Kristen Clarke Confirms She Did Not Disclose Arrest, Alleges Domestic Abuse

Via Mary Margaret Olohan: <https://t.co/EIXfS9j4U6>

— The Daily Signal (@DailySignal) [May 1, 2024](#)

In fact, police arrested her for attacking her husband with a knife in 2006.

[Clarke wrote](#) a black supremacist jeremiad at Harvard, and also believes police must be defunded. [Clarke has](#) also said that [cop-killer Mumia Al-Jamal](#) is innocent.

ADL Canceled, Too

That was the "civil rights" chief at DOJ who thinks SPLC hung the Moon.

Aside from dropping FBI's cooperation with SPLC, Patel also [cut ties](#) with the ADL, a similarly well-heeled smear machine.

In that instance, [Patel fumed](#) to Fox News that former FBI chief "James Comey disgraced the FBI by writing 'love letters' to the ADL and embedding agents with an extreme group functioning like a terrorist organization and the disgraceful operation they ran spying on Americans."

"That was not law enforcement, it was activism dressed up as counterterrorism, and it put Americans in danger," Patel continued:

That era is finished. This FBI formally rejects Comey's policies and any partnership with the ADL.

The marriage ended after ADL received heat on social media for labeling Kirk's Turning Point USA as "extremist."

X owner Elon Musk called ADL a "hate group."

The ADL is a hate group <https://t.co/E7SXOajgoU>



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