



## FBI Cuts Ties With ADL Amid Reaction to TPUSA Designation

The FBI has finally cut ties with the far-left Anti-Defamation League (ADL), ending a marriage that began under disgraced former FBI chieftain James Comey, [who was recently indicted](#) for making false statements to Congress and obstruction of justice.

FBI Director Kash Patel announced the move yesterday on X over a story by Fox News. He said that the bureau would not partner with political groups “masquerading as watchdogs.”

X proprietor Elon Musk has bashed the ADL as a “hate group” in recent days. Its designation of murdered conservative activist Charlie Kirk’s Turning Point USA as a “hate group” in 2019 resurfaced after [Kirk was assassinated](#) in Utah on September 10.

The group’s entry on TPUSA is no longer available at its website, likely because it has deep-sixed its “Glossary of Extremism.”



AP Images  
Kash Patel

Patel cuts ties Comey’s FBI made with ADL as organization faces backlash for TPUSA criticism <https://t.co/QAks0jx4jW>

— Fox News (@FoxNews) [October 2, 2025](#)

### Bye, Bye, ADL

“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,” Patel told Fox News:

That was not law enforcement, it was activism dressed up as counterterrorism, and it put Americans in danger.

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

Patel expressed similar sentiments in his X post over the Fox story.

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— FBI Director Kash Patel (@FBIDirectorKash) [October 1, 2025](#)

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— ADL (@ADL) [October 1, 2025](#)

The ADL replied on X:

As we prepare to observe the holiest day of the year on the Jewish calendar, we have seen the statement from FBI Director Patel regarding the FBI's relationship with ADL.

ADL has deep respect for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and law enforcement officers at all levels across the country who work tirelessly every single day to protect all Americans regardless of their ancestry, religion, ethnicity, faith, political affiliation or any other point of difference.

In light of an unprecedented surge of antisemitism, we remain committed more than ever to our core purpose to protect the Jewish people.

Patel's divorce from the group comes eight years after Comey repledged his and the FBI's troth, Fox explained.

The discredited FBI director spoke to the league's leadership summit in Washington, D.C., on May 8, 2017, "and declared his and the FBI's 'love' for the organization," [Fox reported](#):

He began by referencing a 2014 speech which he called a "love letter to the ADL," adding, "Three years later I can say, from the perspective of the FBI, we're still in love with you."

Comey declared that the bureau's partnership with the outfit would "build bridges in the communities we serve."

[Continued Comey](#), noting the group's leftist agenda:

You make us better.

For more than 100 years, you have advocated for fairness and equality. For inclusion and acceptance. You have never been indifferent or complacent. And the word "silence" simply isn't part of your vocabulary.

You have advocated for voting rights and immigration issues. You have fought against anti-Muslim prejudice and cyber bullying.

You have stood up for LGBT and gender equality. You have pushed and prodded for hate crime legislation. And you have helped us identify and track domestic and international terrorist threats.

And for all of that, we are grateful. As a law enforcement and national security agency, yes. But also as Americans. As humans....



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And on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, thank you for standing by us, for giving us the benefit of your experience, and for making us better.

And so I close my letter,

Love,

The FBI

## **Musk: It's a Hate Group**

Tesla tycoon Musk begs to differ.

"The ADL is a hate group," he wrote over a post from Mike Cernovich, who noted the ADL's attacking TPUSA.

"The larger problem with the ADL designating Turning Point USA as a hate group, is that the FBI allows the ADL to prov[ide] this training' to agents," Cernovich wrote:

The ADL is deeply embedded within law enforcement.

They must be removed immediately.

"The ADL hates Christians, therefore it is a hate group," Musk continued.

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

— Elon Musk (@elonmusk) [October 1, 2025](#)

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— Elon Musk (@elonmusk) [September 28, 2025](#)

"The FBI was taking their 'hate group' definitions from ADL, which is why FBI was investigating Charlie Kirk & Turning Point, instead of his murderers," he wrote on X over a post from *Dilbert* cartoonist Scott Adams.

"A step in the right direction, but I won't forgive or forget what the ADL did to Charlie Kirk and TPUSA. [x.com/joelpollak/sta](https://x.com/joelpollak/sta)," Adams wrote.

Musk also responded to independent journalist Glenn Greenwald.

"The ADL has bullied and coerced huge numbers of institutions to take orders from it about whose views should be deemed 'extremist' and thus prohibited, and whose shouldn't," Greenwald wrote:

As but one example, Paypal uses the ADL to decide who should be expelled.

"!!" Musk replied.

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## Glossary of Extremism

ADL updated its entry on TPUSA on September 29, then wiped the material from its site. [It is available](#), however, on an internet archive, at least for now.

The group tagged its original entry, dated February 14, 2019, “Extremism, Hate or Terrorism.”

After noting Kirk’s assassination and the slain activist’s love for Israel, there followed what ADL claimed was a list of “racist” or “white supremacist” and other statements from individuals involved with or close to TPUSA, or from speakers at its events.

With over 1,000 entries written over many years, the ADL Glossary of Extremism has served as a source of high-level information on a wide range of topics for years. At the same time, an increasing number of entries in the Glossary were outdated. We also saw a number of entries... <pic.twitter.com/1Wj7hy6sLV>

— ADL (@ADL) [September 30, 2025](#)

The TPUSA entry is unavailable, apparently, because the anti-ADL campaign on X pushed the outfit to terminate its “Glossary of Extremism.”

“With over 1,000 entries written over many years, the ADL Glossary of Extremism has served as a source of high-level information on a wide range of topics for years,” the organization wrote on X:

At the same time, an increasing number of entries in the Glossary were outdated. **We also saw a number of entries intentionally misrepresented and misused.** Moreover, our experts have continued to develop more comprehensive resources and innovative ways to provide information about antisemitism, extremism and hate.



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