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ACORN Sues, IRS Drops Group

It has [filed suit](#) in Baltimore, Maryland, claiming the pair violated Maryland law when they [secretly videotaped](#) ACORN employees [offering advice](#) on [how to set up a brothel](#). The group also claims, hilariously enough, that [the employees suffered](#) "extreme emotional distress." The videos appeared at Andrew Breitbart's [BigGovernment.com](#), which documents corruption in the federal government.



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That's the leftist revenge against James O'Keefe and Hanna Giles, 25 and 20, who disguised themselves as pimp and prostitute, then filmed in ACORN offices across the country. In [Baltimore](#), [Brooklyn](#), [Washington](#), [San Diego](#), and [San Bernardino](#), the pair received housing and tax advice from ACORN employees on opening a brothel and smuggling underage girls across the border to work in the place. The employee in San Bernardino said she was merely [playing along](#) with the pair, and the one in San Diego says [he notified](#) the authorities about them.

After the videos emerged, ACORN's political support vanished. The Census Bureau [ended its relationship](#) with the group, which was supposed to help with the 2010 population count. The U.S. Senate [voted 83-7](#) to end funding for ACORN via the federal Housing and Urban Development Department. The House [passed a bill](#) 346-75 to end funding. Since 1994, ACORN [has received \\$53 million](#) in [taxpayer funds](#).

Most recently, the [Internal Revenue Service](#) announced that [it cut ACORN](#) from its program offering volunteer tax advice.

After initially denouncing the films and threatening to sue Fox News and O'Keefe and Giles, ACORN chieftain Bertha Lewis was [forced to admit](#) the organizations' problems. Defeat apparently prompted her to enlist the former Attorney General of Massachusetts, Scott Harshbarger, [to audit](#) ACORN and make suggestions about how the organization can monitor itself and regain the country's trust.

So now, [ACORN sues](#). No word on how much taxpayer money will be used in the lawsuit.



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