SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER IS A HATE GROUP; Part I

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There are many radical organizations in the country, but none has achieved a more inflated status than the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). Its undeserved status is due to its perceived expertise in assessing hate groups. While its tracking of hate groups includes some that are undeniably hateful, its list also includes many that are merely conservative organizations who are anything but hateful. By smearing these entities, SPLC is proving that it is the master of hate.

[This is Part I of a two-part series.]

The following organizations are listed by SPLC as hate groups, and the quotes are cited by it as proof that they are a Klanlike organization. Judge for yourself.

Alliance Defending Freedom

"Allowing males to compete in the female category isn't fair and destroys athletic opportunities. Males will always have inherent physical advantages over comparably talented girls – that's the reason we have girls' sports in the first place. And a male's belief about gender doesn't eliminate those advantages." ADF legal counsel Christiana Holcomb

"Men who self-identify as women are still biological men. Sure, they can take synthetic hormones to make themselves appear more feminine, style their hair, and wear makeup (or not). But being a woman is more than a physical appearance or a feeling – it is a biological reality." Marissa Mayer, senior web writer, on the ADF website "The only surprise is the rapidity with which this degradation of our human dignity has occurred. It has occurred, with raging effect, and within twelve months, on the heels of government mandated recognition of same-sex 'marriage' – an oxymoronic institution if ever there was one." ADF-affiliated attorney Charles LiMandri

American College of Pediatricians

"Transgenderism is a belief system that increasingly looks like a cultish religion – a modern day Gnosticism denying physical reality for deceived perceptions – being forced on the public by the state in violation of the establishment clause of the First Amendment." Andre Van Mol, co-chair of ACPeds' Committee on Adolescent Sexuality

"Conditioning children into believing a lifetime of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex is normal and healthful is child abuse." Gender Ideology Harms Children, ACPeds article

"Sex is hard-wired from before birth, and it cannot change." Michelle Cretella, former president of ACPeds

Family Research Council

"People with gender dysphoria or transgender identities are more likely than the general public to engage in high-risk behaviors, which may result from or contribute to psychological disorders (or both)." FRC senior fellow Peter Sprigg

"I know they'll mock at the idea, but look, if you are a male – genetically you are a male, biologically you're a male – and you say, 'Well, I'm not a male. I'm a female.' I mean what's to keep you from saying that you're an animal?" Tony Perkins, president

"By ignoring underlying conditions, the demands of transgender

supremacy ignore our unique kids, especially those with autism and mental health diagnoses. They deflect much-needed resources away from the pandemic of autism." Sarah Perry, FRC director of partnerships and coalitions coordinator

Liberty Counsel

"Homosexual conduct can result in significant damage to those involved who engage in such conduct. There is no evidence that a person is born homosexual. And there is evidence that people can change." *Liberty Counsel website*.

"One of the most significant threats to our freedom is in the area of sexual anarchy with the agenda of the homosexual movement, the so-called LGBT movement. [It] undermines family and the very first building block of our society [and] secondly...it's a direct assault on our religious freedom and freedom of speech." *Mat Staver, president*

"Statistically, sexual promiscuity is increased among those who engage in homosexual conduct, the result of which is disease found predominantly, if not exclusively, among homosexuals." *Mat Staver*

Pacific Justice Institute

"It is fundamentally unjust for the government to treat some crime victims more favorably than others, just because they are homosexual or transsexual." *PJI president Brad Dacus*

"Most parents do not want their first through fifth graders bombarded with pro-homosexual messages at school. If LGBT advocates really want to stop name-calling and bullying, they should start with themselves." *Brad Dacus*

"Forcing boys and girls to share bathrooms, locker rooms and sleeping arrangements is not equality; it is insanity." Brad Dacus

Ruth Institute

"Transgender is a political category. Invented for political purposes. It has nothing to do with either psychology or medicine. It is a political category." *Jennifer Roback Morse*

"Compared to children raised by their own biological parents, married to each other, children whose parents had a same-sex relationship are at elevated risk for the following…emotional problems, pleading guilty to a non-minor offense, learning disabilities...." Ruth Institute pamphlet

"It's really important to be well informed about what the church actually says about homosexual practice...The church is very clear that same-sex sexual action are intrinsically disordered and can never be morally acceptable." Jennifer Roback Morse

Note: Because of its outsized influence, we are sending our series to Washington lawmakers and many others.

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