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# Under Attack: Southern Poverty Law Center vs APC

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The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) has openly attacked Tom DeWeese, our nation's foremost activist against Agenda 21, the United Nations's plan for the 21st century to use "climate change" as an excuse to reduce us all to socialist servitude for the benefit of the global elite.

Normally, this would not be a big deal, as the SPLC has a long history of attacking organizations and individuals who defend the Constitution and oppose big government programs. They regularly accuse freedom-loving groups of racism and hate if they want to stop the massive growth of government and the wasteful spending programs that are bankrupting our country.

But this attack is truly frightening because the outcome of the attack against DeWeese's organization, American Policy Center (APC), could result in government investigations, the banning of DeWeese's ability to fly, and even the destruction of APC.

The Southern Poverty Law Center sent an undercover informant to attend APC's Freedom Action National Conference held at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania earlier this year. SPLC then issued an article, "Patriot Rhetoric Becomes Increasingly Violent," which claimed that the speakers at the conference were "united by rage" against the federal government. Quotes by some speakers, including Sheriff Richard Mack and Constitution expert, Michael Badnarik, were taken out of context.

The report did everything possible to paint APC as a dangerous, radical fringe group intent on overthrowing the US Government. It even took a very classic line by APC advisor and former Pennsylvania State Rep. Sam Rohrer, "There is a time to pray and a time to fight. And I think the time has come to fight."

Of course he meant political action a "war" against "POLICY," not physical war against the government. Not a single speaker at the conference advocated or even believes in violent action. All of the speakers passionately believe in the founding principles of this nation, and intend to defend them – but do it through the political process.

DeWeese reiterates, "I am opposed to any kind of silly rhetoric calling for violence – I believe the dumbest thing our side could ever do is perpetrate violence against the government. To do so would mark the end of our ability to speak out. It would be the destruction of our movement."

But the SPLC has twisted words to make it sound like the conference at Valley Forge was a hot bed of hate, ready to explode in violence across the country.

### SPLC: in bed with DHS

The Southern Policy Law Center works directly with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to define domestic terrorism and to pinpoint potentially violent groups that fit that description. In 2009, the DHS issued several reports, both written with the help of the Southern Poverty Law Center. One, entitled "Right-wing Extremism," targeted groups like those which

fight to stop abortion and illegal immigration as hate groups and potentially violent terrorist groups. It also targeted people who are concerned over our bad economy, oppose the creation of a North American Union, oppose same-sex marriage, stockpile food, fear communist regimes, and oppose loss of US jobs to overseas nations. These people, said the DHS, are potential terrorists.

In addition, the Missouri state Fusion Center (a coalition of Federal, State and Local police agencies organized to respond to terrorist attacks) produced its own MIAC report on potential terrorists that included people who voted for Ron Paul. Again, the Southern Poverty Law Center helped to prepare that report.

These reports were sent to law enforcement agencies across the nation. Police were alerted that these people were potentially violent. Those on the list could be put under surveillance, restricted from travel on airplanes, and have their personal financial records checked.

Because of this, there was a deadly attack at the Family Research Council last year. FRC, a strong freedom-loving Christian organization, had been listed by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a dangerous hate group because they oppose abortion. That's how dangerous the SPLC is to freedom.

Now, the SPLC has gone beyond mere criticism of APC's policies to attempting to make them appear violent and dangerous as well.

The destruction of APC is clearly SPLC's goal. APC could lose its tax-exempt status. DeWeese could be banned from traveling to speeches and conferences. With the government now moving to take over the internet, there is a very real possibility that APC could lose access – and that would silence them for good.

As a result, DeWeese has initiated a political action demanding that the US Congress closely investigate the Southern Poverty Law Center and its ties to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Why does this agency of the federal government allow a private group to have such a powerful influence over its investigations and official reports? Does the government pay SPLC from our tax dollars?

SPLC is a dangerous group, guilty of the hate it claims to fight. It is trying to take away the Constitutional rights of Americans to hold opposing views. It seeks to destroy any debate or opposition to its ideas.

**APC has a petition on its website, "Citizens Demand for Congressional Investigation of the Southern Poverty Law Center." The SPLC has targeted every patriotic American in the nation just because we want to see the US Constitution recognized as law of the land. APC needs them, YOU, to counter this monster that threatens our freedom. Please go to [www.americanpolicy.org](http://www.americanpolicy.org), and sign the petition today. It's the only way we have to bring enough pressure on Congress to act.**

