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Extremist Group Exposed Working With Obama's Justice Department

As if Obama's politicized Justice Department was not embroiled in enough scandals — [Fast and Furious gun-trafficking to Mexican drug cartels](#), the [subsequent coverup and lies](#), disgraced Attorney General Eric Holder [held in criminal contempt of Congress](#), lawless ["legal memos" purporting to justify assassinating U.S. citizens without charge or trial](#), [training police to believe Americans may be terrorists for political activism](#), and more — there is now yet another travesty to add to the growing list. [Documents](#) released recently exposed the department working intimately with [one of the most controversial extremist groups in America](#).



[E-mails](#) released last Tuesday by the non-partisan Judicial Watch group showed that Obama's increasingly out-of-control Department of Justice was collaborating closely with the [ultra-leftist Southern Poverty Law Center \(SPLC\)](#). To make matters worse, hate-mongering propaganda issued by the widely criticized organization — ridiculed and blasted by critics as a discredited far-left attack group — was implicated last year in [an attempted mass-shooting at the conservative-leaning Family Research Council](#) headquarters in Washington, D.C.

After the failed terror attack scheme to murder FRC employees, concerned conservatives and even some homosexual groups all across America expressed increasing alarm over the [dangerous rhetoric and propaganda distributed by the SPLC](#), equating mainstream pro-family and Christian groups with the organizations like KKK, neo-Nazis, and terrorists, for example. The SPLC and its hysterical attacks were immediately thrust into the spotlight — especially after it was revealed that the shooter and would-be terrorist used the organization's "hate map" propaganda to select his target.

"Let me be clear that [attempted mass-murderer] Floyd Corkins was responsible for firing the shot yesterday," [said](#) FRC President Perkins after the shooting, which injured a security guard who promptly subdued the unhinged individual before he could go on his intended killing spree. "But Corkins was given a license to shoot an unarmed man by organizations like the Southern Poverty Law Center that have been reckless in labeling organizations hate groups because they disagree with them on public policy."

After the shooting at the pro-family organization by the deranged homosexual activist, Judicial Watch decided to find out how much influence the SPLC had on government agencies. So, it filed a request under the Freedom of Information Act to find out. [The correspondence it received](#) between the discredited organization and Obama's DOJ revealed several controversies. Among them: "questionable behavior by agency personnel" during negotiations to have disgraced SPLC co-founder Morris Dees speak at a mandatory "diversity training event" for high-ranking federal officials, the public interest watchdog explained.



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“The Southern Poverty Law Center has, in the past few years, taken to labeling organizations with conservative views on social issues as ‘hate groups,’” [explained](#) Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton, citing widely held concerns among Americans over the SPLC’s oftentimes slanderous attacks on mainstream and popular groups with which it disagrees. “Given these fawning e-mails, one would have thought that a head of state was visiting the Justice Department.”

The almost two-dozen pages of e-mails revealed that SPLC co-founder Morris Dees, who has come under heavy criticism from [across the political spectrum](#) as a [con-artist, fraud, hate monger, and more](#), was supposed to have his speech at the DOJ “simulcast to everyone’s PC throughout the Department.” DOJ officials working with the SPLC, as is evident throughout the chain of correspondence, regard the controversial figure as an “inspiration” — even for young children.

To Judicial Watch and numerous other organizations, however, such treatment is highly inappropriate considering the “civil rights” group’s inflammatory propaganda. “The SPLC is an attack group, and it is disturbing that it has premier access to our Department of Justice, which is charged with protecting the First Amendment rights of all Americans,” [noted](#) JW chief Fitton. “And these emails further confirm that politically correct ‘mandatory’ diversity training programs are a waste of taxpayer money.”

Conservative, Christian, and libertarian activists and organizations have [long been alarmed by the SPLC’s shameful attacks on loyal Americans](#) and the group’s efforts to spread potentially dangerous disinformation among the law-enforcement community. In fact, *The New American* has spent [considerable space](#) in its magazine exposing the SPLC, especially to educate law-enforcement officials about the false and misleading propaganda the organization disseminates. But liberty-minded and socially conservative forces are not the only ones suspicious of the far-left group and its co-founder.

Even prominent civil rights attorney Stephen Bright, president of the Southern Center for Human Rights, for example, criticized the SPLC and its discredited co-founder. “Morris Dees is a con man and fraud, as I and others, such as U.S. Circuit Judge Cecil Poole, have observed and as has been documented by John Egerton, *Harper’s*, the *Montgomery Advertiser* in its ‘Charity of Riches’ series, and others,” he [explained in a letter](#). “He has taken advantage of naive, well-meaning people — some of moderate or low incomes — who believe his pitches and give to his \$175-million operation. He has spent most of what they have sent him to raise still more millions, pay high salaries, and promote himself.”

While the SPLC itself may be troubling to experts and analysts, even more problematic, according to critics, is the U.S. Justice Department’s collaboration with an anti-freedom group notorious for seeking to silence and demonize political opposition to everything from big government to cultural relativism. However, it is hardly the first time the DOJ — especially under the Obama administration — has been exposed working with, or covering up for, potentially dangerous organizations.

Among other examples, the Justice Department was caught collaborating with the NAACP in 2009 when it [incredibly decided not to prosecute](#) members of the [violent hate-mongering New Black Panther Party](#) who were caught on video violating voter-intimidation laws by standing outside polling places with weapons. Separately, prior to last year’s election, the politicized DOJ was [busted working with the ACORN-affiliated group Project Vote](#) to stop state efforts to rein in rampant voter fraud across America.

In 2011, meanwhile, Holder’s Justice Department was [exposed working with the billionaire George Soros-funded front group “Media Matters” to attack and silence Tea Party leaders and others](#).

Ironically, much of the scandal involved helping the administration cover up another mega-scandal: Operation Fast and Furious, a DOJ program that [used tax dollars to put thousands of heavy weapons in](#)



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[the hands of Mexican drug cartels](#). The resulting violence, [official e-mails later revealed](#), was going to be used to demonize the Second Amendment.

Speaking of hate groups, Holder — [the first attorney general in U.S. history to be held in criminal contempt of Congress](#), but who is abusing his government position to avoid prosecution — was [more than happy to speak at the National Council of La Raza](#), which means “The Race” in Spanish. During his speech, he issued threats against state and local efforts to control illegal immigration or enforce voter-ID requirements.

Last year, *The New American* contacted the Justice Department after it was [exposed training state and local police to equate peaceful activism, including popular political bumper stickers, with potential domestic terrorism](#). A spokesperson for the DOJ refused to say whether or not the SPLC was involved in crafting the half-baked training program targeting Americans who exercise their First Amendment rights. Suspicions, however, continue to run rampant, and the latest revelations by Judicial Watch only add to those concerns.

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