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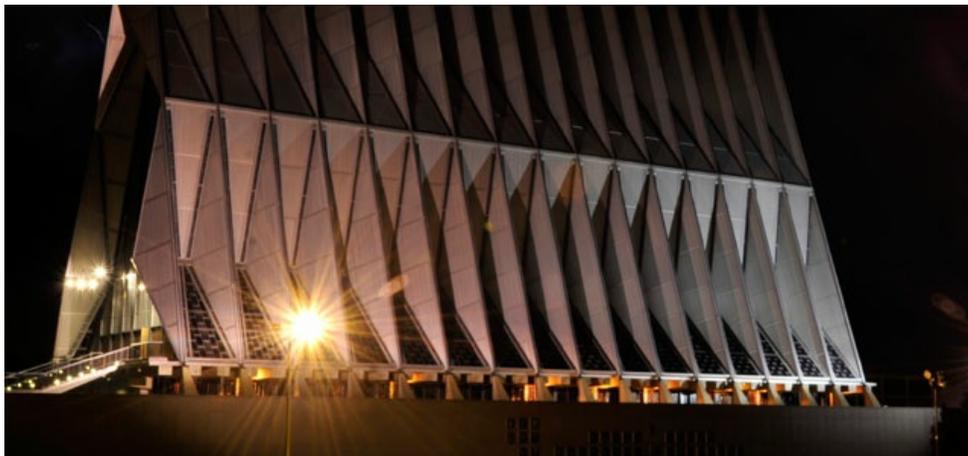
MILITARY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
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Friday, February 15, 2019

Air Force Academy Cadets to Get Lesson in Character and Leadership from Chick-fil-A?!?!



The Air Force Academy has had its share of completely inappropriate speakers over the years, most notably its

2008 choice of the widely **discredited** “3 ex-terrorists,” a trio of Islamophobic evangelical Christians posing as former Muslim terrorists, to speak at a conference on terrorism. And this year they’ve done it again, inviting Chick-fil-A’s Rodney Bullard to speak at the Academy’s annual **National Character & Leadership Symposium** (NCLS), an event described as “the United States Air Force Academy’s flagship event on character and leadership.” Who better to deliver a lesson on character and leadership to our future Air Force leaders than a representative of a company that openly denigrates a whole segment of our country’s — and our military’s — population, right?

While Chick-fil-A has claimed to have distanced itself from the anti-LGBTQ cause, its tax returns tell a different story. Although its **WinShape Foundation** no longer funnels millions of dollars to overtly anti-LGBTQ organizations, the Chick-fil-A Foundation, of which Rodney Bullard is executive director, is still bankrolling other, not so obvious, anti-LGBTQ organizations.

According to its most recent available tax return (2016), more than \$1.5 million, or nearly 19 percent, of the foundation’s over \$8 million in charitable giving went to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, an organization that openly discriminates against LGBTQ athletes, with its **student leader application**, for example, including a “Sexual Purity Statement” which states:

“God desires His children to lead pure lives of holiness. The Bible is clear in teaching on sexual sin including sex outside of marriage and homosexual acts. Neither heterosexual sex outside of marriage nor any homosexual act constitute an alternative lifestyle acceptable to God.”

It also funded the Paul Anderson Youth Home Inc., a “Christian residential home for troubled youth,” to the tune of \$132,000. According to the Paul Anderson Youth Home’s **website** at the time of the repeal of “Don’t Ask

Don't Tell":

"Today we are on the verge of declaring that homoerotic behavior, an outright denial of the Divine creation order of God, is somehow moral (calling evil good), and to be encouraged and protected in the nation's armed forces."

Then there are all the Christian schools to which the Chick-fil-A Foundation donates — schools like the College of the Ozarks, which devotes an entire page of its **student handbook** to its "Lifestyle/Sexuality Policy." According to that policy, a student can be subject to disciplinary dismissal for engaging in or even encouraging: Gender expression inconsistent with sex assigned at birth, Gender transition, Sexual relations with a person of the same sex, Touching, caressing, and other physical conduct of a sexual nature with a person of the same sex. Other Christian schools funded by the Chick-fil-A Foundation have similar policies.

And yet, in the wake of the **Military Religious Freedom Foundation** (MRFF) **demanding that his invitation to speak at the NCLS be rescinded**, Rodney Bullard **told the Associated Press** that the Chick-fil-A Foundation does not fund anti-gay programs, creating another reason that he shouldn't be permitted to speak at the symposium — he's a liar.

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**BAPTIST PRESS
COVERS MRFF**

**LGBT Group Criticizes
Chick-fil-A Exec's Invitation**

By: Diana Chandler

Friday, February 15, 2019

An LGBT advocacy group cites Chick-fil-A CEO Dan Cathy's support of Christianity in opposing a Chick-fil-A vice president as a military academy symposium speaker.

Rodney Bullard, Chick-fil-A vice president of corporate social responsibility and executive director of the Chick-fil-A Foundation, should not speak at a February leadership symposium at his alma mater, the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA), the advocacy group said.

[...]

Under the name of the **Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF)**, the advocacy group said it represents **12 LGBT clients at USAFA, including cadets, faculty and staff.**

The MRFF stance is the latest in a string of objections to Chick-fil-A community involvement, stemming from Cathy's 2012 statement that he supports a biblical definition of marriage that prohibits gay marriage.

[...]

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BACKGROUND:

USAFA's DECISION TO INVITE CHICK-FIL-A's RODNEY BULLARD TO SPEAK AT NATIONAL CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

AND

MRFF'S LONG-LINE OF OPPOSITION TO THE FUNDAMENTALIST CHRISTIAN-BASED HOMOPHOBIC OPPRESSION BY USAFA

INCOMING HATE MRFF'S INBOX

"Oxymoron Alert"

On Feb 14, 2019, at 3:00 PM, (name withheld) wrote:

Oxymoron alert???

Confusing, you are for religious freedom and yet wish to censor the potential religious viewpoints of someone?

I don't understand.....

(name withheld)
xxxxxx, Ohio
USA

Response to Detractor from MRFF Founder and President **Mikey Weinstein**

From: Mikey Weinstein
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 6:15 PM
To: (name withheld)

(name withheld), I am not sure what your particular objections are but I can tell you that this individual told the Associated Press yesterday that the Chick-fil-A foundation does not contribute to anti-LGBTQ organizations which is a direct lie... That by itself is pretty miserable, brother...

[...]

Response to Detractor from MRFF Advisory Board Member Mike Farrell

On Feb 15, 2019, at 12:58 AM, Mike Farrell wrote:

Hi Mr. (name withheld),

In reading your initial message to Mr. Weinstein and then your follow-up, I sense what I hope is a sincere confusion. Acting on the assumption I am correct, I want to try to clarify a couple of things.

Please understand this is my appreciation of the circumstances we face.

The mission of the MRFF is clear: it is dedicated to the protection of the constitutionally guaranteed freedom of religious or non-religious choice of those in the military. It was formed because of the personal experience of Mr. Weinstein and his children, all graduates of the Air Force Academy. During his time at the Academy Mikey, a Jew, experienced the kind of casual bigotry that is unfortunately present in our society. In addition to that, however, he also experienced more serious attacks and ugly expressions of antisemitism and dealt with them privately.

[...]

Today it is one of the leading organizations in the country working to promote and protect the separation of church and state.

[...]

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"MRFF Jews"

From: (name withheld)

Subject: MRFF Jews

Date: February 11, 2019 at 1:42:43 PM MST

To: Mikey Weinstein

Hey there jewboy Mickey.

MRFF is a jew conspiracy group. Why do you jews love money so much anyways?

You know like 30 piece of silver for killing the Lord Jesus Christ. The less jews in the military the better is the US of A. Forget end global

warming.
End global jewing.

(name withheld)

Response to Detractor from MRFF Advisory Board Member Mike Farrell

On Feb 11, 2019 at 7:06 PM, Mike Farrell wrote:

Hey, man! This is great! I haven't seen such an open and obvious declaration of abject stupidity since Charlottesville. I can go outside and turn over a rock and come up with more signs of intelligence than you've displayed here.

Race purity? You wouldn't understand the concept of purity if the Lord Jesus Christ spelled it out for you.

Oh, that's right. He did. But he was talking about your soul. And you were so busy bleating hatred that you forgot to pay attention. But hell, it's much easier to bleat and snort and act like a pig – no offense to pigs – than pay attention to what JC talked about.

[...]

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"MAGA-Please return to hell"

From: (name withheld)

Subject: MAGA-Please return to hell

Date: February 7, 2019 at 4:48:15 PM MST

To: Mikey Weinstein

Mr. Weinstein I am the deacon of our church in our town and our congregation has studied your 'work' in support of the persecution of Jesus Christ in the armed services of our great nation.

Even giving you and your MRFF the benefit of the doubt it is quite clear that you serve Satan and will return to him in hell when you expire on this earth. How dare you speak against the Bladensburg Cross and the National Prayer Breakfast!

How does it feel to be one of the most hateful persons on this earth?
What must your wife and children think of you?

You will find out too late that Jesus is the only way truth and light and that being a Jew will never get you or any others of your deceiving tribe to heaven.

Our soldiers need Jesus and nothing else.

And as to you they need you to return to hell as soon as possible. Do it for America.

Response to Detractor from MRFF Advisory Board Member Mike Farrell

On Feb 7, 2019, at 5:59 PM, Mike wrote:

To the Not Very Reverend (name withheld)

It periodically comes to me to respond to email requests from those who are not capable of comprehending either the work of or the necessity for the Military Religious Freedom Foundation. You, sir, are clearly such a person.

Your request that Mr. Weinstein “return to hell as soon as possible” cannot be granted as Mr. Weinstein has never been to hell in the first place, a fact that may also be outside your capacity for comprehension. Further, he has no intention of paying a visit to the netherworld because it is a toxic place filled with self-righteous anti-semites, hypocrites, condemnatory blowhards and poseurs like yourself who pretend to follow Jesus while living lives of the kind of smug self-satisfaction that Jesus himself found repulsive and repudiated.

[...]

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