



The Far-Left SPLC Is Embroiled in Two RICO Lawsuits, with Dozens More Under Consideration

The Southern Poverty Law Center faces two lawsuits based on the RICO Act (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations). One is from attorney Greg K. Allen who once was a member of a white nationalist organization. Allen accuses the SPLC of racketeering, defamation, improper political campaigning, and abetting a theft. The Center of Immigration Studies also is suing SPLC President Richard Cohen and Heidi Beirich, who runs the group's so-called Hatewatch blog. The CIS asserts it does not meet the SPLC's own definition of a hate group. CIS says the SPLC's true agenda is to stifle debate on important issues and to silence opposition to the leftist agenda. 60 other organizations and 47 non-profit leaders are considering lawsuits against the SPLC for similar reasons. -GEG

The Southern Poverty Law Center has been sued by an immigration watchdog group after the left-leaning arbiter of social justice labeled it a "hate group," reports the [Washington Times](#).

Center for Immigration Studies Executive Director Mark Krikorian asserts that his organization doesn't meet the SPLC's definition of a hate group, and their decision to continue labeling it as such is evidence of the racket.

["SPLC](#) and its leaders have every right to oppose our work on immigration, but they do not have the right to label us a hate group and suggest we are racists," said Krikorian. "The Center for Immigration Studies is fighting back against the [SPLC](#) smear campaign and its attempt to stifle debate through intimidation and name-calling."

The SPLC defines hate groups as organizations whose official statements or activities "attack or malign an entire class of people, typically for their immutable characteristics." The Center for Immigration Studies says the SPLC's accusations that it is racist and anti-immigrant are wrong and have cost the nonprofit support and financial backing by scaring people away from doing business with the center.

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