

# IRS Tries to Trap Iowa Groups

In a story that keeps getting deeper and deeper, the IRS investigations continue, and are now dovetailing with the abortion giant, Planned Parenthood.



As The Examiner reported: “During a House Ways and Means Committee hearing today, Rep. Aaron Schock, R-Ill., grilled outgoing IRS commissioner Steven Miller about the IRS targeting a pro-life group in Iowa.

“Their question, specifically asked from the IRS to the Coalition for Life of Iowa: ‘Please detail the content of the members of your organization’s prayers.’”

In a Des Moines Register blog post, the Coalition for Life of Iowa was also featured, and CFLI President Sue Martinek said, ““We were singled out,” she said of the IRS inquiry. “The only action they seemed concerned about was our protests at Planned Parenthood, and that shouldn’t concern the IRS.”

She’s right. In fact, the IRS went even further and insisted that all board members sign a sworn declaration promising not to picket/protest Planned Parenthood.



But like a bad late-night infomercial, “There’s more!”

KCCI-TV in Des Moines reported that the Tea Party of America, based in Iowa and founded by Ken Crow, were also targets of the extreme Left IRS tactics.

It's getting so bad that Iowa Representative Chip Baltimore stated in a Des Moines Register blog post he wants to collect all cases that may still be out there, and promises to give support for anyone who suspects they may have been harassed by the IRS.

In an on-camera interview with Fox News, Senator Marco Rubio, (R-FL) accurately describes all that is going on with the IRS and points the responsibility to the Obama Administration, saying that Obama is creating a "culture of intimidation."



And, as the Family Research Council said in their Thursday email entitled "A Torrent of Tyrants":



While the President tries to contain the IRS scandal by firing the acting chief, new details are trickling out about the administration's ideological harassment. According to the *Washington Examiner*, the corruption went straight to the top, as even the President's pals seemed to have power over which groups were approved for tax-exempt status. In one instance, even Planned Parenthood seemed to hold sway in the application of Coalition for Life of Iowa. The IRS specifically withheld approval until the Coalition sent a letter "with the entire board's signatures, stating that, under perjury of the law, they do not picket/protest outside of Planned Parenthood." The IRS explained that only when they received that letter would their application be approved.

If that isn't government tyranny, I don't know what is. The

administration was actually withholding the group's nonprofit status until it surrendered its constitutional rights to peacefully assemble. It's almost Orwellian, the extent to which the IRS was willing to go to control people's thoughts and actions. And obviously, this goes well beyond the tea party to a direct assault on pro-family, pro-life conservatives. So it comes as cold comfort to our movement that the Justice Department—which has its own vendetta against pro-life groups—is heading up the IRS's criminal investigation. Under President Obama, the DOJ has relentlessly targeted pro-lifers with frivolous lawsuits, which judges have consistently rebuked for their "chilling effect on free speech." Forgive us for being skeptical that the DOJ could put its agenda aside long enough to prosecute this wrongdoing!

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## **FRC Shooter: "Found SPLC list online"**



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WASHINGTON, D.C. – In a chilling new Federal Bureau of Investigation interrogation video just released, Floyd Lee Corkins, who stormed the Family Research Council's (FRC) headquarters on August 15, 2012 and started firing, says that he picked his target from the Southern Poverty Law Center's (SPLC) website. Corkins pled guilty to three charges, including committing an act of domestic terrorism while armed – the first such charge in Washington, D.C.



Floyd Corkins

Corkins entered the lobby armed with a loaded semi-automatic pistol, 100 rounds of ammunition, and 15 Chick-fil-A sandwiches. He started firing at FRC's building manager Leo Johnson who heroically tackled the shooter after a gunshot shattered his arm.

In an age when it seems heroes are hard to come by, it's stirring to **see a genuine hero in action**. Last August, FRC building manager Leo Johnson was temporarily manning the front desk at our Washington headquarters when a now-confessed terrorist intent on killing everyone in the building entered with a handgun and 100 rounds of ammunition. As he drew his gun, Leo courageously charged the attacker into oncoming gunfire. Even after sustaining a direct hit to his forearm, he subdued the attacker and wrestled the gun away from him.

Watch the newly-released security footage of Leo Johnson as he subdues Corkins after taking a bullet:

The partial transcript:

FBI: Now how did you . . . This building, this organization.  
Did you . . .

FBI: Did you, how did you find it earlier? Did you like look  
it up online?

Corkins: It was a uh, Southern Poverty  
Law, lists, uh anti-gay groups



Corkins: I found them online. I did a little bit of research,  
went to the website

Corkins: Stuff like that

Corkins has said that, "I wanted to kill the people in the  
building and then smear a Chick-fil-A sandwich in their face ...  
to kill as many people as I could." His act of terrorism has  
put sunlight on SPLC, which has targeted a wide swath of  
Americans for standing up for traditional values, most often  
Christian and conservative.

“The SPLC’s reckless labeling has led to devastating consequences,” said **FRC President Tony Perkins**. “Because of its ‘hate group’ labeling, a deadly terrorist had a guidemap to FRC and other organizations. Our team is still dealing with the fallout of the attack, that was intended to have a chilling effect on organizations that are simply fighting for their values.”

“The Southern Poverty Law Center, which has now been linked to domestic terrorism in federal court, should put an immediate stop to its practice of labeling organizations that oppose their promotion of homosexuality,” continued Perkins.

“In a civil society, shutting down debate is not how reasonable people and organizations operate. Intimidating and bullying others shreds the ‘ordered liberty’ of which our Founders wrote and for which they advocated, and places all of us in jeopardy of losing our sacred rights as militant extremists claim the public square exclusively for themselves,” concluded Perkins.

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