

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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