

SPLC Letter To DOJ & DHS: Patriot Groups Pose Domestic Terror Threat

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The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), an organization that claims to teach tolerance while attacking certain groups and people with whom they disagree, has sent [a letter](#) to Attorney General Eric Holder and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano urging them to investigate alleged domestic terror threats posed by the likes of organizations and individuals such as the [Constitution Party](#), [Larry Pratt](#) of Gun Owners of America, columnist [Devyv Kidd](#), the [Tyranny Response Team](#), and [Oath Keepers](#). These thousands of people and organizations that the SPLC spews its hatred against by declaring them to be those that hate are, for the most part, people who simply are Americans who see a growing tyrannical Federal government and want to halt it in its tracks.

The letter was signed by [J. Richard Cohen](#) of the SPLC. While Mr. Cohen attempted to appeal to writing to then Attorney Janet Reno six months before the Oklahoma City bombing to warn of growing domestic terrorism, he really

doesn't make his case for a second letter. In fact, [many questions](#) still surround the [Oklahoma City bombing](#) to this day, including why the agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) [were not in the building](#) at the time of the detonation or why many were told to stay away. [Several other reports](#) and the Oklahoma Highway Patrol's own [dispatch logs](#) indicated other bombs inside the building after the explosion. With the way the Clinton administration handled Ruby Ridge and the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas, I'm not too sure I would put anything past them and so the SPLC's opening line falls a bit flat and has no connection to the number of patriots or patriot groups in America.

The SPLC's use of the Oklahoma City bombing is rather ironic considering their own connection to that attack. In a report regarding a declassified FBI memo, [WND reported](#):

The memo, transmitted electronically, was sent to the OKBOMB investigation task force and a select group of FBI offices around the nation eight months after the devastating 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, reports the [McCurtain Daily Gazette](#).

One of the revelations was **the involvement of civil-rights attorney Morris Dees of the Southern Poverty Law Center in an informant operation**. According to the memo, the SPLC was involved in monitoring subjects for the FBI believed to be linked to now-executed bomber Timothy McVeigh, the neo-Nazi compound at Elohim City and the mysterious German national Andreas Carl Strassmeir.

The article went on to confirm:

Wrote then-FBI Director Louis Freeh: "Prior OKBOMB investigation determined that (name redacted) had placed a telephone call to (name

redacted) on 4/5/95 a day that he was believed to have been attempting to recruit a second conspirator to assist in the OKBOMB attack.”

The statement in the memo describing a phone call placed by McVeigh suggests he was still searching for a partner a mere two weeks before the bombing. Federal officials have argued, however, that Nichols was deeply involved in the plot as far back as September 1994.

The involvement of the SPLC is mentioned in the following quote from the memo:

“(Name redacted) telephone call from (name redacted) on or about 4/17/95, two days prior to the OKBOMB attack, when (name redacted) of the SPLC, was in the white supremacist compound at (redacted), Oklahoma, notes the director.”

The Daily Gazette reports, “References to an informant working for the SPLC at Elohim City on the eve of the Oklahoma City bombing raises serious questions as to what the SPLC might know about McVeigh’s activities during the final hours before the fuse was lit in Oklahoma City – but which the SPLC has failed to disclose publicly.”

When asked about the SPLC’s role in the attack, co-founder and chief trial counsel for the SLPC Morris Dees answered, “If I told you what we were doing there, I would have to kill you.”

With that in mind, Cohen wrote, “Today, we write to express similar concerns,” he didn’t reference the SLPC’s involvement and failure to disclose the above information.

Cohen’s letter states that their newest report of the state of hate and extremism in the United States, “documents that the number of militias and radical antigovernment groups grew from 149 in 2008 to 1,360 in 2012. This

latest count exceeds the high-water mark of the 1990s by more than 500. During that decade, the growth in the radical antigovernment movement was fueled in large part by anger over the passage of the Brady Bill in 1993 and the enactment of the assault weapons ban in 1994. Now that gun control is again being hotly debated, we are seeing a repeat of that anger, and it is likely to continue to swell the ranks of antigovernment groups.”

Just a second there. Militia are Constitutional. Apparently the SPLC doesn't grasp that little section of the Second Amendment being about a “well-regulated militia.” Second, while there may be genuine anti-government organizations, for the most part patriots believe there should be a government. They merely want the government to live within the shackles of the bonds the people have put them in in the frame of the Constitution.

Historically, we know [what happens when governments](#) attempt to move in the direction of restriction, registration, and confiscation of arms of the people. [It results](#) in extermination and you don't have to look that far back in history to see this.

Are people angry about the Brady campaign and the current calls for gun control? You better believe it. But why? It's because we see elected officials violating their oath of office and attacking not only the law of the land that they swore to support and defend, but also attacking the duty we have to defend and protect ourselves, families, and communities.

Kurt Nimmo [writes](#), “Utilizing the standard SPLC modus operandi and fear tactics, Cohen conflates a small number of racist white supremacist groups with the larger and more diverse patriot community. He also characterizes growing concern on the part of millions of Americans in response to egregious violations of the Constitution as dangerous and deems the federal government response to this ‘domestic terror’ threat as entirely insufficient. ‘In light of

these questions and the disturbing trends we have described in this letter, we believe it is time to take a fresh look at the issue,' he concludes.”

“It is hardly surprising the SPLC has decided to exploit the growing and diverse movement opposed to a raft of recently proposed unconstitutional firearms laws and label the movement extremist and akin to domestic terrorism,” Nimmo writes. ” It is also hardly surprising that MSNBC’s Chris Matthews would have SPLC spokesman Mark Potok on his increasingly irrelevant cable television show just as Congress begins work on a number of anti-Second Amendment bills. SPLC’s domestic terror angle and timing feed right into the larger anti-Second Amendment narrative spun by the establishment media.” These references were to the following segment on Matthews’ show “Hardball” seen below.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=CnBcNVxaNhE

It truly is laughable that the SPLC is taken seriously and that they want to post “hate groups” and talk about hate as though they are not involved in that very thing. Anyone can easily reference a particular shooter, Floyd Lee Corkins II, who [entered the Family Research Council and shot a guard](#), desiring to kill as many people as possible and smear Chick-Fil-A sandwiches in their faces, all because he opposed their stand against alleged homosexual rights.

However, [he never plead guilty to a hate crime](#) and the SPLC never referenced him as one of the members of its hate list. Is the SPLC really going to claim such a thing was done out of love? Hello pot, this is kettle.