NARTH FILES COMPLAINT AGAINST RADICAL EXTREMISTS AT THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION





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Today the Alliance for Therapeutic Choice (Narth) has filed a national complaint at the FTC against three extremist organizations who continuously spread lies, desinformation and slander against psychotherapy for Same Sex Attractions.

In the past, these three activist and wealthy groups have filed a complaint against People Can Change (now called Brothers' Road), accusing them of deceit and fraud, and demanding they be put out of business. But as we have argued in our 5-part series on the subject last year, it is the other way around. Narth has now written an extensive report on the subject, showing how fluent sexual feelings can be. It is called: *"In Their Own Words: Lies, Deception and Fraud".*

The bans against therapy in the USA are based on clearly fraudulent claims by radical gay-lib. The ban needs to be reversed. Here is a summary of the report that the professionals submitted to the officials:

Executive Summary

In February 2016, the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), Human Rights Campaign (HRC), and National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) filed a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) against People Can Change (now called Brothers Road), accusing the Virginia-based non-profit organization of committing consumer fraud, namely, by offering, marketing, selling, and performing services that purport to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity, commonly referred to as "conversion therapy."

This complaint was a part of the Respondents' ongoing effort to curtail the therapy rights of

individuals, and their families, who experience sexual and gender identity conflicts by enacting legislation to ban licensed psychotherapy on the state and federal level.

This complaint prompted the National Task Force for Therapy Equality, a coalition of psychotherapists, psychiatrists, physicians, public policy organizations, and clients who experience unwanted same-sex attractions and gender identity conflicts, to launch a comprehensive investigation titled:

> *"In Their Own Words — Lies, Deception, and Fraud: The Southern Poverty Law Center, Human Rights Campaign, and National Center for Lesbian Rights' Hate Campaign to Ban Psychotherapy for Individuals with Sexual and Gender Identity Conflicts".*

The three Respondents have been actively working together for at least five years in a deceptive and fraudulent hate campaign with the goal of deceiving law makers on the state, federal, and international level to enact legislation to ban licensed psychotherapy for clients (minors) that experience unwanted same-sex attractions and gender identity conflicts. To date, six states and several cities and jurisdictions have passed such legislation into law, prompting several lawsuits across the country.

The report demonstrates the following:



• The three Respondents have actively and knowingly engaged in deceptive and fraudulent marketing practices of the kind the FTC considers malicious, which are particularly deceptive and misleading to consumers and the general public. This complaint is pursuant to the FTC's definition of unfair practices, defined as those that "cause or are likely to cause substantial injury to consumers which is not reasonably avoidable by consumers themselves and not outweighed by countervailing benefits to consumers or to competition" (15 U.S.C. Sec. 45(n)).

• The three Respondents have supported witnesses on the state, federal, and international level that have delivered unverifiable and fraudulent testimony in front of law-making bodies in the effort to persuade legislative action to ban psychotherapy. Through multiple examples, it has now been proven these witnesses have lied and engaged in a variety of deceptive practices on behalf of the Respondents' hate campaigns to ban psychotherapy.

(For all the lies, see our 12 part series on the trial of the SPLC vs. JONAH).

• The three Respondents, through their marketing campaigns, are actively raising large sums

of money in the effort to ban psychotherapy by using deceptive and fraudulent practices. These practices are misleading to the general public, and, as this report documents, it is highly unlikely that the three Respondents are unaware of the false and misleading nature of how their statements distort the facts and research around psychotherapy to help clients with sexual and gender identity conflicts. As such, they are knowingly misleading consumers in their efforts to profit from such activities.

• The three Respondents, through their marketing campaigns, have actively and knowingly distorted the research to promote efforts to ban psychotherapy for clients with sexual and gender identity conflicts, including misleading statements regarding the 2009 American Psychological Association Task Force Report on Appropriate Therapeutic Responses to Sexual Orientation, as well as other research (e.g., Ryan et al., 2009). The three Respondents use these misleading statements to make false and misleading claims that psychotherapy is harmful and ineffective for minors who experience sexual and gender identity conflicts.



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• The three Respondents, through their marketing campaigns, have actively distorted the scientific research in promoting the "Born Gay" hoax, a notion that has been disproved and refuted by organizations such as the American Psychological Association through their 2008 Position Statement and 2014 APA Handbook of Sexuality and Psychology. The Respondents have perpetrated this lie to further their respective political agendas, and in so doing, have raised untold sums of money from unsuspecting consumers and the general public.

• One of the Respondents (SPLC) was also reported to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in 2017 by the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) for engaging in practices of using "opinion-based smears and innuendos" as though they were educational while violating governmental regulations and using tactics that it claims shields it from liability lawsuits. The Respondent's blatant engagement in political activity is a clear violation of their 501(c) (3) status with the IRS, says the complaint.

By engaging in these deceptive and fraudulent practices, the National Task Force for Therapy Equality accuses the Respondents of perpetrating undue harm on millions of consumers and

the general public, hundreds of licensed mental health providers, and thousands of clients and potential clients that experience sexual and gender identity conflicts.

Because their hate campaigns have already resulted in therapy bans enacted in at least six states and several other cities and jurisdictions, the report requests the FTC to review the fraudulent and deceptive practices and to promptly order the Respondents to cease their activities in the effort to protect therapists, clients, consumers, and the general public from further harm.

In addition, the FTC is requested to order the three Respondents to issue press releases, correct inaccurate statements on their websites, and actively work with legislators across the United States to reverse legislation that has been passed into law so that further harm can be avoided.

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