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Bachmann called on to denounce anti-Muslim Values Voter Summit speaker

By **ANDY BIRKEY** 9/16/10 9:00 AM

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Rep. Michele Bachmann.
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People for the American Way **called on speakers at this coming weekend's Values Voter Summit** to denounce inflammatory statements made by the American Family Association's Bryan Fischer about U.S. servicemembers, gays, Muslims and Hispanics. The AFA is a sponsor of this weekend's summit, which features Fischer as well as prominent conservatives including Rep. Michele Bachmann, Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee.

"By sharing a stage with Fischer, public figures like Mitt Romney, Mike Huckabee, Mike Pence, Bob McDonnell, and Michele Bachmann don't necessarily endorse Fischer's shameless anti-Muslim and anti-gay propaganda—but they do acknowledge its credibility," said Michael B. Keegan, President of People For the American Way.

Fischer's statements include assertions that Muslims are less intelligent and more violent because of "inbreeding," that Muslims should be banned from serving in the military, and that "homosexuals should be disqualified from public office."

Keegan continued, "Any candidate thinking seriously of running for president in 2012 should think twice about standing alongside a man who has called for the deportation of all Muslims in America; insulted Muslim servicemembers; claimed that brave Americans died in vain because Iraq was not converted to Christianity; and called gay people deviants, felons, pedophiles, and terrorists. Bryan Fischer is no mainstream conservative."

He said speakers at the Values Voter Summit should "denounce" Fischer. "Neither is any person who shares a platform with him while refusing to denounce his hate-filled propaganda," he said.

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Randy

Comment posted September 16, 2010 @ 9:14 am

To denounce him would be to imply one's disagreement. There is an obvious problem with that for Republican candidates.

Dennis

Comment posted September 16, 2010 @ 10:12 am

This leftist practice demanding that someone "denounce" another's comments is so unAmerican.

People have the right to say whatever they want and we all have a right to agree or disagree with it, but demanding that you denounce someone's point of view is slightly

fascist. I'd refuse to denounce them just on that principle alone and so should Bachmann.

Paul Schmelzer

Comment posted September 16, 2010 @ 10:40 am

People have the right to say whatever they want, including PFAW when it urges Values Voter speakers to denounce anti-Muslim, anti-gay statements. I don't see what's un-American about exercising free speech rights.

Amuseinc

Comment posted September 16, 2010 @ 10:45 am

Dennis it sure as hell was not progressives or liberals all up in arms because Obama wasn't "denouncing" Preacher Wright enough. do you even think before you post or is there some kind of rightwing muscle memory that makes you lie like that?

Elwood Cid

Comment posted September 16, 2010 @ 1:59 pm

Anti-gay you say? Um, who are the people that are HANGING gays, despite it being the 21st century???

Dennis

Comment posted September 16, 2010 @ 6:15 pm

Yeah, Elwood. It's always amazed me that so many liberal women and gay men oppose the war against the Islamofascists and defended Saddam more vigorously than his own defense attorneys, when the truth is, the only thing standing between them and being publicly beheaded for simply being who they are, are straight, white, Christian, male, conservatives ... the very people they despise.

Ben

Comment posted September 16, 2010 @ 11:12 pm

Short term gains made by Republicans willing to pander to their party extremists will be quickly and exponentially erased as they continue to alienate voters of color and moderate women. How does a party that panders exclusively to white men expect to function in an America where they are becoming a minority?

Dennis

Comment posted September 17, 2010 @ 9:21 am

Ben, the republican party doesn't "pander" to white men. It stands for the values that most white, christian men were raised with ... self-reliance, self-defense, individualism, freedom, competition, duty, honor, country.

I don't really care about alienating people who don't share those values. These values aren't exclusive to white men, although it certainly seems that way, I agree. Some women and minorities share them. But why are those values so lacking in liberal men and women, regardless of color?

Paul Schmelzer

Comment posted September 17, 2010 @ 10:27 am

Again, Dennis, what's "un-American" about this group expressing their First Amendment rights? Are you standing by your statement that free speech is un-American?

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