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## CSG Concern: NGOs weaponizing governments under guise of non-profit motive

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To Whom It May Concern,

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The Center for Self Governance respectfully asks Congress, the Select Committee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government, and any other such appropriate committees to expand its oversight and investigative focus into NGOs (Non-Government Organizations), such as SPLC (Southern Poverty Law Center), allegedly weaponizing Federal, State, and Local governments for politically ideological purposes under the guise of non-profit motives.

Our organization is deeply concerned that certain NGOs (i.e., SPLC, etc.), in pursuit of so-called 'restorative justice' goals, are (1) weaponizing (a) Federal, State, and Local Governments, (b) corporations, (c) and violent individuals & groups, that (2) result in civilian populations experiencing (a) violations of first amendment and due process rights, (b) censorship and cancellation, and (c) coercion and intimidation.

To support these allegations and inspire solutions with action (See timeline below), CSG has (1) reached out to victims and collected evidence of NGO weaponization of labels and government, (2) brought both to Congress, and (3) compiled these concerns at: [www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL](http://www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL)

**May 7th, 2022.** Our organization became aware of this disturbing problem when AmazonSmile, a former subsidiary of Amazon Corporation, cancelled CSG's charity status based exclusively upon an NGO (Southern Poverty Law Center) labeling CSG 'Anti-Government.' on its website: <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/ideology/antigovernment>

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.** CSG, via legal counsel, demanded SPLC retract the "anti-government" label and delist CSG from their "Hate Map". (CSG retraction demand, see [www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL](http://www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL) (#3 March 6-7, 2023, CSG Goes to DC))

**February 28, 2023.** SPLC, via legal counsel, responded to CSG's label retraction demand, stating they applied their private label "Anti-Government" to CSG for the following reasons: (SPLC response, see [www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL](http://www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL) (#4 March 6-7, 2023, CSG Goes to DC))

1. Raising concerns about the "Weaponization of Government"
2. Using the phrase "Marble Cake Revolution"
3. Using the phrase "Label Lynching"
4. Citing concerns surrounding the book: "Covid 19: The Great Reset"
5. Participation in an event labeled 'conspiracy' by SPLC
6. Producing films entitled "The Governed V Governing Series"

**March 6-8, 2023.** CSG brought evidence of NGOs, such as SPLC, weaponizing the Federal government to Congress. (List of concerns, see [www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL](http://www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL) CONCERN #1-8))

**April 17, 2023.** CSG, via legal counsel, responded to SPLC's incredulous justification of the label 'Anti-Government' and its listing of CSG on its "Hate Map." (CSG 2<sup>nd</sup> retraction demand, see [www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL](http://www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL) (#16 April 17-18, 2023, CSG Goes to DC))

**April 17-18, 2023.** CSG brought victims labeled by NGOs, such as SPLC, and additional evidence of NGOs weaponizing the Federal government to Congress. List of concerns, see [www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL](http://www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL) CONCERNS #9-11

**May 31, 2023.** SPLC, via legal counsel, responded to CSG's second label retraction demand, stating it was declining "the request to withdraw its identification of CSG as an "anti-government group." (SPLC response, see [www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL](http://www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL) (#20 June 20-22, 2023, CSG Goes to DC))

**June 20-22, 2023.** CSG brought additional victims labeled by NGOs, such as SPLC, and additional evidence of NGOs weaponizing the Federal government to Congress. List of concerns, see [www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL](http://www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL) CONCERNS #13-21

**September 19-21, 2023.** CSG has brought (1) additional victims labeled by NGOs, such as SPLC, resulting in coercion, intimidation, censorship, and cancellation, and (2) additional evidence of NGOs, such as SPLC, weaponizing Federal, State, and Local governments resulting in first amendment and due process violations. List of concerns, see enclosed packet CONCERNS #22-33 and listed at [www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL](http://www.CenterforSelfGovernance.com/PWOL)

To be clear, CSG is not an 'enemy of the United States' – it is not 'Anti-Government' nor a 'Hate Group' secretly working to 'sanitize racism.' It is not our organization's intention, by bringing our concerns to Congress, to disrupt or undermine legitimate national safety and security concerns or the rule of law. Nonetheless, we believe implementation of the suggestions listed below would help prevent labels and government being used as weapons to advance political ideology under the guise of non-profit motives:

- A. AMEND the definition of 'Domestic Terrorism' in 18 USC 2331 (5) as to whom it applies to. (i.e., US citizens connected or not connected to Department of State (DOS) designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs))
- B. PROHIBIT the authorization or classification of US citizens, who are not connected to DOS (Department of State) designated FTOs, as 'Domestic Terrorists' or members of a 'Terrorist Organization' that are not DOS designated.
- C. PROHIBIT the authorization of a 'Terrorist Organization' listing of domestic US organizations, who are not connected to DOS designated FTOs.
- D. CLARIFY the "Terrorist Watch List" as to who can be added to it. (i.e., US citizens connected or not connected to DOS designated Terrorist Organizations)
- E. CLARIFY the "No Fly List" as to who can be added to it. (i.e., US citizens connected or not connected to DOS designated Terrorist Organizations)
- F. DEFINE Due Process guarantees for US citizens who are on any Government "List."
- G. OVERSIGHT of Bureaucratic generated lexicons needs clear guidance and definitions from Congress for the following labels:
  - a. Terrorism and Terrorist (i.e., should US citizens who are not connected to DOS designated Terrorist Organizations be classified as terrorists?)
  - b. Extremism and Extremist (these labels should not be used by Law Enforcement, as they become weapons of partisans)
  - c. Anti-Government (i.e., enemy of the State who engages in covert or overt criminal actions to overthrow the US dual federal system of government)
- H. Law Enforcement 'Terrorism,' 'Extremism,' and 'Anti-Government' Training needs checks & balances and freedom from politically biased non-government organizations.
- I. Intergovernmental Cooperation Protocols, for 'Terrorism,' 'Extremism,' and 'Anti-Government' labeling and listing need checks & balances and freedom from political biases & influences inspired by non-government organizations.
- J. Non-governmental participation in labeling and listing US citizens and US organizations as 'extreme,' 'hate,' 'anti-government,' or 'white supremacy' needs public-private restrictions and liability re-evaluation.

We ask that Federal, State, and Local investigations, hearings, and reforms be vigorously pursued to ensure civil rights are safe-guarded, political discourse and education is respected and protected, law enforcement is not politically weaponized, and that 'government of more stability,' one that balances 'dual' and 'cooperative' federalism, is guaranteed for all partisans, religions, races, sexes, etc., for many generations to come.

Thank you for your prompt attention to our important concern. We look forward to your urgent response and immediate resolution. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Zoe Warren (CSG PWOL-G coordinator) at [Info@TNCSG.org](mailto:Info@TNCSG.org) or (615)669-8274

**Yours Humbly and Mutually Pledged,**

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