

CONCERN: 35 – CIVIL SOCIETY INSTITUTIONS RELYING ON SPLC DOMESTIC LABELS & LISTS.

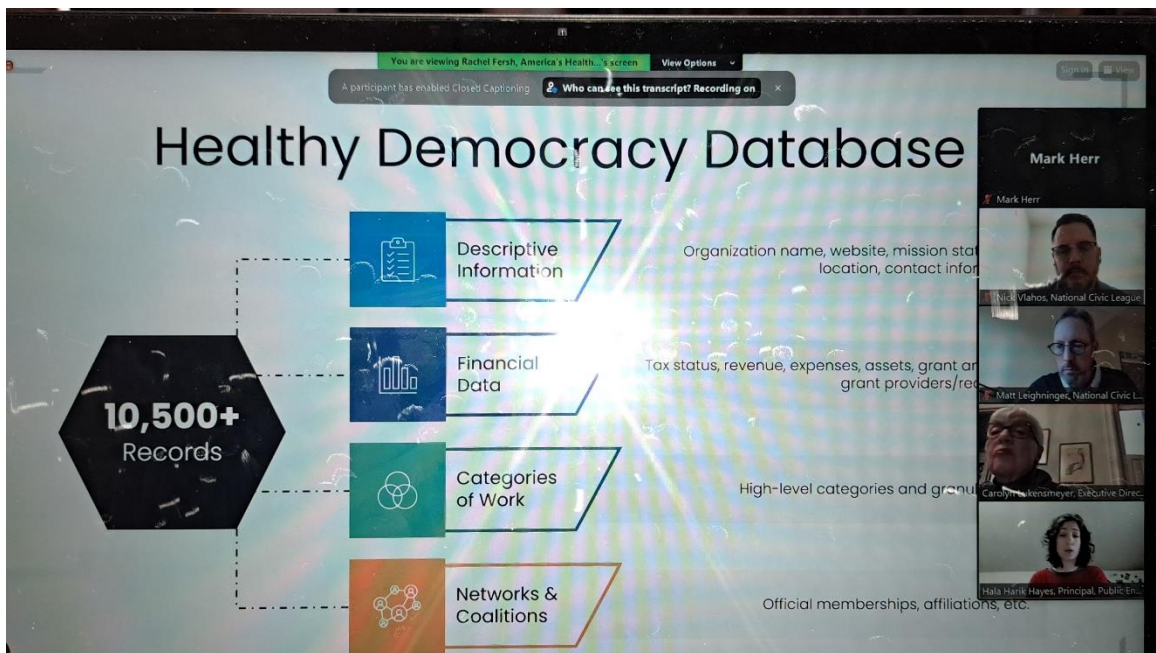
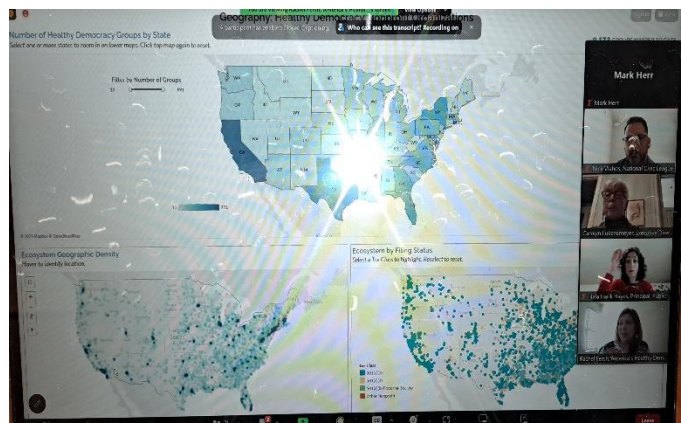
Numerous Local Governments are members of the 1894 National Civic League (NCL). NCL uses SPLC labels & lists to exclude organizations from its “Mapping America’s Healthy Democracy Ecosystem⁴⁵” project.

In other words, as we have demonstrated in previous concerns, that Civil Society, Corporations, Academia, Bureaucracies, etc., see SPLC as the arbiter of so-called ‘unhealthy organizations’ within the United States democratic ecosystem.

On December 19, 2023, the following exchange took place on a NCL webinar concerning the exclusion of organizations from the NCL “Mapping America’s Healthy Democracy Ecosystem” project:

Matt Leighninger (Director Center for Democracy Innovation): How are we actually defining ‘Hate Speech’, in terms of our exclusion, excluding organizations that engage in ‘Hate Speech’

Carolyn Luksmeyer (Director Emerita National Institute for Civil Discourse): That’s an excellent question. I think we have tried to match the kind of definitions of ‘Hate Speech’ that are currently prominently used by the organizations that track that, the **SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER**...we are aligning our decisions with what are generally accepted standards about ‘Hate Speech.’



⁴⁵ PROJECT OVERVIEW: Mapping American’s Democracy Ecosystem. (2023). <https://www.nationalcivicleague.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Healthy-Democracy-Ecosystem-One-Pager-07.2023-updated.pdf>