

The DNC's PayPal Is Censoring Groups With Help from Leftist, Anti-Christian SPLC

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The CEO of PayPal has revealed the multi-billion dollar service partners with the leftist organization Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) to decide who should be blacklisted from their company. Using "company corporate values" as their defense, PayPal has taken intentional steps to deny access to conservatives.

It's all a big cause for concern for Christians because the [SPLC](#) has taken an anti-Christian slant in recent years, targeting mainstream groups just because they hold biblical views about sexuality and life. CBN News has reported extensively on the SPLC's radical agenda to silence conservative Christian groups like [D. James Kennedy Ministries](#) and the [Family Research Council](#).

"There are those both on the right and left that help us. Southern Poverty Law Center has brought things," PayPal's Dan Schulman said in a [Wall Street Journal](#) interview. "We don't always agree. We have our debates with them. We are very respectful with everyone coming in. We will do the examination carefully. We'll talk when we don't agree with a finding: We understand why you think that way, but it still goes into the realm of free speech for us."

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Schulman stated that the white supremacist rally in Charlottesville in 2017 was a "defining moment" for the decision. That moment caused them to expand their brand-reputation group to serve as a monitor of their customers in an effort to silence hate speech.

"Because the line between free speech and hate, nobody teaches it to you in college. Nobody's defined it in the law," stated Schulman. "The reason we had to expand the group is because websites may say something, but the links they have can link to hateful material and videos. You can't look at a headline and make a determination. You have to spend time to really think about it."

But PayPal actually became very public in its opposition to conservative values before 2017. For example, in 2016 PayPal announced it was boycotting Charlotte, NC after the city bucked the transgender trend by limiting the use of bathrooms, locker rooms and showers to persons of the same biological sex. [PayPal canceled](#) plans to bring more than 400 jobs and a \$3.6 million investment into Charlotte.

And though Schulman stated that PayPal utilizes help from the right, the findings of those blacklisted highlight the majority of "offenders" are conservatives. [Breitbart](#) reports WikiLeaks, Infowars, political activist [Tommy Robinson](#), and investigative journalist Laura Loomer are among those blocked by PayPal.

Schulman revealed that the majority of the accounts blacklisted are suggestions by outside organizations. Hence, organizations such as SPLC have been successful in their efforts to silence certain voices.

The [SPLC](#) had to pay \$3.375 million in a settlement last year for their efforts to condemn conservatives. The organization was faulted for including former Islamic radical turned conservative Maajid Nawaz in its ["Field Guide to Anti-Muslim Extremists."](#)

Family Research Council Executive Vice President General Jerry Boykin once denounced the SPLC as "probably one of the most evil groups in America. They've become a money-making machine and they've become an absolute Marxist, anarchist organization."

Meanwhile, PayPal's Schulman said his philosophy is this: "Businesses need to be a force for good in those values and issues that they believe in."

But the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), a liberal nonprofit for the defense of free expression and privacy online, has continually expressed concern about major companies such as PayPal using their power to become "de facto internet censors."

"We need to be asking ourselves: who should be deciding what kind of speech should be allowed to thrive online? Should it be Internet users, elected officials, or the courts? Or should it be financial intermediaries, like Visa and Mastercard?" stated an [EFF spokesperson](#). "In my opinion, financial institutions don't have the expertise to judge whether speech has societal value or violates the First Amendment. They shouldn't be making those decisions at all."



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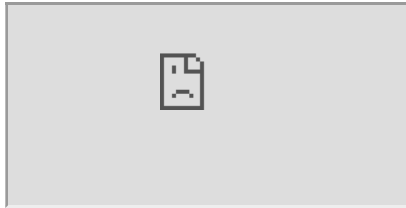
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HANOI, Vietnam – President Trump and North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un exchanged greetings as they kicked off their second nuclear summit today in Hanoi, Vietnam.

The two leaders shook hands and engaged in some small talk before a small private dinner. Trump told reporters he and Kim are looking forward to their meeting.

"We had a very successful first summit," Trump said. "I felt it was very successful. Some people would like to see it go quicker but I'm satisfied. You're satisfied. We want to be happy with what we're doing. But I thought the first summit was a great success. Hopefully, this one will be equal or greater than the first. We made a lot of progress and I think the biggest progress was our relationship."

At their first summit last June, both leaders signed the Singapore Declaration. The goal was to work toward complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. However, it was just a framework lacking in details.

Trump's critics in the US say this time, he must secure specific commitments from Kim. They say more is needed from North Korea than a temporary halt in nuclear testing and the return of American hostages.

Before the summit, Trump hailed those as an acceptable success.

Kim Jong Un is seeking relief from economic sanctions and observers say it's important that the two come away from Hanoi with solid agreements and concrete steps.

Bruce Klingner, senior research fellow for Northeast Asia at the Heritage Foundation's Asian Studies Center, said, "We need to have North Korea take the first steps to convince us that they've changed their behavior, that they're willing to come into compliance with the international community."

Analyst Jonathan Schanzer from the Foundation for Defense of Democracies warns the US should be careful not to fall for North Korea's tricks. In the past, Kim and his father convinced the West to lift sanctions, but once economic sanctions were lifted they resumed nuclear development and missile testing.

"If you look at history with our dealings with North Korea. It's like the old Peanut's cartoon. It's like Lucy and the football. She holds the football and Charlie Brown comes to kick the field goal and falls right on his back. We have to make sure we can verify that they've denuclearized and they halt other activities whether it's cyber or human rights violations. All those things that we've been concerned about with North Korea for all these years. We need to verify this stuff has stopped before we could give them what they're looking for," he said.

Vietnam is a strategic venue for this summit. Like North Korea, it's a communist country. But unlike North Korea, it has experienced rapid economic growth and prosperity because it has embraced elements of free-market capitalism and friendship with the West. Trump says North Korea could have the same success as Vietnam.

"We both felt very good about having this very important summit in Vietnam because you really are an example of what can happen with good thinking," Trump said.

He says North Korea would benefit economically if it gives up its nuclear weapons, tweeting: "Vietnam is thriving like few places on earth. North Korea would be the same, and very quickly if it would denuclearize. The potential is AWESOME, a great opportunity, like almost none other in history, for my friend Kim Jong Un. We will know fairly soon - Very interesting!"

Once enemies, Vietnam and the United States are now friends. One Vietnamese shopkeeper told CBN News he hopes his country's example will prove to Kim Jong Un that peace and friendship with the United States can lead to economic prosperity. "Peace is good for business," he said.

Trump and Kim will meet for formal talks Thursday. It's not clear what agreements President Trump will carry home from the summit.