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What's New

MOORE LIES: ANSWERS TO DENNIS MOORE FALSE RACIAL SMEAR CAMPAIGN AGAINST KRIS KOBACH



With his campaign on the ropes, Dennis Moore pulled the dirtiest trick in the book. This week, he attempted to smear Kris Kobach's character by trying to connect him to "white supremacists". Dennis Moore sent out a false mailing to tens of thousands of female voters in the Third District. Even though this mailing was technically from the Kansas Democratic Party, make no mistake: Dennis Moore is behind this despicable attempt at character assassination. Last week, Dennis Moore issued two press releases with the exact same content as this mailing. More importantly, Dennis Moore gave \$136,500 to the Kansas Democratic Party in order to finance this mailing.

Dennis Moore attacks two sources of Kobach campaign contributions in his smear campaign. The Immigration Reform Coalition and the Gun Owners of America.

The Immigration Reform Coalition is a group that is solely devoted to the enforcement of immigration laws. They have contributed to Kris because of his work in the Justice Department securing our borders. Dennis Moore tries to draw a link to "white supremacists" by using John and Mary Lou Tanton. The Tantons served on the board of the Immigration Reform Coalition with a dozen other individuals. They also served on the board of the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which received money from the "Pioneer Fund". The Pioneer Fund was started in the 1930's by a textile magnet who held eugenicist views. Therefore, Moore concludes that the money that the Kobach campaign has received is tainted through five steps of separation and 75 years of time.

There are two reasons why this allegation is additionally absurd. First, the Tanton's have also served on the boards of Planned Parenthood and the Sierra Club. Both of these groups have contributed to Moore's campaign. Planned Parenthood has given him \$2000 and the Sierra Club has given him \$3000 this cycle. Dennis Moore also received over \$5000 from the League of Conservation Voters, another group affiliated with the Tantons. By Dennis Moore's own logic he too is tied to the same "white supremacists" in three ways. Secondly, the Immigration Reform PAC has only given maximum contributions to two candidates this cycle - Kris Kobach and Vernon Robinson,

a candidate in North Carolina. Vernon Robinson is an African American. Obviously, the Immigration Reform Coalition doesn't take race into account.

The second source that Dennis Moore tries to smear is the Gun Owners of America. The President of Gun Owners is Larry Pratt. Moore's incredulous connection works in this way. In 1992, Larry Pratt gave a speech on gun rights at a preparedness expo. A preparedness expo is where a person can purchase bomb shelters or freeze dried food and other survival supplies. Unknown to Larry Pratt there were a few members of the Aryan Nations present at the convention. By Dennis Moore's tortured logic a speaker automatically adopts the views of every member of his audience. That is absurd.

This allegation is even more ridiculous by two further reasons. First, Larry Pratt is married to a Hispanic woman and holds no "white supremacist" views. Secondly, the Gun Owners of America also contributed last cycle to Joe Baca, who has in turn given money to Dennis Moore. Again, by his own logic, Dennis Moore is tied to the same "white supremacists".

Kris Kobach holds no racist or "white supremacist" views. As you can see, this outrageous smear is an attempt by Dennis Moore to change the subject from his extremely liberal voting record. Dennis Moore's smears are hypocritical and deplorable. Obviously, Dennis Moore is worried that voters are learning about his extreme voting record. Dennis Moore is willing to do or say anything to keep his seat in Congress. He is even willing to stoop to these kinds of desperate personal attacks and attempts to smear his opponent through nine degrees of separation. Please pass this message on to your friends and let them know about Dennis Moore's negative campaigning. Join us for the next 19 days to defeat Dennis Moore and his campaign of deception.

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