

Same-sex Marriage Advocate 'Desecrates' Bible in Public

Christian Church

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As volunteers with the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family, and Property (TFP) were distributing literature targeting lesbian and [gay](#) couples seeking marriage equality, a man purportedly displeased with the group was videotaped tearing up a Bible and shouting obscene anti-Catholic slurs at them.

Critics charge that the man was a covert operative paid by anti-gay advocates specifically to discredit same-sex marriage initiatives.

Iowa and Vermont recently adopted same-sex marriage laws and more states are expected to follow. Since these successes, there has been an increase in lies, misinformation, and violence perpetrated against lesbians and gays. Some of these Americans have been murdered just for being gay.

The incident occurred shortly after about 15 right-wing radicals and intolerant religious extremists protested in front of the New Hampshire Statehouse. Evidence suggests that one of these extremists was recruited to tear up the Bible for the cameras. The anti-gay protesters probably thought that "it would look good for the cameras" and "help to discredit" about 500 non-violent advocates of same-sex marriage who were holding a peaceful counter demonstration nearby.

The American TFP claims to be a Catholic organization even though many Catholic priests, deacons, and lay people are homosexual. Catholic priests, nuns, and monks are not allowed to marry; so many gay Catholics choose a religious vocation in the Church, where they can hide. As gays and lesbians continue to acquire acceptance, civil rights and social justice, the number of priests and nuns in the Catholic Church has dwindled. The TFP "Catholic" protesters were notably hostile to bystanders while distributing their propaganda materials attacking marriage equality. The organization calls on others to oppose equality for lesbian and gay Americans, including equality for gay and lesbian Catholics.

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