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By **Matthew Hendley** Fri., May 25 2012 at 11:40 AM [Comments \(23\)](#)

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There's a source to the *religulous* bills in the Arizona Legislature every year, and that source is called the Center for Arizona Policy.

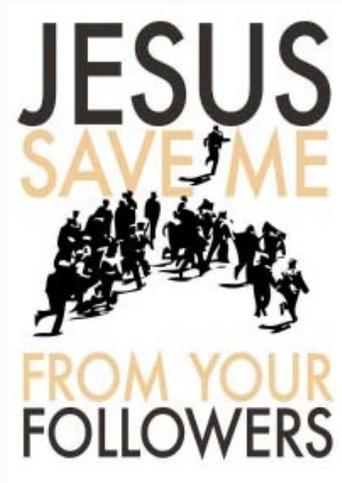
The atheists over at the Secular Coalition for Arizona have a problem with that, but it -- and other groups -- want Uncle Sam to see if there's a problem with their books.

Secular Coalition for Arizona filed a complaint with the Internal Revenue Service this week, claiming the Center for Arizona Policy is a lobbying organization, not the tax-exempt charity organization it tells the IRS it is.

It's not hard to believe the claim against the Center for Arizona Policy, considering they put out a **press release** praising Kyrsten Sinema's statement that the group is the "most powerful lobby at the Capitol.

The group touts that more than 100 of its supported bills have been passed into law over the years, including 13 this year. Three of those were abortion-related, and they're also the ones behind the "religious opt-out" to contraception bill.

The question the Secular Coalition for Arizona and other groups want to find out is



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whether the Center for Arizona Policy qualifies as a 501(c)(3) organization -- as it claims to be -- or if it's really a 501(c)(4).

To avoid the tax-law crap as much as possible, the "3" is tax-exempt, while donations to the "4" are not.

"It concerns us that this religious lobby institution is able to receive tax-exempt donations, which it seems to be using almost exclusively to work on lobbying activities," Secular Coalition for Arizona executive director Serah Blain says. "We just want the IRS to take a look at the Center for Arizona Policy to make sure this isn't a case of religious preference and that CAP isn't improperly soliciting and spending tax-exempt donations in a way that violates tax law."

The Center for Arizona Policy pulled in nearly \$2 million in 2010 -- the most recent IRS filing available for the group -- and complaints against the group point to "deceptive tax reporting and business practices" after reviewing their IRS forms.

"Taxpayers are not supposed to be forced to subsidize political lobbying," Blain says. "I'm not a tax lawyer, but it appears to us that Center for Arizona Policy is operating as a taxpayer subsidized lobbying organization -- so they're using money that should belong to all Arizonans in order to inject their narrow religious ideology into public policy. This is simply wrong, and we're asking the IRS to check into it."

Center for Arizona Policy detractors have put up a website with all the documentation and explanations about their complaint, which was also signed by No Longer Silent, Clergy for Justice -- a more lefty group composed of Christian clergy.

Center for Arizona Policy's a powerhouse, so it wouldn't be surprising to see this complaint go nowhere. Kudos to the little guy, though.

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Doublen 5 days ago in reply to Marcy Cumdrinker

Oh, man! I just spit coffee all over my computer! That is some good stuff Marcy. Where did you come up with that? Pretty sure marriage and legal unions have been around longer than Christians. Here's one that will blow your mind. I'm a Non-thiest, my husband is Catholic. Did you catch that in there. He's my HUSBAND. We got married.12 years ago this weekend to be exact. And it had nothing to do with the Bible or Jesus! But, thanks for the good laugh anyways.

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Kelly 5 days ago in reply to Doublen

Marriage is for yuppie Conformist who are Zombiefied Sheeple who follow the crowd and do what society tells them to do. in other words they are brainwashed zombies like most sheeple are in today's lame boring wonder white bread society are and they cant think outside the box. why get married at all? its all a sham invented by lawyers and the government to get your money. marriage means nothing. your a typical cunt who cons weak men into getting married. cunts do it for the mans money only, not love. i know you make your own money and you dont need a man to support you financially. FUCK YOU CUNT! i bet you cant even pop the hood on your own car and check the oil without a man doing it for you.

Like Reply



Jim 5 days ago in reply to Doublen

pretty sure dont make it true though.

Like Reply



5 finger death punch 5 days ago in reply to Doublen

I bet your GUILT RIDDEN Catholic Hubby wanted to get married. they cant have sex without marriage due to all the guilt they have from their dysfunctional catholic upbringing. thats why you are married. I bet you got also married so as to not embarrass your parents for living in sin. say what you want but you take it up your ass just like the rest do lady.

Like Reply



Kelly 5 days ago in reply to Doublen

you cant have a normal sex life and be catholic. your marriage must be sexless and or boring as hell.

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Marcy Cumdrinker 5 days ago in reply to Doublen

Dear Doublen your full of shit and your a hypocrites its easy to see. your explanation is full of holes.

Like Reply



Marcy Cumdrinker 5 days ago in reply to Doublen

You got married because of the same reasons everybody else does, because its in the bible and you cant think for yourself and you do whats expected of you by society and your family.

Like Reply



Kalani Koa Puna mc 5 days ago in reply to Doublen

If you were a good wife you would be swallowing your mans cum instead of spitting coffee.

Like Reply



TaxpayingVoter 5 days ago in reply to Marcy Cumdrinker

Interestingly enough, marriage existed long before people wrote the bible.

Also, marriage is a legal construct - at least in the US - and it holds benefits for those who wish to enter into such contracts.

I'm starting to think people who post such nonsense as your comment do it because they get a nickel for each response. This is my contribution. Cheers!

9 people liked this. Like Reply



u23 5 days ago in reply to Marcy Cumdrinker

This up among the most willfully ignorant statements I have read on the net in the last 20 years.

Marriage in the USA, can be religious or just a state sanctioned contract between two people, same as a civil union.

I have been married twice and it lowered my tax bracket and saved me \$1000.

Fortunately, I walked away with all my belongs and uncontested cheap divorces.

You obviously have very little clue about the concept of atheism... But that is no surprise.

4 people liked this. Like Reply

u23 5 days ago in reply to u23

That should have been "saved me \$1000s."

Like Reply

 TaxpayingVoter 5 days ago in reply to u23

Actually, in this country, in order to be legal it HAS to be a state sanctioned contract. That means even if someone is wed in a church, without the state license, THAT marriage has no legal status.

God(s) can't make something legal, no matter how much one believes in him/her/it/they.

2 people liked this. Like Reply

 Bnbk 4 days ago in reply to TaxpayingVoter

God dammit,do you mean I've been living in sin all these years?

Like Reply

 Truconserv 5 days ago in reply to u23

I don't think Ms. Cumdrinker was being serious.

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 Donkey Hotay 3 days ago in reply to Marcy Cumdrinker

Damn girl, you really are dumber than a bucket of dirt, aren't you?

Like Reply

 Oma 5 days ago

Yes kudos to Serah Blain and the Secular Coalition for Arizona. Glad to see someone take on Cathi Herrod and the Center for Arizona Policy. Like bullies, Herrod and her charity have wrecked havoc, caused much grief and pain, and are fundamental to the plague of backwardness that bezets current-day Arizona politics. It is because of her arrogance and selfishness that Herrod and her charity needs to hit the road with all of our state legislators and disappear. They've caused enough damage already.

8 people liked this. Like Reply

 Truconserv 5 days ago

While serious issues that affect all Arizona residents are left to fester, the sessions are clogged with radical right wing crap pushed forward by Cathi (with an "i") Herrod -- and

we have to subsidize it as well?

Rubbish.

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Ayn "The Atheist" Rand. 4 days ago in reply to Truconserv

Arizona center for Taliban theocracy. Maybe Iran can use Cathi.

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IslandAtheist 5 days ago

Tax religion like cigarettes, it's far more damaging.

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Donkey Hotay 3 days ago in reply to IslandAtheist

... and smells worse.

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Donkey Hotay 3 days ago

Religion = Superstitious Nonsense for Ignorant Imbeciles

Eliminate ALL Tax breaks for ALL Churches !!

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