

Centreville Immigration Forum

Centreville Immigration Forum is a grantee of the USCCB's Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), having received a total of \$250,000 since 2015. Their most recent grant for the year 2020-2021 was for \$50,000, according to the list published by the CCHD. The stated "issue area" is for workers' rights.

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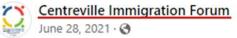
Grantee	Issue Area	Grant
Centreville Immigration Forum	Workers' Rights	50,000.00
	Grantee Centreville Immigration Forum	

Centreville Immigration Forum was founded in 2011 with the stated purpose of implementing "sustainable programs that provide immigrants in need with the means to improve their lives and become more integrated into the community," according to their website. Unfortunately, Centreville Immigration Forum directly supports and promotes LGBTQ+ ideologies, has a board member who promotes LGBTQ+ and pro-abortion agendas, and is a member of an organization which also promotes LGBTQ+ ideologies.

Support of LGBTQ+ Rights

The Centreville Immigration Forum has expressed its support of LGBTQ+ ideologies several times through social media.

On <u>June 28, 2021</u>, the Forum reposted an article published by the Washington Post titled, "There's No LGBTQ Pride Without Immigrants." At the top of the post, the Forum highlighted a quote from the article which said, "Often LGBTQ immigrants have borne the brunt of repression, and often still face more precarity than many other LGBTQ Americans. Until their rights are safe, neither are LGBTQ rights."





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Perspective | There's no LGBTQ Pride without immigrants

Safeguarding immigrant rights is intimately related to advancing LGBTQ rights.

On <u>June 18, 2021</u>, the Forum posted a fundraiser for Immigration Equality, a company <u>whose</u> <u>webpage proudly proclaims</u> them as "The nation's leading LGBTQ and HIV-positive immigrant rights organization." The post asked for donations for assisting LGBTQ asylum seekers. The stated goal? \$15,000. The post stated, "It's because of Immigration Equality and our amazing partners that #LGBTQ asylum seekers who flee violence and persecution will have their own chance to celebrate Pride Month proud and free this year and ever year to come."

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Small gifts can make BIG moments



\$90 raised for Immigration Equality

3 people donated.



Immigration Equality is Solutions at Immigration Equality. June 9, 2021 ⋅ Solution

We're raising \$15,000 for LGBTQ asylum seekers during #PrideMonth **

Over the past year, Immigration Equality has served over 800 individuals across 30 states, helping them find justice and freedom in the US.

It's because of Immigration Equality and our amazing partners that #LGBTQ asylum seekers who flee violence and persecution will have their own chance to celebrate Pride Month proud and free this year and ever year to come.

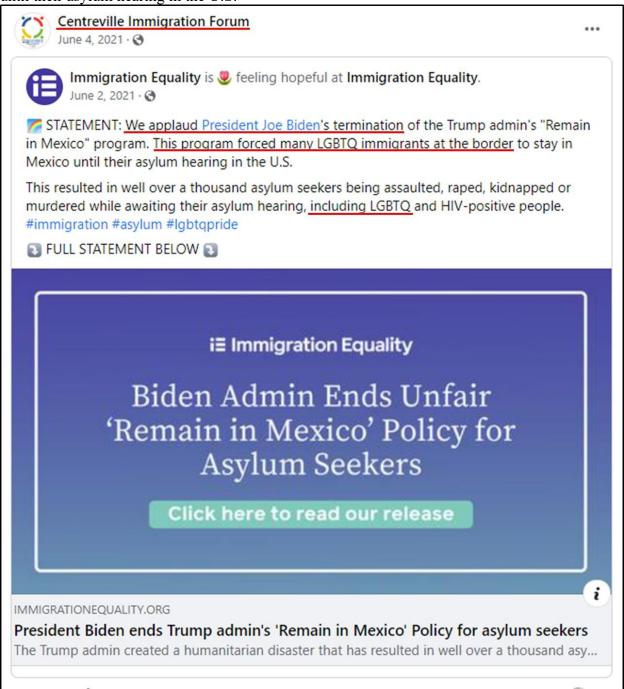
To realize this dream for so many wanting to love who they love and be who they are freely, we ask our community to come together to raise \$15,000 during Pride.

Your support can save lives. Whether you donate \$1, \$10 or \$100, every dollar makes a difference in the lives of hundreds fighting for safety.

Thank you for being an ally A

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On <u>June 4, 2021</u>, the Forum shared another post from Immigration Equality which applauded "President Joe Biden's termination of the Trump admin's "Remain in Mexico" program" on the grounds that the program had "forced many LGBTQ immigrants at the border to stay in Mexico until their asylum hearing in the U.S."



Board member Jerry Foltz's political agenda

Jerry Foltz, a <u>board member of Centreville Immigration Forum</u> and a <u>Democrat politician</u>, has many questionable political beliefs which should further demonstrate Centreville Immigration

Forum's incompatibility with Catholic moral and social teaching. In 2013, Foltz ran for the Democrats for Delegate of the 40th District in Virginia. In <u>an article on Bristow Beat</u>, a local news source, he was described as "championing...choice and marriage equality."

Rev. Jerry Foltz Progressive Choice for 40th District Delegate

Posted Saturday, November 2, 2013 3:34 pm

Stacy Shaw



Rev. Jerry Foltz, the Democrat candidate for Delegate of the 40th District that extends from north Gainesville to Centreville, is the progressive choice, championing transportation, public education, clean energy, choice and marriage equality.

Foltz said he chose to run against incumbent Republican Tim Hugo, saying, "basically, I thought I could do a better job than he's been doing in the

past ten years."

He described his stance on abortion as similar to that of Bill Clinton, saying abortion "should be safe and rare," but he also said that he supported "medical facilities that provide family planning" options to achieve that end. He was also openly supportive of same-sex unions and Virginia legislation that would allow them.

On Prochoice Legislation.

While Foltz said he is pro-life in the truest sense, saying, "I'm so pro-life that I'm against capital punishment;" he would not vote in favor of anti-choice legislation in Virginia.

"I believe in the short-hand response of Bill Clinton that abortion should be safe and rare," Foltz said.

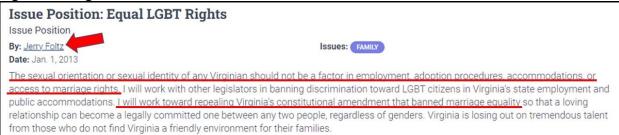
He thinks to make abortion rare and keep women healthy, the state needs to support, not close down, medical facilities that provide family planning and other medical services, like cancer screenings. He said those facilities are especially necessary for women living in underserved rural populations.

To restrict these services, he believes is a disservice to Virginia women.

"is a negative approach," he said, saying it appears as though the state is trying to control women's choices, rather than providing them with the best access to family planning and medical access.

Vote Smart, a website which collects information on politicians' stances on various issues, states Foltz's issues positions on "Equal LGBT Rights" and "Women's Rights" as of January 1, 2013. Although the source for this information, Foltz's campaign website, can no longer be reached, the positions outlined on the Vote Smart site are similar to the ones Foltz stated in the Bristow Beat article.

Foltz states his commitment to preventing discrimination against anyone based on "sexual orientation or sexual identity," not only in the workplace but with regards to "adoption procedures, accommodations, or access to marriage rights." He also underlines his commitment to "work toward repealing Virginia's constitutional amendment that banned marriage equality so that a loving relationship can become a legally committed one between any two people, regardless of genders."



On the page concerning "Women's Rights," Foltz states his opinion that "over the past four years Virginia has taken us backwards on women's rights," and that "Richmond needs to stay out of a woman's personal decisions" regarding her healthcare, especially contraception, which he believes should be "fully covered by adequate and accessible health insurance."

Issue Position: Women's Rights Issue Position By: Jerry Foltz Date: Jan. 1, 2013 Over the past four years Virginia has taken us backwards on women's rights. More than 50 years after the development of "the pill" women in Virginia still get to hear about how Richomdn wants to restrict access to it. From invasive ultra-sounds to costly healthcare regulations to constraints on access to contraceptives Richmond needs to stay out of a woman's personal decisions. Women should have the right to decide about their own health care and reproductive options and be fully covered by adequate and accessible health insurance. I will work to reduce the legislature's stigmatizing of women in their life choices. I support the goal of "equal pay for equal work" as well as equality in promotion and other vocational recognitions.

That an individual with such views on LGBTQ+ ideologies, abortion, and contraception should be on the board of Centreville Immigration Forum is concerning enough, but the Forum's participation as a member of the NDLON, an organization which promotes LGBTQ+ ideologies, is even more disturbing.

Membership in Pro-Abortion, Pro-LGBTQ+ Organization

The CCHD absolutely forbids organizations from membership in organizations acting against Catholic teaching. In an <u>FAQ on the USCCB website</u>, the CCHD directly answers the question about whether grantees may be members of coalitions that oppose Catholic teachings. In answer, the CCHD firmly stated, "CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching."

What about participation in coalitions for a good purpose, like better wages or housing, that include groups acting against Catholic values on other issues?

CCHD encourages groups to work across geographical, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological lines to overcome poverty and advance the common good. However, CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching (e.g. promotion or support of abortion, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, racism, as well as the use of the death penalty punitive measures toward immigrants, etc.). Prohibited activities include participation in or endorsing actions that promote legislation, and ballot initiatives (including voter guides and other written materials) that contradict Catholic moral or social teaching.

Given this, there is no way CCHD should have provided a grant to the Centreville Immigration Forum due to its membership in the National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON). This network is an alliance of organizations dedicated to helping day laborers, and Centreville Immigration Forum is clearly identified as a member on the NDLON website.



In order for an organization to be a member of NDLON, the organization is required to pay dues. Organizations with an operating budget of less than \$100,000 pay \$150 in annual dues, whereas organizations with an operating budget of more than \$100,000 are required to pay \$300 in annual dues. According to Centreville Immigration Forum's latest tax form 990, their annual expenses are well over \$100,000, meaning they pay \$300 in annual dues.

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CRITERIA:

To become an NDLON member, an applying organization should meet the following criteria:

- Be a non-profit organization.
- · Work with day laborers (the workers who are employed through temp agencies are also considered part of the day labor community)
- Work on organizing and leadership development of the day labor community.
- Adopt the Mission, Vision, Principles and Resolutions which have been agreed upon at NDLON's National Conventions; among them, the policy on gender, respect
 for the LGBTQ community and the indigenous community.
- Participate in NDLON activities: National and regional conventions, campaigns, monthly phone call meetings of the National Coordinating Committee and others.
- Participate in the regional organizing in their area.
- Pay the annual membership dues (\$150 for organizations with an operating budget of less than \$100K and \$300 for organizations with operating budgets of more
 than \$100K)

Ever since the June 24 Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, NDLON has been on a tear, vowing to fight for abortion as a "right," and denouncing any restriction on the legalization of or access to abortion. On the same day Roe was overturned, NDLON posted a picture of a tattooed middle finger saying "F*** SCOTUS, FUND ABORTION."



On July 15, 2022, NDLON called for people to register for "Operation Save Abortion."



On June 26, 2022, NDLON fully advocated for organizing and mobilizing for "abortion rights."

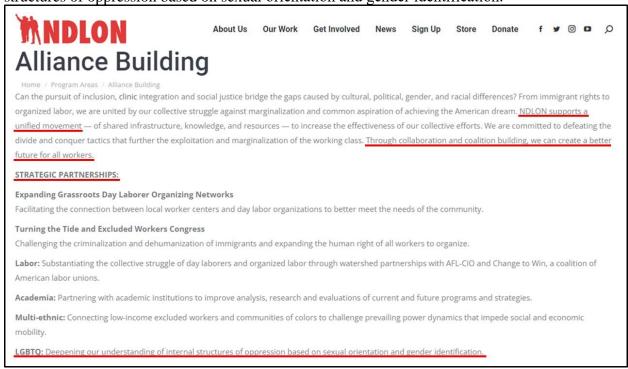


On <u>June 27</u>, posting a picture of the "Green Scarf" pro-abortion movement in Argentina with the caption "In front of the US Embassy in repudiation of the ruling against abortion," NDLON formally declared: "The Reproductive Justice movement is international! We must act in solidarity across borders. Only through collective action and solidarity, can we win."



In addition to bring radically pro-abortion, NDLON has a clear and public position promoting homosexual and transgender ideologies..

On its "Alliance Building" page, NDLON lists numerous areas of partnership, including LGBTQ. The intended result of such partnerships is "deepening our understanding of internal structures of oppression based on sexual orientation and gender identification."



immigrants who might be affected by the Se Communities deportation program. The release quoted Monica Enriquez-Enriquez of Streetwise and Safe, an LGBTQ activist organization, "On this National Coming Out Day, we recognize that LGBT immigrants need more than acceptance from family, schools, and neighbors to be "out": they need to be free from profiling, detention, and deportation." The release celebrated "a historic confluence of movements for LGBTQ rights and migrant rights."



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Another press release published October 1, 2014, advocated use of executive action to protect LGBTQ immigrants. The article criticized then-President Obama for not doing so, and quoted a spokesperson from NDLON as saying "We welcome Congressional support for the inclusion of protections for undocumented LGBTQ immigrants in executive immigration action and more voices pressing the President to act."



Conclusion

Even barring Centreville Immigration Forum's explicit official support of LGBTQ+ ideologies and the fact that one of their board members is on public record as being in opposition to Catholic teaching on LGBTQ issues, abortion, and contraception, their membership in NDLON, an organization which aggressively promotes and advocates for abortion and LGBTQ+ rights, ought to exclude them from CCHD funding.