All of the facts are wrong. Every single point. Just because some biased journalist writes something does not make it true, and quoting or using such sources without fact checking and correcting (your job, not mine) means that your article will also be potentially libelous.

We condemn racism, hatred, and violence. We always have. If only our opponents who have issued death threats based upon the lies that organizations like yours spread, would do the same.

Do you really think I should have to set you straight on something as idiotic as that we have anything at all to do with the KKK or that the leading pro life group in Italy is connected with fascism? Do your job. Find actual sources. Search for truth. Be honest.

These are simple things my Quaker upbringing taught me. It is sad for me to see the modern Left embrace lies, bigotry, and hatred. But clearly you have.

Yours,

Brian

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On Wed, Oct 30, 2019, 10:07 AM openDemocracy wrote:
Dear Brian,

Please let us know which if any of the points listed in our email (which includes hyperlinks to sources), you believe to be incorrect, with evidence to support this.

We are of course happy to correct inaccuracies and to convey your point of view.

Thank you,

On Wed, 30 Oct 2019 at 13:33, Brian Brown wrote:
Very objective journalism! Giving people one day to respond to such lies.

We have always opposed hatred and bigotry and our coalition includes people of many backgrounds, religions, ethnicities, and cultures. We are united in a shared love of family and life. Unfortunately, when our opponents have failed to win the public debate, they simply lie. Given the funding Open Democracy receives from George Soros, and the false claims you are making here, we put you in this category.

One important point though: We will vigorously defend our reputation through all legal means. We will not accept libelous statements to go unchallenged.

Your facts are wrong, your journalism is biased, and your methods are corrupt.

Yours,

Brian

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Brian S. Brown
President, International Organization for the Family
On Wed, Oct 30, 2019 at 6:38 AM openDemocracy <opendemocracy@outlook.com> wrote:

Hello,

I am writing from openDemocracy.net, a global independent media platform based in London. We are preparing to publish an article focused on links between the WCF network and anti-migrant, anti-Islam and white nationalist figures.

This article also specifically mentions:

- Brian Brown, president of the WCF, who
  - also runs NOM, whose funders have included a foundation that separately spent millions supporting anti-Muslim campaigns, as well as a lawyer with ties to a white supremacist, secessionist group.
  - also founded a fundraising site for right-wing US politicians called ActRight, whose recent posts on its Facebook page include those mocking Barack Obama as well as Pope Francis.
  - has boasted in email newsletters of close relationships with far-right politicians including Salvini in Italy and Orban in Hungary, who have previously described African migrants as “slaves” and “poison”

- Don Feder, WCF communications director, who
  - Once called for “Islam control”, and opposed a campaign to put African-American abolitionist Harriet Tubman on a $20 bill, saying “it was white males who ended slavery”.
  - Is also on the board of a group founded by controversial anti-immigrant leader in the US who corresponded with white nationalists, including Klu Klux Klan members, and who once said that California will resemble apartheid South Africa by 2030.

It further notes:

- Other speakers at past WCF summits include a Romanian activist linked to former KKK leader David Duke, while a local organiser of the Italy summit (ProVita) has links to a neo-fascist party that’s put on KKK-reminiscent protests with hangman’s nooses and mannequins dripped in blood-red paint.

We wanted to give you the opportunity to respond to these points. If you’d like to send a comment for this article we’d need it by 11pm GMT today (Weds 30).

Thank you,