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We understand that you've been invited to speak at the upcoming Values Voter Summit being held in Washington, D.C., from Sept. 25-27. Given the demonizing lies about the LGBT community spread by the host, the Family Research Council (FRC), and a major sponsor of the event, the American Family Association, we urge you to not lend the prestige of your office or candidacy to the summit.

The FRC has amassed an extensive record of vilifying gays and lesbians with falsehoods – portraying them as sick, evil, incestuous, violent, perverted, and a danger to the nation. Perhaps its most insidious claim is that gay men molest children at a far higher rate than heterosexual men.

FRC's executive vice president, Lt. Gen. Jerry Boykin, has said Jews must be converted to

Citations

1. The American Psychological Association concludes: “Despite a common myth, homosexual men are not more likely to sexually abuse children than heterosexual men are.”

Source: American Psychological Association, “Understanding Child Sexual Abuse: Education, Prevention, and Recovery,”

<http://mediamatters.org/print/research/2013/02/12/pedophilia-myth-tainted-cable-news-coverage-of/192627>

2. Tony Perkins writes that pedophilia is “a homosexual problem.”

Source: Tony Perkins, “Cardinal Ruffles Gay Feathers,” April 16, 2010,

www.academia.org/cardinal-ruffles-gay-feathers/

3. Tony Perkins writes that the “It Gets Better” series of videos is “disgusting” and part of a “concerted effort to persuade kids that homosexuality is okay and actually to recruit them into that lifestyle.”

Source: Family Research Council fundraising letter, August, 2011,

www.splcenter.org/get-informed/intelligence-files/groups/family-research-council

<http://djournal.com/opinion/tim-wildmon-newsweek-report-details-extent-of-muslim-christophobia/>

9. Lt. Gen. William Boykin says that “Islam is not a religion and does not deserve First Amendment protections.”