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## Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by Real.Men.Wear.Blue - 2008/01/29 15:01

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This may not be the most appropriate place for this post, but I know there are many of you who care deeply about the passing of President Hinckley.

The nutzos at the Westboro Baptist Church have announced that they intend to protest President Hinckley's funeral once the time and location is revealed. As some of you may recall, these loons are the ones who protest at the funerals for fallen U.S. soldiers with messages like, "God Hates Fags." They believe, apparently, that the Iraq war is God's punishment for America's tolerance of homosexuality. This despicable conduct is also the subject of a federal law under consideration that would bar protests from military funerals.

\*Warning\* The press release is quite offensive toward President Hinckley and the church, so you may not want to view it. Indeed, the the very URL (owned by Westboro Baptist Church) on which the release was posted is itself offensive:

[http://www.godhatesfags.com/written/fliers/20080128\\_gordon-hinckley-funeral.pdf](http://www.godhatesfags.com/written/fliers/20080128_gordon-hinckley-funeral.pdf)

But to summarize, the Westboro Baptist Church crazies claim that that President Hinckley and Mormons generally are "gay enablers" and that therefore, "Gordon Hinckley is in Hell." How they came to this opinion is a mystery, as we all know the church is bashed constantly by the powerful, pro-gay lobby for its firm opposition to homosexuality.

In fairness, I believe that these people do not represent mainstream Baptist practice. I personally know many, many Baptists and consider them good people. But it is beyond my comprehension how these particular people can call themselves Christians, or how they can believe their tactics are justified. This is truly mind boggling, and makes me literally sick to the stomach. Whether you believe in Mormon doctrine or not, it is beyond dispute that President Hinckley was an honest, upstanding citizen who worked tirelessly to bring about much good in the world. Such characteristics command respect from normal people. Alas, these people are clearly not normal. I just hope that if these protesters actually show up to the funeral, those members in attendance do not lash out or retaliate. That would only lend credence to their twisted message.

The irony is that President Hinckley is probably weeping from beyond the veil for these poor, misguided souls. I wish I had his compassion.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by penn cougar - 2008/01/29 15:11

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This is so pathetically sad. These people should get jobs to occupy their time so all their kids can get off welfare.

I feel guilty (partially) for saying this, but I wish some type of physical harm on the leaders of these people. They do not deserve to live in our country.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by AFCOUG83 - 2008/01/29 15:12

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it is so hard to not want to knock every one of their teeth out, must...force..self...to..be...Christlike

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by phillips14 - 2008/01/29 15:21

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by cougarfan144 - 2008/01/29 15:47

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I don't get it either. There is standing up for something and then there's these kooks.

Up here in Idaho they had some POW Bikers (sorry I don't know the name of the official group) but they actually put themselves between the protestors and the family of a fallen soldier during a funeral to give the family as much peace as possible through the events. Would love to see the Y football team between them and the funeral proceedings and doing the HAKA.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by AFCOUG83 - 2008/01/29 15:50

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i checked it out on wikipedia.

Patriot Guard Riders  
The Patriot Guard Riders is a motorcyclist group comprised primarily of veterans who attend the funerals of members of the U.S. Armed Forces at the invitation of the deceased

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by UliUli79 - 2008/01/29 15:59

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I have the hardest time understanding how people who claim to follow Christ can feel justified in displaying intolerance and bigotry. Didn't Christ teach us to hate the sin not the sinner? I would like to know where Christ told His followers to make sure and persecute anyone who didn't conform to their beliefs. I just can not understand this.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by ColoradoBlueZone - 2008/01/29 16:06

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These guys are idiots! Lets not waste time talking about them. No good will ever come from such morons.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by Hawkwing - 2008/01/29 16:07

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EDIT: Thank you Cougarblue for being crappy and unable to paste things.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by Hawkwing - 2008/01/29 16:10

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Don't mess with Prophets

[http://scriptures.lds.org/en/2\\_kgs/2/23-24#23](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/2_kgs/2/23-24#23)

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EDIT: Thanks to cougarblue's inability to fix the \_ issue you'll have to fix the link by removing the \_ from around script

23 And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.

24 And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by BoiseBYU - 2008/01/29 16:11

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The thing we could do best to honor President Hinckley is express our love for his life, commit to better follow the teachings of His and our Master, forgive these utterly lost souls, and then ignore them.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by Knucklehead - 2008/01/29 16:23

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This group's tactics clearly causes damage to whatever message they hope to be spreading. How unfulfilling must your life be to sign up to attack those who grieve to spread your venom? Pathetic!

There are limits to the freedom of speech. Some limits are content-based and other limits are based on the delivery of the speech.

For example, threats are verbal, yet illegal. The content of the speech transforms the verbal expression into a criminal act.

False statements under oath are verbal, yet you can't lie before a grand jury (attention Barry Bonds). Again, the content of the speech can be criminal.

And we have all heard that you can't yell "Fire" in a crowded theater or place a 911 call when there is no real emergency, right?

All of these are content-based limits on speech.

Then there are the delivery-limits placed on verbal expression. For example, if I were to go to the University of Utah (public property) and with a bull horn yell over and over, "Utah Sucks" I could be cited for disorderly conduct.

That's right, a criminal charge for tumultuous conduct. The content of the speech would be factually accurate and not threatening as in the above examples, yet I could still be charged criminally for disrupting classes on the hill.

Having said all this, why can't we limit these clowns?

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by HawaiiCoug - 2008/01/29 16:52

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Man, where are the Porter Rockwells' when you need them. hahaha!

I might have to revert back to my "ol-dayz"

I remember as a youth going to watch my cousin, who played for the Cougs back in the early 90's, at the Aloha Stadium. I was with my "Jack-Mormon" uncle who had a few brews while watching the game. The Hawaii fans next to us were saying bad things about BYU and the football team. My uncle didn't seem to mind. However, one of them said something crude and nasty about Joseph Smith, and before he could even finish his sentence, the dude was "counting the stars" spinning above his head. Needless to say, no more bad comments about the church and our beloved leaders.

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I know this is not what the Lord wants us to do; however, it's plausible to believe that this would not happen where I'm from...alot of us "Jacks" to handle that! Go Cougs!!!

Wow, I feel better.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by mormonrasta - 2008/01/29 17:01

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If President Hinckley is in Hell, then Hell must have some amazing people and I hope that I could be in Hell someday.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by Hengst - 2008/01/29 17:10

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I'm all for protesting things and exercising your free speech rights, but some places (like funerals) should just be off limits for people.

Also, I think it's funny that we (lds people) can't win . . . we're either biggots because we don't allow openly gay, lesbian, or transgendered individuals temple recommends, or we are too much in support of GLBT lifestyles because we take the christian position that God is the person who will judge people and we don't throw rocks at them. Seems a little silly to me.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/01/29 17:11

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Westboro might be interested in something else that God hates.

I don't wish anyone to die, but I do admit that Fred Phelps' obituary is one I'll read with pleasure. At that time his concept of Hell will probably have taken a dramatic and personal turn. :)

NOT TODAY FRED!!! :angry:

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Regardless of what kind of man he was you just shouldn't protest at a funeral. I don't care if it's Sadham Husein, everyone deserves some respect at their funeral. Good grief (don't speak ill of the dead and all that jazz).

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by cszjr - 2008/01/29 17:18

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I never was a big Beatles fan, but I like the words from "Revolution"

"Fighting in the name of religion,  
what a senseless contradiction!"

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by tw - 2008/01/29 17:20

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/01/29 17:36

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Actually they have their own law firm as part of the "church" that basically finances their schemes with the awards they have won from those that have tried to limit their "free speech" rights. They are a small religious cult whose limited number of members have been inter-marrying to carry on their tradition of hate. :X

Where's Theodore Kaczynski when we need him? :unsure:

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by CougarPeasant - 2008/01/29 17:56

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Perhaps this time we might see some well timed lightening strikes as Divine Justice for those who trample upon the memory of one of God's Elect at his memorial service. It could happen.

I know vengeance is the Lord's, but a well timed public example every now and again would send the right message that God shall not be mocked.

Okay, calm is returning.....slowly.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by Mars - 2008/01/29 20:08

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The spirit of contention sure is strong with this group.

I would have a hard time not putting their teeth down their throat.

To everything there is a season; a time to turn the other cheek, a time to..... :angry:

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by bennyhaha - 2008/01/29 20:12

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These people piss me off to no end. In the name of their God they disparage one of the greatest men to ever walk the earth, based solely on the fact that they don't agree with their religion. If I didn't know that it would disappoint President Hinckley, I would go down there and punch someone in the flipping mouth.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by draider - 2008/01/29 20:22

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Yeah these people are nuts and earlier at work i was thinking about it and for some reason i thought that they might pull this. They are evil and god will punish them as he sees necessary. I hope i can see them i will be the one being put in a police car for assault and battery. Hinckley stood for everything good about this earth and they stand for the opposite.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/01/29 20:27

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IIRC the founder of this group is a disbarred lawyer. They do these protests to make money and only for the money. They petition for the permit to assemble and if they are denied they sue on freedom of speech and freedom of assembly principles. If they are granted a permit then they show up and try to get someone/anyone to physically touch (assault) one of them and they sue the city, state, county, property owners, asaland, and anyone else they can to get money. It is ONLY about money for these guys and they are as low as it gets. They will feel the heat one day and they will not be able to sue to get out!

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/01/29 21:02

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Unfortunately most people that get physical with these idiots always forget about the guy with the camera.

### RULES FOR GETTING DOWN AND DIRTY IN PUBLIC:

Rule #1: Make sure someone is distracting the local constabulary.

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Rule #3: Have your own camera and use it judiciously.

Rule #4: Fight dirty (always wanted to say that).

Rule #5: Don't bring a knife to a gun fight (What can I say? I live in AZ.)

Rule #6: Dead men tell no tales... (Ok guys, I'm Just kidding.)

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by NotSackless - 2008/01/29 21:31

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LOL. Yeup thats where "Get Shorty" came from. Shorty had the camera!  
:laugh: :laugh: :laugh:

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by sjcougfam - 2008/01/29 22:37

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So let me get this straight, these losers are going to protest a man who preached over and over, that his fellow church members be tollerant of others, and to be kind to those who are not of our faith? That makes a whole lot of sense.

I served my mission in Mississippi, and my wife is from Texas, so we have a lot of experience with baptists, just like all people, some are good people and some are pond scum, I.E. these people planning to protest. My wife was one of very few LDS kids in her school, and she was told almost on a daily basis, by some of these so called christians, that she was going to hell.

I suspect there will be a lot of police at the funeral to protect these losers from getting a beat down. I think I'll play it safe and watch it on TV.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by buzzard - 2008/01/30 07:36

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With luck, the same thing will happen there that happens at conference the past few years-a group of institute kids shows up, sets up shop right next to the protesters, and sings their lungs out. Highly effective.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by AFCOUG83 - 2008/01/30 08:30

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i rather enjoy the people at general conference who protest the protest. One of the funniest things i ever have seen was a guy dressed up in a cow costume singing "what would you do for a klondike bar" in the face of a preacher on the corner. I had to sit down to laugh.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by kitic77 - 2008/01/30 08:31

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I love their flier's headline

"... old fraud and Mormon heretic..."

A heretic is someone who is a "professed believer who maintains religious opinions contrary to those accepted by his or her church or rejects doctrines prescribed by that church." (taken from dictionary.com)

Now, I could be wrong, but I'm pretty sure that President Hinckley was NOT a "Mormon" heretic as he fully believed in the doctrines of his church and did not "maintain religious opinions contrary to those accepted by his church."

They may think him a fraud, but he is certainly not a heretic.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by snoscythe - 2008/01/30 09:25

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Gotta love the misquote...they have "As man is, God once was; and as God is, man will become."

Even I find that sentiment erroneous and offensive to God. "...as God is, man may become." One word makes a big difference.

Wonder if they could get sued for a retraction/correction.....

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by ttexastim - 2008/01/30 10:36

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We need to handle them like they get handled at soldiers funerals. We need the patriot riders!!!

Calling all biker mormons (active or inactive)!! We need you, in your leather, to form a barrier between the scum and the church! I'd be there in a minute if I wasn't in Texas.

Who's going to take this ball and run with it?

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by craigocarson - 2008/01/30 10:45

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I think this is just another one of those opportunities to turn the other cheek, and pity them for their ignorance and lack of class.

Nothing can be gained by agitating these types of agitators.

Sometimes it's hard to remember that this life is just a blink of the eye compared to eternity. Let them bring their little black cloud if they want, it certainly won't be welcome in the afterlife.

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I have a bike, and I would love to do that, but motorcycles and snow are a bad combination.

The thing to do, that will hurt these idiots the most, is to simply ignore them, trust me, they hate that.

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## Re:Group Intends to Protest Pres. Hinckley Funeral

Posted by derwin80 - 2008/01/30 19:52

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It would also be pretty impressive to see hundreds of men in suits, not leather providing a barricade.

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