

## Vimeo shuts down Christian group accused of 'hate' by far-left radical org



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April 22, 2020 ([LifeSiteNews](#)) — Video platform Vimeo has deleted the account of the American Family Association (AFA), characterizing the pro-family organization as a hate group.

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“In recent weeks they’ve taken action against our account,” AFA president Walker Wildmon recounted. “They’ve officially shut down American Family Association’s video account with no in-depth explanation and no recourse, no way to defend our credibility.”

“Vimeo’s done great harm to American Family Association by limiting our free speech and basically targeting us based on our religious beliefs,” he added.

Vimeo’s actions, Wildmon explained, were “based on the Southern Poverty Law Center’s reckless labeling of AFA.” The far-left Southern Poverty Law Center had categorized AFA as a hate group.

The summary of AFA’s mission provided by the Southern Poverty Law Center on its [website](#) is rather harmless. The group “says it promotes ‘traditional moral values’ in media. A large part of that work involves ‘combating the homosexual agenda’ through various means, including publicizing companies that have pro-gay policies and organizing boycotts against them.”

AFA, on its own website, says “[t]he mission of American Family Association is to inform, equip, and activate individuals to strengthen the moral foundations of American culture and give aid to the church here and abroad in its task of fulfilling the Great Commission.”

Ed Vitagliano, executive vice president of AFA, said, "Vimeo has essentially characterized the Christian faith as 'hateful' because the Bible teaches that sex outside of marriage between a man and a woman is sinful. Yes, that includes homosexual activity."

"This has been Christian teaching for 2,000 years," he pointed out. "Vimeo's religious bigotry is appalling, and we reject the company's heavy-handed censorship."

Vimeo is not the only large company basing its decisions on campaigns of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

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