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Obama appointee lauded NAMBLA figure

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Kevin Jennings, President Obama's Assistant Deputy Secretary of the Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools at the U.S. Department of Education, is in hot water this week for having failed to report that a 15-year-old sophomore student in his school had told him of having sex with an older man.

But failure to report what appeared to be a case of statutory rape of a child may be the least of Jennings' worries. Lori Roman of Regular Folks United points to statements by Jennings a decade or more ago when he praised Harry Hay of the North American Association for Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA), which promotes the legalization of sexual abuse of young boys by older men.

Roman provides damning details and links [here](#). She also notes that Jennings wrote the forward "to a book called Queering Elementary Education. And another fellow you may have heard of wrote one of the endorsements on the book jacket—Bill Ayers." Ayers, of course, is the Weather Underground bomber from the 1960s who is just an "acquaintance" of Obama.

Every presidential administration ends up with scandals inspired by controversial appointees, but typically those tend to revolve around financial improprieties, conflicts of interest, or some other form of white-collar misconduct. For Obama, the scandals seem to be developing in a pattern of disclosures revolving around radical left ideology that raises questions about their fitness for any job in government.

And that in turn raises the inevitable question: Is nobody minding the White House personnel store?

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len hrca

Oct 1, 2009

i would venture to say that "obama's appointments reflect the content of the character of obama."...his judgment,decision making,intelligence,philosophy.....uva65



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Is the communist racist (who resigned, thanks to Glenn Beck) worse than a pedophile in charge of schools?

Mad Monica

Oct 1, 2009

Why do you think BO Boy is bypassing confirmation with this czar business. He's filling these spots with people who are being paid back for something and knows he can't get these cushy spots any other way. Man, I hate to say it, but I pray Chicago loses Friday. Then we'll REALLY see some mess. Imagine tryin' to pay back those crooks THEN!

Winston

Oct 1, 2009

Memo to Mark Tapscoff and other journalists who keep asking, "where was the White House vetting process regarding the appointment of (fill in the name)": The White House vets it's appointees to ensure they have the proper credentials to be a part of the Obama administration. Don't be a part of the problem. If it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck. They know who they want in their administration, wake up.

FriendlyNeighborhoodLibertarian

Oct 1, 2009

I'd like to casually point out that this is propoganda because it fails to cite sources, brings into question things that also have no real proof, and causes people to stop thinking for themselves.

Also, to Impeach a president is to find him guilty of a crime..... Impeaching Obama wouldn't really do anything because he 1. hasn't done anything illegal yet and 2. it wouldn't remove him from office.

Start looking at the facts before jumping to conclusions guys.

and if you take this as me being an obama supporter you are sadly mistaken.

Hope Can

Oct 1, 2009

More evidence of the inside out world of Obama. In Obama's world Michael Vick is more villified than a terrorist, abortionist or pedophile. All the while Barry is so narcissistic that he believes 75% of Muslim women would defy their faith and risk beheading just to make whoopee with him.

Ron

Oct 1, 2009

Read the source article, my libertarian friend. Not only are the sources cited, most of them are from the gay-lesbian movement itself, not right-wing websites. Hoisted by their own petard, I would say!

Old Soldier

Oct 1, 2009

WTF?

19D Cav Scout

Average Joe

Oct 1, 2009

You will know a man by the friends he keeps..Hmmm.....

Nope we can't count on

Oct 1, 2009

Well, well - he never heard Jeremiah Right's sermons, he never had personal contact with Bill Ayers, he never had dealings with Acorn, he never was mentored under people with radical agendas like Frank Marshall Davis, he never was ashamed of his white grandmother, and the laundry list of lies marches on. What is the next stunning revelation about our Manchurian candidate in chief?

Oct 1, 2009

You can't hardly separate homosexuals from subversives ... A man of low morality is a menace to the government, whatever he is, and they are all tied up together. --Senator Wherry in N.Y. Post, 1950

Have a look - http://foundsf.org/index.php?title=Mattachine:_Radical_Roots_of_the_Gay_Movement

It may come as a surprise that the gay movement not only began in the 1950s, but that its founders were former communists and radicals. Harry Hay, who wrote the first call for a gay movement in 1948, had been a party member for 20 years, active in labor organizing and cultural work. The fact that these organizers had already spent most of their lives outside the mainstream no doubt prepared them for the risks involved in forming a gay organization.

Oct 1, 2009

We Just "out" yourself now, Obama

Bemused

Oct 1, 2009

Ron - what source document? Perhaps I am misreading the article, but I saw no links to anything in this piece. Or as the wikinuts like to screech... [citation needed]

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this man needs to step down

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<http://www.c4strategies.com/ImpeachObama/impeachobamaacn2.html> You asked so provided Now GO there and sign on

FedUp*Oct 1, 2009*

This President needs to step down. Impeachment is called for here for several reasons. There has been unconstitutional acts by this President and yes FriendlyNeighborhoodLibertarian that is criminal. Also the reason The Libertarian Party has never done well is because they do not understand Constitutional Law.

pedro s*Oct 1, 2009*

Oh no, he wasn't in the pews on those days. Didn't you hear him? He knows nothing of any radicals, heard nothing of Acorn, and yet remains the most brilliant, articulate superstar Pres in history trying to save America and the world from nuclear economic and environmental catastrophe. Don't you dare oppose Him!

alexxxbon*Oct 1, 2009*

Hey folks looking for citations in the article above...This is an opinion piece. Not headline news. No proofs are required. If you want facts, they are readily findable on the web. Quit being so lazy.

Texasbelle*Oct 1, 2009*

Hey, aren't all the Democrats and liberals so down on the Catholic church for it's so-called "Pedophilia" priests? Yet they support NAMBLA and Roman Polanski? Guess that shows that their ire over the Catholic church really has nothing to do with any child sexual abuse by the priests, but is really about their being Christian and part of the church. If they weren't priests, their actions would be A-OK according to these people.

Terika*Oct 1, 2009*

Uhh.. hey, folks ...

brings back any other scandal??

Google Larry Sinclair sex Obama ...

Nambla Obambla???

At this point, I'm believing alot of unsavory things...

Terika*Oct 1, 2009*

to Texasbelle

That is part of the Alinsky plan ~

religion must go, because you need to tear people away from what they choose to worship and put their faith in and supplant it with what/whom YOU WANT THEM to worship/believe in ...

Christmas Carols at school are will be banned - again... but

Barack Hussein Obama mmm-mmm-mmm

will deck the halls with pre-school to

4th graders being the prey. "Give me the children"...the plea of mad men everywhere in history

RIO2016*Oct 1, 2009*

It's getting worse... he writes the forward for this book and bill ayers give his approval too :)


<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?pageId=77640>

Leah*Oct 1, 2009*

More folks need to start paying very close attention to the guy in the White House with the radical agenda. The friends he keeps close to him and his so called Czars are enough to scare the horns off the devil himself. His radical wife is no better. Pay attention people, THIS may be your future.

JoeCollins*Oct 1, 2009*

These czars, currently in the spotlight is Kevin Jennings, do not share the same moral values I hold.



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Rapper Lil Wayne will go on trial next March on felony drug possession and weapons charges he faces in Yuma County, Ariz. [Full story](#)

Something is wrong here . . .very wrong.

Maria Louisa

Oct 1, 2009

Such a great line - Thank you, Leah!

"...The friends he keeps close to him and his so called Czars are enough to scare the horns off the devil himself"...



Brownie

Oct 1, 2009

So what do all you Obama voters think now????

Todd

Oct 1, 2009

Well Obama's mentor was a pedophile, so it follows that he sees nothing wrong with this.

When are people going to realize they elected a monster?

Hobart

Oct 2, 2009

Mr. Obama, we judge you by who you surround yourself with. Your surroundings DISGUST us: left-wing liberals, insane pedophiles, conspiracists, radicals of the worst kind.

Given that either of these accusations about Assistant Deputy Secretary Jennings is true, he should be dismissed immediately.

Mr. Jennings could be facing civil or criminal charges for his unsociable, outrageous behavior.

And to think that Obama LIKES these kinds of people in high political positions????

It's getting near the time to discuss if Mr. Obama is qualified to act as president!

Faye

Oct 2, 2009

I still do not understand why NAMBLA is allowed to operate under the umbrella of the First Amendment, and yet at this very moment we have left wing radicals in the whitehouse working to undermine the rights of average Americans' every Constitutional right including the right to bare arms. WE NEED ARMS - BECAUSE THERE IS NAMBLA.

Hostile Knowledge

Oct 2, 2009

"Progressivism" at work. ACORN's complicity in helping pimps bring child sex slaves into this country AND have this activity supported by taxpayers is just one small layer of the perversion.

Mmm, mmm, mm!

Barack Hussein Obama
He said that all must lend a hand [?]
To make this country strong again
Mmm, mmm, mm!

Barack Hussein Obama
He said we must be clear today
Equal work means equal pay
Mmm, mmm, mm!

Barack Hussein Obama
He said that we must take a stand
To make sure everyone gets a chance
Mmm, mmm, mm!

Barack Hussein Obama
He said Red, Yellow, Black or White
All are equal in his sight
Mmm, mmm, mm!

Barack Hussein Obama
Yes
Mmm, mmm, mm!

Barack Hussein Obama

Clyde Beddoe

Oct 2, 2009

Let them come out. Let them relax. Let them show the world who they really are. The communists, radicals, left wing nut jobs are no different than they were a year ago.

But now they have removed the masks of who they really are. Many of them believe they have already won their revolution and now are quite open about their radical beliefs.

The real trouble is going to start when these radicals realize that the vast majority of American people oppose their ideals. The people voting for Hope and Change didn't know that hope meant the end of opportunity and change meant the end our Constitutional Republic. Most non-Kool-Aid drinking Obama voters played fill in the blank for what they wanted for Hope and Change. I just hope there's time enough to turn it around.

palmtree

Oct 2, 2009

Jennings said he was inspired by Harry Hay , not NAMBLA. Big difference. Your article talks about Hay NAMBLA as if they are one and the same, this is not true and is totally shoddy journalism. Lots of gay people would probably say they were inspired by Hay, even conservative ones, that doesn't mean they would agree with everything he ever said. He was an early gay rights figure so people on the left respect him for that.

Of course , those of you on the right tend to still hate gay people so what's the difference they're all molesters anyway right?

Vic

Oct 2, 2009

Third paragraph, first sentence, there is a red here. That's the link for the source materials.

Loriland

Oct 2, 2009

The little red "here" may not look like much, but it will take you to a substantial amount of information and linkage. I am not finished following all the links located there, but so far, it looks to be an adequate and accurate source.

Butch

Oct 2, 2009

You know me by the people I have around me.

Rachelfriend

Oct 2, 2009

FriendlyNeighborhoodLibertarian: there is a link to sources in the article. Not sure why you missed it.

The one thing you got right was the word "yet". President Obama better stop lying or he'll find himself impeached sooner or later.

Kevin Jennings needs to go. Today. Public school kids deserve better.

Newton42

Oct 2, 2009

Sadly, this discussion has missed the most obvious point, namely that homosexuality is a counterfeit for the real thing. Since when did we ever accept any counterfeit as an acceptable alternative for the real thing? The music industry is prosecuting "criminals" for counterfeit recordings, the movie industry is prosecuting "scam artists" for counterfeit videos, the world is awash with counterfeits of everything and most decry the outrage but when it comes to sex, oh well it must be alright because those on the left say it's OK to support NAMBLA, or to rape a 13 yr old girl after you get her drunk and drugged. Where is the shame, America? My HOPE and CHANGE is coming next November. I hope we can throw these radical, socialist, lying hypocrites out on their collective ears. Now that's HOPE and CHANGE I can believe in!

depaz

Oct 2, 2009

Note to palmtree: I'm a conservative who doesn't hate gays. Have lots of gay friends. And NONE of them are child molesters. When approached by the 15 year old in question, Mr. Jennings concern was "I hope you were smart enough to use a condom". I don't think that's typical "gay" behavior, but typical "pervert" behavior. There's a huge difference.

Get over yourself. . . .

Kim

Oct 2, 2009

I'm just surprised there are still racist psychos out there who would use terms like BO Boy for President Obama. What is wrong with you?

usafvet76

Oct 2, 2009

Is this any surprise this guy was "vetted" by that beast of woman Jarrett?

Who's the next appointee, Whoopie Goldberg?

usafvet76

Oct 2, 2009

POSTER Butch had a simple, yet great post. "You know me by the people I have around me."



Some Americans continue to ignore what was obvious when Obama's background came to light during the primaries.

Thankfully, many are finally catching on. His ego and need for attention surpasses our concerns about his friends and advisors.

Jack J Roth

Oct 2, 2009

There is a rumor that he not only supported NAMBLA but was an actual member. Stay tuned.

Oct 2, 2009

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Associations...

Oct 2, 2009

I have always believed you can tell the character of a person by those he/she surrounds them selfs with. Obama has surrounded himself with some of the most disgusting people and organizations possible. You only have to look at those around Obama to see who Obama really is.

kernelbob

Oct 2, 2009

You need to stop misreporting. The young man involved was 16, not 15 years old. Sixteen was the age of consent when this occurred. May be poor judgement, but not illegal. Get your facts straight. Your paper seems to generally have a problem with reporting news without error.

XrayEye

Oct 2, 2009

There is no right or wrong with these types Including kernelboob.Can we spell apologist for nambla?.I would think so.

Your semantic rant is indictative of a sick mind.

kernelbobhater

Oct 2, 2009

kernelbob is an idiot and sick! YOU freakin NAMBLA lover you! ANY MAN that has relations with any person under 18 needs to be shot in the head. They are preying on innocense and stealing the exact thing Obama supposedly stands for....equality for everyone.....is sticking your orgin in to a little person equal? Even if that kid did want it to happen, it is upto the ADULT to take care and not let it happen...even at school. I bet kernelbob is on the national sex offender list. Go back to your alcohol and quite using kernelbob as your name. It gives us military a bad name.

Deana

Oct 2, 2009

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE check out the Union Theological Seminary. Jennings is on the board of directors and I'm wondering how his new Washington job will help with their "mission". They are building an army of "preachers" that want to teach us and our children through the schools, churches and communities, about things like sexuality justice and reproductive justice (NOT KIDDING!). According to their beliefs EVERYONE, including minors, should have the right to be sexually free: premarital, multi partner, casual, experimental, minor/adult, etc. Abortion and contraceptives should be legal for ALL, no parental consent needed. They teach that Christians are evil. Read their mission, upcoming seminars and some of the student organizations. Even my twin brother, WHO IS A VERY LIBERAL GAY, thinks this guy is CREEPY! This guy isn't in Washington to "save" our schools, he's there to demoralize and "fundamentally transform" our children's thoughts.

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