



Lola McKissen [REDACTED]

Re: Incident Report

9 messages

Dave Koenig [REDACTED]

Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 8:18 PM

To: BriAnna McKissen [REDACTED]

BriAnna,

I received the email from NASPA that is attached below. I am sending you what I want to send to them, because I know it won't end well if I do. But it's what I really want to say. Not sure what to do.

Dave

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The Republican Party and the entire right wing disinformation ecosystem has been poisoning minds for decades now by getting people to believe blatantly false propaganda, such as the idea that AOC has a 30 IQ. There is no reasonable political debate to be had with people who say and believe things like this. They are an army of zombies who have already lost cognitive brain function, but unfortunately they can still vote.

Yet they are continuing to support and defend politicians who deny science, whose policies are causing a great number of Americans to die who would not do so with even semi-sensible and semi-competent leadership, who have cut away at health care so badly that America is a less safe place to be than any other developed country in the world. The current Republican leadership in the White House and Congress is so obviously corrupt and has so obviously broken the law in so many different ways, that it should be obvious to anyone with an ounce of objectivity that the President should have been removed from office by impeachment a long time ago. The fact that there are still people like Darrell Day who abhorrently defend him is literally a threat to the livelihood and safety of millions of Americans.

His words were a lot more dangerous than mine, and I'm not just talking about in that one conversation. They unjustly defended an obviously criminal and dangerous President and other corrupt Republicans. And he has been greatly uncivil in the way he has conducted these conversations, as evidenced by the fact that his disgusting attacks on AOC weren't even a response to anyone else. They were a conversation opener. He could influence others in the brainless zombie horde to vote for Trump and other Republicans in 2020. If Trump or any of those Congressional Republicans get reelected, it *will* result in an even greater number of unnecessary deaths than are happening already.

I believe that when people have dangerous ideas that threaten the safety of me and millions of others, when those people have abandoned all logic and truth, when they converse in a way that doesn't even have a pretense of civility or intelligent content, they do not deserve any kindness. Their voices need to be shut down and overridden and trampled upon, because they are dangerous.

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If I were to encounter Darrell Day in a place outside of a Scrabble tournament or club, then what happens between us is of no concern to NASPA. I still would not cause him physical harm, because I know that the law frowns upon that, and it is not worth getting myself into legal trouble on account of his sorry ass. However, I would consider the act of murdering him--or any other person who irrationally continues to support the current Republican White House administration and Congressional Republicans--to be completely morally justified. More lives would be saved by eliminating those who would cast votes causing so much more death.

That doesn't mean I'm going to do it myself. I'm not a murderer. I've never even hit another human being. But I believe it is justified. And I speak with the rhetorical intention of normalizing this attitude. I want more people to be enraged that this Republican administration is literally killing us. And that those who continue to support them are complicit in that violence. And if I can enrage enough other people that someone else kills people like Darrell Day, then I will consider that a good day.

I hope and pray that we will overcome the zombie horde and the ridiculous amount of voter suppression that the Republicans have committed to keep themselves entrenched in power, and that we will win the White House and both houses of Congress back from the Republicans on Election Day 2020. But what if we don't? What if the Republicans have already subverted our democratic systems so badly and the zombie horde which believes nothing but their propaganda is enough to keep them in power? We may soon get to a point where civil war is the only way we can rescue our country from these madmen. And if that happens, we may need to kill a lot of zombies to save our country. I see the rhetorical work that I am doing as mentally preparing people for that possibility.

On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 7:09 PM JOHN KARRIS [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello David:

The NASPA Tournament Committee has received the attached Incident Report from Darrell Day alleging that, on April 10, you violated the NASPA Code of Conduct by engaging in intimidation, threats and harassment in a Facebook post about politics. Although the post has since been deleted, the Committee has received a screenshot of the post, including the various replies. The Committee would like to hear your side of the story before it makes a decision about how to proceed with this matter.

Please send your reply directly to me and I will forward it to the Committee.

On behalf of the NASPA Tournament Committee,

John Karris

Incident Report----- Original Message -----

From: noreply@formstack.com

To: naspa-tourney@yahoogroups.com, bassett [REDACTED], heather [REDACTED], karris [REDACTED], gauthier [REDACTED], mad [REDACTED], judith [REDACTED]

Date: April 13, 2020 at 4:29 PM

Subject: Incident Report



Formstack Submission For: Incident Report
Submitted at 04/13/20 6:29 PM

Incident Report Form

Your Name: Darrell Day

Your NASPA ID: LM000167

Your Email Address: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: Apr 10, 2020

At what type of event did this incident occur?: Other: Facebook

What Code of Conduct violation(s) occurred?: Intimidation, Threats, and Harassment (Class 2.b.)

Who was involved in the incident? (List all accused offenders, victims, and witnesses. Include contact information for non-NASPA members): Dave Koenig

Please provide a detailed description of the incident:

On a Facebook post about politics by Cesar Del Solar, Dave Koenig became enraged and threatened to confront me at a Scrabble tournament. He then went further... Koenig made a death threat against me, threatening to "beat the shit out of me" and "smash my fucking skull."

Koenig's post was deleted by Cesar, so there's no screen shot of the post. Cesar Del Solar could confirm the post.

Most of us normally would ignore the rants of a psychopath on Facebook, but the fact that Koenig specifically threatened physical violence at a Scrabble tournament seems to have crossed the line into a threat that should be addressed by NASPA.

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BriAnna McKissen [REDACTED]
 To: Dave Koenig [REDACTED]

Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 8:46 PM

Didn't rewrite anything, just cut out everything not central to the point of this email. The rest of your truth is scary and off-topic and doesn't need to be here.

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BriAnna McKissen [REDACTED]

Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 8:47 PM

To: Dave Koenig [REDACTED]

I don't know why the formatting got weird. And feel free to call me back when you'd like. Happy to try to help as best I can.

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Dave Koenig [REDACTED]

Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 9:16 PM

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There are already many more unnecessary deaths in our country because of the terrible leadership of Trump and Congressional Republicans than there would be with any kind of sensible leadership that believed in and supported science and health care. If any of those leaders get re-elected in 2020, there would be an even greater number of unnecessary deaths because of it. If Darrell's words convince anyone to vote for those leaders and they do get re-elected, then he will have been complicit in those deaths.

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Sincerely,
David Koenig

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Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 9:31 PM

Dave Koenig [REDACTED]
To: JOHN KARRIS [REDACTED]
Bcc: brianna [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
David Koenig

P.S., Although I believe that NASPA should not be making any decisions on the basis of this conversation, I recognize that this has already required time and energy of you and other committee members at NASPA, and that it is uncomfortable. I am sorry that you and other NASPA committee members have to deal with it.

[Quoted text hidden]

BriAnna McKissen [REDACTED]

Fri, Dec 11, 2020 at 5:36 PM

To: Dave Koenig [REDACTED]

Just forwarding back to you. He said there was no screenshot because of the deletion. I'm not claiming whether or not you were intentionally hiding that, just I was caught off guard. His paraphrasing in the incident report really undersells it.

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Dave Koenig [REDACTED]

Fri, Dec 11, 2020 at 5:42 PM

To: BriAnna McKissen [REDACTED]

He said "Although the post has since been deleted, the Committee has received a screenshot of the post, including the various replies."

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BriAnna McKissen [REDACTED]

Fri, Dec 11, 2020 at 5:45 PM

To: Dave Koenig [REDACTED]

Gotcha. I did not get that screenshot however.

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9/8/22, 3:13 AM

Gmail - Re: Incident Report

Fri, Dec 11, 2020 at 5:51 PM

Dave Koenig

To: BriAnna McKissen

Neither did I.

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