

Gays Against Groomers: Newgon's AI-Enabled 1-Year Report on an extremist, Anti-Trans, Anti-MAP Hate Campaign

This month of June marks the 1-year anniversary of [Gays Against Groomers'](#) formation. [Newgon Organization](#)* has enlisted the help of an [AI Digital Assistant](#) to compile examples of hate and disinformation propagated via social media by the suspected gay-[assimilationist](#) media front-group (referred to as "GAG").

This report divides our AI Assistant's observations into three main categories. **Firstly**, examples of hate propagated by GAG [against LGB and Trans](#) people. **Secondly**, hate against more marginalized persons, primarily [Minor Attracted People](#) (MAPs), and self-identifying [paraphiles](#) is covered. **And thirdly**, we have identified concerning trends regarding the sometimes [unhinged](#) and libellous behaviour of GAG's "chapter" accounts.

1. Hate against Queer and Trans people:

- GAG founder, Jaimee Michell's previous associations with right-wing media have been well-documented, for instance, [on Wikipedia](#). A brief check of GAG's Twitter followers reveals identifiers such as "MAGA", "Patriot" and "Zionist" – labels we believe would be far-fetched for a genuine LGBT organization. For fairness, it should be pointed out these associations are not evidence of **extremism** per se. More evidence is needed.
- What is less often mentioned is how GAG attempt to [portray their opponents](#), i.e. Queer and Trans people as a danger to minors by [mobilizing the stigma of pedophilia](#) – something GAG refuse to acknowledge the [LGBT community publicly disavowed](#) as early as the mid-90s by [ejecting multiple pedophile and pederast members](#) from its [ILGA umbrella](#).

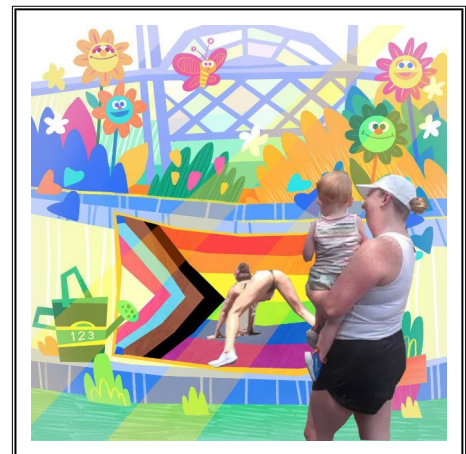


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- GAG have been accused by media of [playing a role in various violent acts](#), and being associated with far-right politics (also see our below section on “chapters”). [On December 19](#) in New York City, two members of GAG associated with the [Guardians of Divinity](#), Erica Sanchez and D’Anna Morgan, taunted and harassed the gay City Council member [Erik Bottcher](#), first at his office then at his home. The two vandalized his office and later broke into the lobby of Boettcher’s apartment and left anti-gay slurs graffitied on his sidewalk.
- GAG have used a video of a Gay Teacher, interpreting his agreement with some of their talking points as an admission that teaching sexuality and gender to children is “[not his place](#)”.
- In December 2022, [GAG retweeted footage](#) of Rep. [Katie Porter](#), which had been doctored to claim she supported pedophilia. Porter had spoken out against how Twitter had been used to falsely label people as pedophiles.
- In November 2022, following a characteristically insensitive [response](#) to the [Colorado Club Shooting](#) that [attempted to shift the blame](#), GAG were roundly mocked in their own blog comment threads, and forced to disable comment submission, while hiding existing comments.

2. Hate against [MAPs](#), [MAP supporters](#) and other highly marginalized (invalidated) groups, regardless of whether or not they are LGBT or [queer-identifying](#):

- Not only do GAG’s attempts at [muddying the waters](#) misrepresent LGBT people, they are also highly offensive to [Minor Attracted People](#). Contrary to [disinformation from GAG](#), and false claims that LGBT communities have [been infiltrated](#) or [hijacked](#) by MAPs and their sympathizers, the coinage of “MAP” was *itself* a response to ostracism from a [formerly accepting](#) gay liberation movement. It was also preferred because only a [minority of MAPs are pedophiles](#). At the time, there was a pressing need to stress that *attractions*, including pedophilia are not themselves the *acts* depicted in anti-pedophile media demonology pushed from the late 1970s onward. The psychological and psychiatric communities have [repeatedly confirmed](#) that [pedophilia](#) is to be seen as an orientation, i.e. a pattern of attraction to prepubescent children. Nonpedophilic MAPs stand in solidarity with pedophilic MAPs; something fringe gay activists such as GAG now appear unable to emulate with Trans people.
- GAG have [celebrated the early release](#) of a [pedophobic](#) sadistic murderer by Russian authorities, hinting at their own underlying extremism.
- GAG has even [attacked the head of a Child Protection charity](#) as a “groomer extraordinaire”, for expressing opinions they disapprove of – namely the [widely accepted idea](#) that children can be sexual. They had previously made [defamatory comments](#) describing the same charity as a “pedophile group”.



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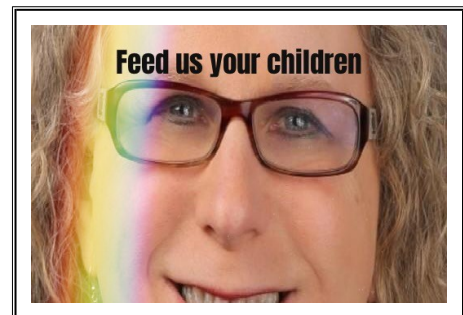
- Last year, GAG stooped so low as to engage in acts of political cannibalism by [attacking a teacher](#) who used the term “MAP” [sarcastically in class](#). This GAG-incited campaign of harassment and hysteria resulted in the teacher’s firing, yet was rated so deeply counter-factual that even *FOX News* refused to run the story, and the *Daily Mail* issued a de-facto [correction](#). This particular incident indicated to us that GAG were willing to attack their own people in the war against “unapproved language” – a harbinger of **extremist** ideology.



- In April 2023, GAG declared war on “pedophiles”, by leading with “[Pedo Lives Don't Matter](#)” in a social media graphic. They had earlier made repeated claims there exists a [conspiracy of power](#) to “normalize” pedophilia. This recent uptick in irresponsible and unhinged posts is exemplified by a [tweet](#) that approached Q-Anon numerology cultism in its absurdity. GAG attempted to link a series of liberal and LGBT initiatives with MAPs, by identifying the **Movement Advancement Project** among them - seizing upon their use of the “MAP” acronym.
- Later in April 2023, responding to a travel warning from Equality Florida, GAG issued a travel warning for “[pedophiles and groomers](#)”, using the [MAP Flag](#) in their social media graphic. Their warning, filled with familiar references to hand-picked culture-war enemies, confirmed their status as an **extremist organization** by ending with the words “if predators and groomers still choose to travel to Florida, please be aware that your crimes of abuse against children are now punishable by death”.

3. Unhinged behaviour of GAG “chapters”:

- If the main GAG account’s behaviour is testament to Michell’s personal brand of extremism, that of individual “[chapters](#)” demonstrates just how dangerous that extremism can become, when mentally-disturbed individuals are emboldened with the assumed authority of an “organization”.
- For example, GAG’s North Carolina leader, Brian Talbert, founded the far-right [Deplorable Pride](#), and is [accused by Media Matters](#) of “assaulting a woman during a pro-Trump rally his group had organized”.
- In one instance, a “chapter” account of GAG posted photographs of [Rachel Levine](#) alongside a [bizarre religious pedophile conspiracy theory](#), called for the [public registration](#) of those who support [consent-awareness](#) educators, and made a veiled call to shoot such people. The person who runs this “chapter” remains in post at the time of writing, even after [comparing trans activists to Nazis](#), and claiming that a child in a Pride shirt is “[a little bit worse](#)” than one in a Nazi shirt. It is worth noting that his group’s founder had earlier [compared](#) gender-affirming care to the [experiments on Auschwitz prisoners](#) by the Nazi **SS** doctor [Joseph Mengele](#).



- The South Carolina Chapter Leader was removed after it was belatedly exposed that he had been [photographed in a "satanic face mask"](#) next to the infamous "Podesta Pool" of [Pizzagate conspiracy](#) fame.

To conclude, organizations such as GAG, previous [vigilante](#)/anti-trafficking operations and [campaigns](#) against "[white slavery](#)" before them, have attempted to propagate reactionary, socially regressive politics and [purity culture](#) by posing as the protectors of "childhood" or some ethereal, unpillaged state of "[innocence](#)".

While these prized social institutions are themselves problematic (deserving a more thorough treatment) what has become most striking is the failure of recent efforts (see for example: [Predator Poachers](#), [Operation Underground Railroad](#)) to present as genuine protectors of young people's best interests.

Such initiatives, instead appeal to the basest impulses and thinly veiled extremist political concerns, failing to engage with youth participation, let alone youth liberation discourses. Thus, they reveal an essentially philistine tendency - namely, the protection and recapitulation of outdated and entrenched western moral norms, to the benefit of bad actors who seek to distract and divide societies with infinite prophecies of [civilizational failure](#).

Based on the evidence presented in this 1-year review, Newgon Organization has classified Gays Against Groomers as an **extremist, Anti-Trans, Anti-MAP Hate Campaign**.

*The founders of Newgon Organization were in 2007 the [first to utilize](#) the *exact* term *Minor Attracted Person*, and along with others, played a part in building the discourse.

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