



# THE **ANTI-LGBTQ** **AND ANTI-WORKER** CONNECTION IN THE NORTHWEST

## THE "FREEDOM" FOUNDATION

The "Freedom" Foundation has spent tens of millions of dollars on a failed campaign to try to undermine unions in the Northwest over the past 6 years. Their President Tom McCabe has stated on the record that his goal is to “bankrupt unions” on behalf of right-wing candidates and funders.

**A deeper look at their funders, allies, and staffers also reveals connections to an anti-LGBTQ agenda.**



**TOM MCCABE**  
*President*

## FUNDERS THE MURDOCK TRUST

Murdock has given millions to anti-LGBTQ and anti-worker groups including the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) and the Portland Fellowship, an Oregon-based conversion therapy provider.

## ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM

A hate group described by the Southern Poverty Law Center as “virulently anti-gay.” Backed North Carolina’s anti-transgender “bathroom bill” and supported the recriminalization of homosexuality in the U.S. Along with sharing funders, a number of "Freedom" Foundation staff have come from the ADF. Their founder once questioned whether AIDS was a way God punishes the LGBTQ community.

## ALLIES



**MIKE NEARMAN**  
*Former Oregon Director*

**Supported by the Oregon Family Council, a large anti-LGBTQ group in the state.** Opposed legalizing same-sex marriage and was one of the only legislators to oppose legislation that would update anti-trans language in OR Statute.



**LAURA INGRAHAM**  
*Key Note Speaker*

Uses her platform at Fox News to aggressively target the transgender community. **Compared LGBTQ rights to incest** and called medically necessary transition-related care for trans youth "child abuse."



**MIKE HUCKABEE**  
*Key Note Speaker*

A leading voice of the anti-LGBTQ agenda in the country. **Described LGBTQ equality as “the biggest threat” to America’s “moral fiber.”** Likened the legalization of same-sex marriage to the legalization of drugs, incest, and polygamy.



**SEN. JOHN BRAUN**  
*Legislative Ally*

Leader on anti-LGBTQ legislation in Washington state. **Voted against a bill that would make conversion therapy for minors illegal.**

## CORBAN UNIVERSITY

The "Freedom" Foundation has built a pipeline for new employees from the controversial, anti-LGBTQ Corban University in Salem, OR. **Corban, which also receives financial support from the Murdock Trust, asks LGBTQ students to remain celibate and endorses the practice of conversion therapy.**

President McCabe sent his son to school at Corban and today many "Freedom" Foundation Oregon staffers are alumni of this regressive institution, including CEO Aaron Withe, Policy Analyst Boaz Dillon, and Oregon Director Jason Dudash.



**AARON WITHE**  
*CEO*



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