

# DEBATE US, DON'T INVADE US

As an alternative to *Soulforce's* uninvited visit to the Patrick Henry College campus on April 12, the leadership of PHC offered, in good faith, to send a student delegation to a neutral site to formally debate *Soulforce* on topics of interest to both our organizations, i.e., “gay marriage” and the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

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Their answer? **NO!** *Soulforce* rejected the offer, opting instead to force its gay activist agenda on to our campus and students -- uninvited and unwelcome. Their decision reveals that *Soulforce* has no legitimate desire for intellectually responsible dialogue. Their sole aim,

as evidenced by their intrusive methods and tactics, is to embarrass and entangle their targets in a manipulative form of political theater. This is why the College has chosen not to cooperate with the *Soulforce Equality Ride* (see press release).

## HYPOCRISY EVIDENT TO ALL

***Equality Loudoun***, a local group that has allied itself with *Soulforce Equality Ride*, chides Patrick Henry College for refusing to allow *Soulforce* on to our campus to advocate against PHC's policies on sexual morality. Yet they themselves enforce identical restrictions on their website, which states:

*“This space belongs to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and allied community. We have zero interest... in “debating” people who believe that we don’t or shouldn’t exist. That is not what this space is for. It is our home, and Equality Loudoun will administer it accordingly. Abusive or fraudulent posts will simply be removed.”*

***Equality Loudoun*** refuses to allow their space to be used by those who oppose their views on homosexuality. Likewise, ***Patrick Henry College*** refuses to allow our campus to be used as a platform for those who reject biblical standards on homosexuality.

Our College has not asked *Equality Loudoun* or *Soulforce* to abandon their convictions or to become conservative organizations, yet they are demanding that we abandon some of the convictions that define *Patrick Henry College*. Moreover, they are apparently prepared to force their way onto our campus to back up their demand. The students and staff of *Patrick Henry College* are not imposing their views upon their organizations; they should not impose themselves uninvited upon our College.

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This is not dialogue, it is manipulation and intimidation. We respect *Equality Loudoun's* and *Soulforce's* right to manage their organizations and websites however they choose. Yet they *refuse* to respect our right to direct our campus according to our biblical standards and convictions.

The bottom line: *Soulforce* practices intimidation and political theater; PHC welcomes responsible dialogue but does not submit to coercion.

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