



I have said before that Pride Parade NYC does not want to hear about this subject –about “Foreskin Pride” floats being immoral—even if it ultimately rests on the same structure Pride Parade is built upon. “Foreskin Pride” floats injected into Pride Parade NYC by “Intact America” and other organizations and groups impose discriminatory obstacles and harms to those who attend, as well as directly violate what Pride Parade claims to represent. [In my Pride Parade NYC petition](#) I equate the notions of “straight pride” and “white pride” with “foreskin pride” to accentuate the difference between free speech and hate speech, as well as illustrate a double-standard. [In another petition](#) I confront the organization behind “foreskin pride” for its immoral behavior and propaganda. If any of this seems odd to you, you should read those petitions and view all their respective links.

As an event which "[works toward a future without discrimination](#)", it was brutally ironic, after two years of attempted and ignored contact, for a Pride Parade representative who had claimed to have read the petition to immediately dismiss the noted accounts of hate speech as "free speech" or their potential consequence as "political disagreement", without any regard for the substantiation that they did not classify as such. People behind Pride Parade NYC should be least likely to trivialize any form of possible discrimination, and should be not only willing, but eager to learn about other forms of discrimination. All their ideals rely entirely on the notion that hatred should not be treated as mere opinion or absolved by free speech alone, but treated as a palpable harm that it should be taken very seriously.

Hello again! In the interested of efficiency, is there anyone else in the Pride staff related to the March / floats I can contact?

Thanks for messaging NYC Pride! We try to be as responsive as possible. We'll get back to you shortly. To learn more about us, check out nycpride.org for all of the details.

THU 4:33PM

Hello Thomas,

Thank you for bringing your concern to us. I've read your petition, and am able to provide you with a response.

The NYC Pride March is open to any group that wishes to register and follow our procedures. While some Prides have restrictions on who can and cannot march in their event, it's an important value of ours that we do not restrict free speech in the context of the NYC Pride March. This means that there will always be groups in the March that some spectators might have political disagreements with.

While we appreciate your spirit of activism, we will not be removing any groups from the NYC Pride March this year.

Good luck to you in your work.

Kind Regards,
James Fallarino
Media Director
NYC Pride

register and follow our procedures. While some Prides have restrictions on who can and cannot march in their event, it's an important value of ours that we do not restrict free speech in the context of the NYC Pride March. This means that there will always be groups in the March that some spectators might have political disagreements with.

While we appreciate your spirit of activism, we will not be removing any groups from the NYC Pride March this year.

Good luck to you in your work.

Kind Regards,
James Fallarino
Media Director
NYC Pride

You haven't addressed the instances of hate speech on the part of the organization which powers the floats. Why, then, are certain forms of hate speech welcomed in NYC Pride, but not others?

In other words, the premise of my argument is that the behavior of the organization responsible for the float classifies as something other than free speech. I make this very clear in both petitions, if you have truly read and not just skimmed them.

Will anyone address it in the context of hate speech / demeaning language instead of just dismissing it under the euphemism of free speech?

Yet here they are, turning their backs on a well-articulated case relating to discrimination in their events - their "[LGBT Pride events that inspire, educate, commemorate and celebrate our diverse community](#)" - and using generic rhetoric to shut it down, generic rhetoric they have probably contended with all their lives.

Why is this? Why would egalitarian folk so blatantly turn the other cheek when they claim to have the backs of those who are oppressed, shamed, bullied, wronged, or hated? Why would people who supposedly have suffered all their

lives by the hand of this very ability to enable hatred, enable it?

Bias. Passive-aggression. Hypocrisy. You name it. It runs deep--not that I couldn't tell upon seeing a giant float from a rabid body-shaming organization sailing through the 'Pride' Parade March, of course.

For whatever reason, their consensus seems to be that regardless of how immoral the organization behind these floats in their Parade is, it has a rightful presence in the march; a free pass; a free pass these multi-racial people would never provide a racist organization with ulterior motives; a free pass these gay people would never provide a homophobic organization with ulterior motives. These people would never provide a free pass to hatred which happened to apply to themselves.

But what if there was a form of hatred which, in fact, did not apply to them? This would require their discretion to use integrity rather than personal affiliation or bias. It would mean Pride Parade would have to use empathy to recognize something as harmful to other groups, and it would be a sufficient test as to how consistent their value system is.

Are racially diverse, LGBT individuals fighting for racial and LGBT equality in the pursuit of a "future without discrimination", or are racially diverse, LGBT individuals fighting for racial and LGBT equality with *themselves* only in mind?

I'd say it's a critical question indeed, because it took these 'pro-equality' individuals about 2 years to respond at all to an argument from an 18 year-old about a form of discrimination which does not apply to them but thrives in their setting, and a total of 1 day for the Media Director to disregard it. Later, March Director *Julian Sanjivan* warped the intent of my petitions and made a diversion by accusing me of body-shaming men who are not circumcised, when the very premise of my activism is the exact opposite: to help discourage body shaming to the minority of men that it circumcised men, and body shaming overall. He uses the euphemism of "free speech" to describe harmful propaganda which, if in the context of a different minority, would be regarded differently, and blatantly victimizes a majority of people when the point is that a minority is being discriminated against. In fact, he gladly *supports* "Intact America"—if you read the petitions, you'll find that this organization as well as the individuals it pays tribute to and use an example, are abusive and discriminatory. There is little reason for a Pride March Director or anyone affiliated with Pride to support this sort of behavior unless personal biases or corruption are at play.

To reply, forward or delete this message, please close this window and use the corresponding buttons above the message list

From: "thomas howard" <[redacted]>
To: julian@nycpride.org
Date: 06/06/2017 01:16:20 PM
Subject: **Float Inquiry to March Director**

Dear Julian,

Good day.

My name is Thomas Howard. I was provided this contact by the NYC Pride facebook page, and told it was best to bring this matter to you, as you are the March Director. When you have a moment, please consider what I have to say.

I have been trying to reach Pride about this matter for a number of years now--I'm not sure if you have been privy or not.

To be succinct (I make an extensive case elsewhere and will link you), I have strong reason to believe that certain floats in the Pride Parade March are derogatory, shameful, or harmful towards men who attend Pride Parade, and I believe these floats can be equated with "Straight Pride" or "Black Pride" gestures, which are rightfully viewed as discriminatory. I make this observation because I stand up for other communities or minorities, regardless of the traits I personally have. Regardless of being a Caucasian male, for example, I am obligated to support racial and gender equality. So I am hoping, despite any possible differences in physical disposition we all might have, you can see that I make a very critical point on this matter, and that just because we might have one body type, and take Pride in it, doesn't mean we are justified in shaming other body types, or advocating for the propaganda or organizations which do, in a very overt manner.

Here's a link to one petition I made, discussing an organization which has a float in your March: <https://www.change.org/p/facebook-recognize-extremely-dangerous-hate-speech> . (I recommend reading the comments posted by those who signed as well).

Here's a link to the petition I made specifically about Pride Parade, these floats, and how a double-standard is at play: <https://www.change.org/p/pride-parade-nyc-straight-white-foreskin-pride-help-pride-parade-see-the-wrong-in-foreskin-floats>

I'm hoping Pride Parade will be able to prove that it truly stands behind those who are bullied for being globally different.

Looking forward to your response,

Tom

Thomas Bernard Howard
Visual Artist - Writer - Musician - Model
NY, NY, 10065
516-724-0596
<http://tbhwritingpencil.com/>
ThomasBHoward@tbhwritingpencil.com

On Tue, Jun 13, 2017 at 06:45 AM, Julian Sanjivan wrote:

Hi Thomas,

Thanks for the email. Again, I do apologize for my late reply.

After reading the petitions, links and comments, I can conclude that you do not want Intact America to participate in the march. If I understood you correctly, you associate their work with hate speech and bullying. If this is correct, have you ever considered that some may view your petitions as:

- 1) Indirectly targeting men who are uncircumcised and causing them to feel conscious of their own bodies. It could even be viewed as body shaming by some. You may not directly imply this but it can be viewed that way by some and they are entitled to their opinions.
- 2) Trying to shut down the freedom of speech of another organization that represents the voice of men who could easily feel discriminated against for being comfortable with the way they were born.

As much as I understand where you are coming from and I respect your point of view, I also respect Intact America's stand on what they believe for. We have always supported freedom of speech during our march. A good example is when [Bill Donohue](#) wanted to march with us. He was surprised that we said yes despite his messaging!

Thomas, my suggestion to you is to rally a team to march for what you believe in. If you feel that strongly for your course, express it at the march. I'd be happy to provide you that opportunity even though we have closed our registrations. Let me know if you want to.

Best,
Julian Sanjivan
Pride March Director
Preferred pronouns: He, Him, His

NYC Pride | Heritage of Pride, Inc.
154 Christopher St., Suite 1D
New York, NY 10014
T: [212-807-7433](tel:212-807-7433)
C: [917-436-7148](tel:917-436-7148)
F: [212-807-7436](tel:212-807-7436)
E: julian@nycpride.org
www.nycpride.org

To reply, forward or delete this message, please close this window and use the corresponding buttons above the message list

From: "thomas howard" <[REDACTED]>
To: "Julian Sanjivan" <julian@nycpride.org>
Date: 06/13/2017 10:53:16 AM
Subject: Re: Float Inquiry to March Director

Julian,

It is correct to draw from the petitions, that I do not support "Intact America" advertising in Pride Parade, because there is a large volume of evidence and documentation showing they have bullying tendencies and also explicitly, publicly support bullying, prejudiced and discriminatory people.

Addressing your remarks:

1) Julian, there should be no reason to believe from the petitions that I condone any form of body-shaming, and there is really no palpable way my efforts could be so grossly misconstrued unless bias or the intent to warp my efforts / justify the actions of "Intact America" were involved. I find it very disappointing that you're able to be so closed-minded in this way, so as to try and turn the body-shaming AROUND when the instances of body-shaming towards circumcised men are well expressed and cited in the context of both the anti - "Intact America" petition, and the Pride NYC petition. To be perfectly clear, this is like a white man trying to dismantle the subject of racism or sexism by nit-picking. Yes, everyone is entitled to their opinions-- racist and homophobic white men and "straight pride" and "white pride" are considered acceptable by some. This does not mean mere opinion can dictate what the petitions actually mean, especially as I clarify.

Do you have any idea what kind of social abuse circumcised men face, by any chance? It's highlighted in both petitions, in screenshots and quotes, so I find it odd that you missed all of that. Have you ever been called "mutilated", "botched", "broken", "half-dick", "sexually inadequate", "sexually inferior" (those are tame examples), or have people generalize and assume as to what you feel, how you feel it, how you perform, how satisfied you are? Have you witnessed organizations and the extremist groups and individuals they fuel trying to establish that you are both mentally and physically crippled for having one small part of the body modified? Have you ever been associated with serial killers and had attributions of violence made towards you for this reason? Have you ever been mocked and taunted by the media and treated as a sob-story for this reason?

The answer is no.

2) I have argued in the petitions themselves why distinguishing freedom of speech from slander, defamation of character, hate speech, and bullying, is not a violation of or an attempt at suppressing free speech. If you had truly read, you would see that this accusation, that I am trying to "shut down" free speech, does not make any sense, just like the former one. You also have to recognize that circumcised men are discriminated against MORE for how they are. Like it or not, but the fact is circumcised men are the globally minority and uncircumcised men are the majority, and it has always been that way. Again, this is nit-picking or making a diversion or excuse instead of addressing what is very prevalent hate speech towards circumcised men.

I'm quite devastated, and insulted, that you would be so willing to try and warp / dismiss my case with the very reports and concerns that I have. Most of what you said here is very ignorant, Julian, and I've been dealing with people turning the other cheek on this matter for the same reason for too long in my young life. Just because you have a certain kind of body, and want to empower those who also have it, does not mean "Intact America" and similar organizations are absolved of how they treat, shame, degrade, berate, taunt, ridicule, target, bully and discriminate against circumcised men to depression or suicide, their mothers to postpartum depression, and how they defame and slander doctors out of business.

I feel you stand by that organization just because they celebrate your body type, not because you are concerned about discrimination of any kind, and I also believe you would rather see the spiteful behavior towards circumcised men continue for this reason.

You know very well that I don't have the resources to participate in The March to a notable extent, and you also know very well that a counter-float wouldn't make any sense in Pride.

I do not feel you support me, my positive intentions, or my community at this juncture, but I am going to give you a call soon because I feel that maybe you would truly understand where I'm coming from if the barrier of text wasn't present.

Thomas Bernard Howard
Visual Artist - Writer - Musician - Model
NY, NY, 10065
516-724-0596
<http://tbhwritingpencil.com/>
ThomasBHoward@tbhwritingpencil.com

On Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 12:51 PM, Julian Sanjivan wrote:

Hi Thomas,

Thank you for your reply and I do apologize that you feel that way.

I am happy to waive your fee if you want to just march (without a float or vehicle). A lot of groups just march and carry banners. Most do not have a float or a vehicle. If you are interested, please let me know.

Have a great day and happy Pride!

Thank you!

Julian Sanjivan
Pride March Director
Preferred pronouns: He, Him, His

NYC Pride | Heritage of Pride, Inc.
154 Christopher St., Suite 1D
New York, NY 10014
T: 212-807-7433
C: 917-436-7148
F: 212-807-7436
E: julian@nycpride.org
www.nycpride.org

To reply, forward or delete this message, please close this window and use the corresponding buttons above the message list

From: "thomas howard" <[redacted]>
To: "Julian Sanjivan" <julian@nycpride.org>
Date: 06/14/2017 07:07:00 PM
Subject: Re: Float Inquiry to March Director

Julian,

This is my last email to you and I suggest you read mindfully.

I find your ability to ignore such a large volume of discourse to be disturbing, as you are someone who I would expect more from, being partially responsible for the largest Pride march in the world, and it is for this reason that I have decided to try and take up this discussion with other Pride NYC organizers. Email pleasantries do not get you very far when you stand behind organizations that are abusive and you outwardly refuse to consider the evidence of this. Actions speak louder than words.

As long as you believe racism, sexism, and homophobia are bad, then you are hypocritical to turn the other cheek on a minority of men being shamed in Pride March. It is also futile for me to "express" myself in a corrupt, insincere forum. The "expression" in your Pride Parade March, Julian, is false. One is fully committed to social justice and equal rights, or has no clue what either of those mean. Unfortunately, it is become apparent that it is the latter in your case.

And you're going to have to be content with your sentiments of "Happy Pride" being synonymous with prejudice and other destructive attitudes. If you are in fact content with this, then your response and ability to celebrate makes perfect sense.

So to you, I say:

Have a great day and Happy Body Shaming Men To Suicide. This is, after all, what makes you happy, as you have successfully expressed to me, and **I will use your clear refusal to properly address my case to my advantage, and encourage people to pursue what is your and Pride Parade NYC's corruption to the full extent of their ability.**

If it ever becomes possible that I can pursue this as an act of **hate speech** or worse, and **persecute those responsible to the full extent of the law**, including those who allowed it to be in an event like Pride Parade where people who are statistically more likely to attempt suicide at some point in their lives congregate annually, I absolutely will, and I will use our correspondence to my advantage.

Thank you,

Thomas Bernard Howard
Visual Artist - Writer - Musician - Model
NY, NY, 10065
516-724-0596
http://tbhwritingpencil.com/
ThomasBHoward@tbhwritingpencil.com

And on the topic of "trying to shut down freedom of speech", the NYC Pride Instagram account (Instagram.com/NYCPride) blatantly *CENSORED* my civil criticisms, not one, but two, not *three*, but *FOUR TIMES*:

The screenshot shows an Instagram post from the account 'nycpride'. The main image is a person in a rainbow bodysuit and red skirt standing next to a purple sign that says "Keep Love Fresh." and "forege promoting genital integrity through regenerative medicine". The Instagram interface shows the post has 244 likes and was posted 5 hours ago. Several comments are visible, some of which have been censored with an 'X' mark.

Comments visible in the screenshot:

- capemayrainbowmosaics 🌈
- altrnbdeephouse Check out my pride video
- I3behind Foregen is an exploitative business with no palpable outcomes that exploits circumcised men and causes them to fork over money. (Censored)
- I3behind And this not-so-subtle name drop is not the only area passive-aggressive body shaming (implying certain men are "complete" but not others) exists in the March, as of the last 7 years. If there were business trying to impose similar things on racial or sexual orientation grounds, this would never be tolerated. (Censored)



nycpride Follow

nycpride Spotted: @jet's Queens looking fresh! 🍑🍌🍌 #KeepLoveFresh
 capemayrainbowmosaics 🍌
 altrmbdeephouse Check out my pride video

406 likes
 1 DAY AGO

Add a comment...

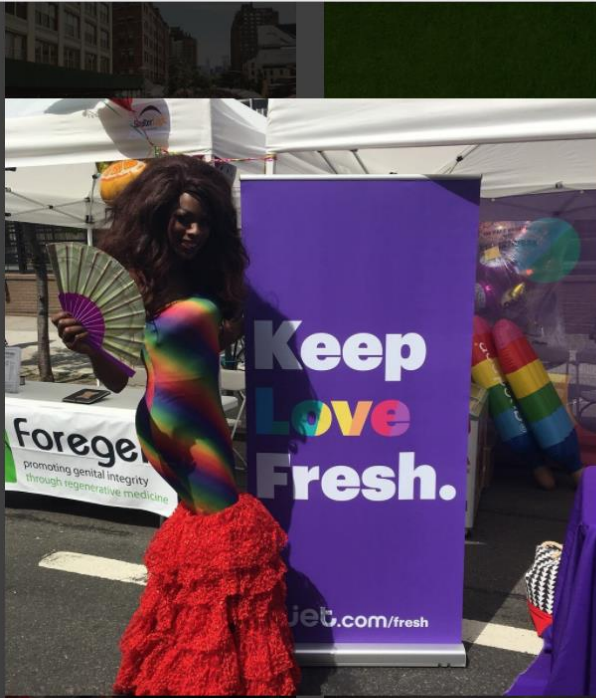


nycpride Follow

Behind I have screenshotted your censorship of my comments. Extremely disturbing coming from people who claim to advocate for free speech. Here were my comments you deleted:
 "Foregen" is an exploitative and borderline on fraudulent business with no palpable outcomes that manipulates circumcised men (imposing that they are incomplete, when that is both morally and scientifically wrong) and causes them to fork over money.
 This not-so-subtle name-drop of "Foregen" is not the only area passive-aggressive body-shaming and discrimination exist in the March, as of the last 7 years when "Intact America" began using it as another forum to shame and psychologically harm men. If there were organizations and business trying to impose similar things in a racial or sexual orientation context, they

406 likes
 1 DAY AGO

Add a comment...



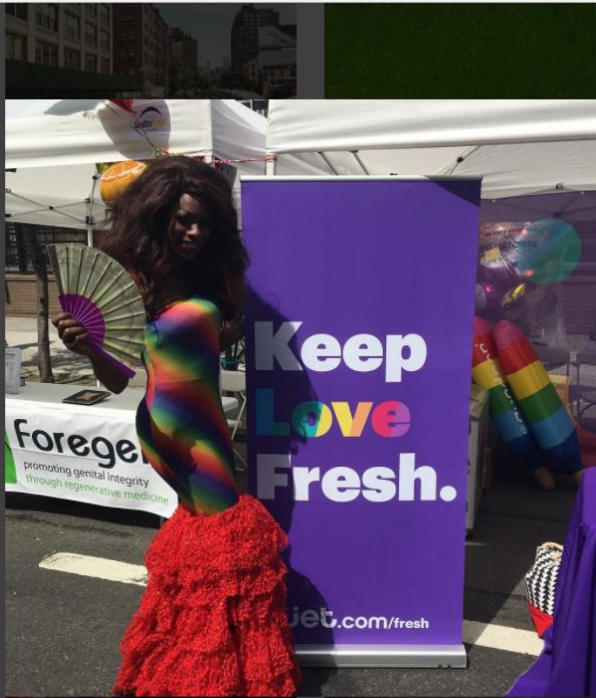
nycpride [Follow](#)

nycpride Spotted: @jet's Queens looking fresh! 🍌🍌🍌 #KeepLoveFresh
capemayrainbowmosaics 🤔
altrnbdeephhouse Check out my pride video

420 likes

JUNE 25

Add a comment...



nycpride [Follow](#)

nycpride Spotted: @jet's Queens looking fresh! 🍌🍌🍌 #KeepLoveFresh
capemayrainbowmosaics 🤔
altrnbdeephhouse Check out my pride video

I3hind This is the second time you have censored my freedom of speech. Again, incredibly disturbing and this is all being documented with screenshots. Here was my previous comment, which you again deleted:
"I have screenshotted your censorship of my comments. Extremely disturbing coming from people who claim to protect free speech. Here were my comments you deleted:
'Foregen' is an exploitative and borderline on fraudulent business that misleads its target audience (imposing that circumsised

420 likes

JUNE 25

Add a comment...



nycpride

Follow

'Foregen' is an exploitative and borderline on fraudulent business that misleads its target audience (imposing that circumcised men are 'imcomplete' when that is both morally and scientifically fallacious) and charges them for what is ultimately impossible and illogical. This not-so-subtle plug of 'Foregen' is not the only area passive-aggression body shaming and discrimination exist in the Pride March, as of the last 7 years when 'Intact America' began using it as another platform for shaming and psychologically harming men. If there were organizations or business trying to impose similar notion in a racial, sexual-orientation or gender context, they would NEVER be tolerated in the Pride March or in Pride Fest. This is corrupt and people will talk about it more and more."

420 likes

JUNE 25

Add a comment...



nycpride

Follow

nycpride Spotted: @jet's Queens looking fresh! 🌈👏 #KeepLoveFresh capemayrainbowmosaics 😊 altrnbdeephouse Check out my pride video

420 likes

JUNE 25

Add a comment...



nycpride

Follow

nycpride Spotted: @jet's Queens looking fresh! 🍌🍌🍌 #KeepLoveFresh

capemayrainbowmosaics 🤔

altrnbdeephouse Check out my pride video

Ibehind This is the third time you have censored my freedom of speech. Again, incredibly disturbing and this is all being documented with screenshots. <https://www.docdroid.net/tY87U1c/pride-parade-discriminates.pdf>

Here was my previous comment, which you again deleted:

"I have screenshotted your censorship of my comments. Extremely disturbing coming from people who claim to protect free speech.



420 likes

JUNE 25

Add a comment...



nycpride

Follow

'Foregen' is an exploitative and borderline on fraudulent business that misleads its target audience (imposing that circumcised men are 'imcomplete' when that is both morally and scientifically fallacious) and charges them for what is ultimately impossible and illogical.

This not-so-subtle plug of 'Foregen' is not the only area passive-aggression body shaming and discrimination exist in the Pride March, as of the last 7 years when 'Intact America' began using it as another platform for shaming and psychologically harming men.

If there were organizations or business trying to impose similar notion in a racial, sexual-orientation or gender context, they would NEVER be tolerated in the Pride March or in Pride Fest. This is corrupt and



420 likes

JUNE 25

Add a comment...



nycpride [Follow](#)

nycpride Spotted: @jet's Queens looking fresh! 🍓🍌🍌 #KeepLoveFresh
capemayrainbowmosaics 😊
altrnbdeephouse Check out my pride video

420 likes

JUNE 25

Add a comment...



nycpride [Follow](#)

nycpride Spotted: @jet's Queens looking fresh! 🍓🍌🍌 #KeepLoveFresh
capemayrainbowmosaics 😊
altrnbdeephouse Check out my pride video

Ibehind This is the FOURTH time you have censored my freedom of speech (it is all been recorded and used against you). Again, incredibly disturbing and this is all being documented with screenshots.

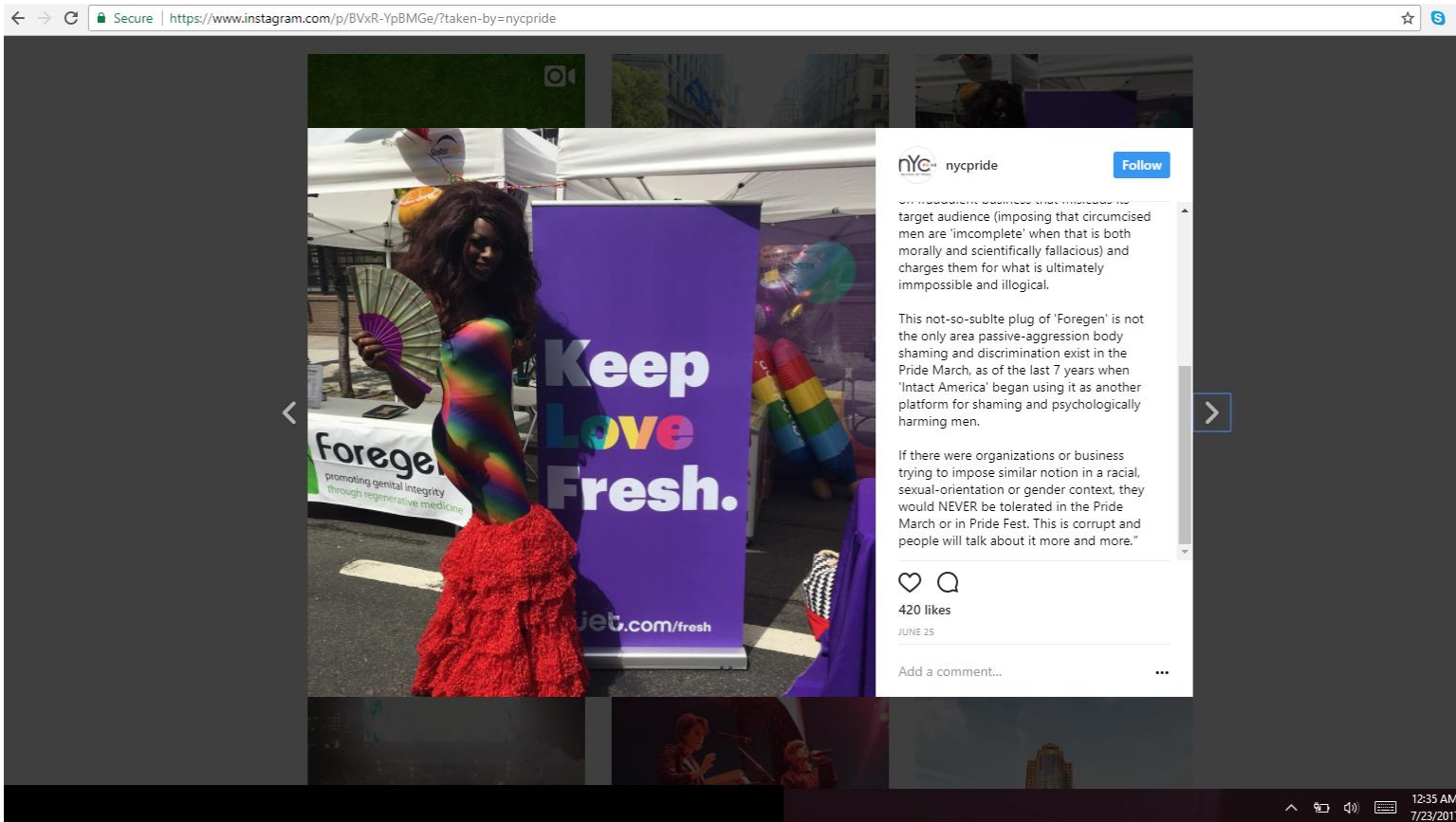
Here was my previous comment, which you again deleted:

"Foregen' is an exploitative and borderline on fraudulent business that misleads its target audience (imposing that circumcised men are 'imcomplete' when that is both morally and scientifically fallacious) and

420 likes

JUNE 25

Add a comment...



...Wow. Who knew constructive criticism and sound, peaceful arguments were such a threat to 'equal rights'? Who knew people who "refused to be silenced" got off so blatantly from attempting to silence others?

Meanwhile, they emphatically ignore all attempts of verbal contact:

- [Conversation with Pride March staff member](#)
- [Voicemail to Chris Frederick, Managing Director](#)
- [Voicemail to Amanda Younger, Event Manager](#)
- [Voicemail to David Correa, Event Manager](#)
- [Voicemail to Eboni Munn, Communications Manager](#)
- [Voicemail to Britton Hog, Director of Operations](#)

- [Second Voicemail to Eboni Munn, Communications Manager](#)
- [Second Voicemail to Britton Hog, Director of Operations](#)
- [Second Voicemail to Amanda Younger, Event Manager](#)
- [Second Voicemail to Chris Fredrick, Managing Director](#)

Here's what's certain, though. Whether their morals have a shred of consistency, or are as confused as their precocious color palette, this petition and my efforts succeed either way. I never once thought my qualms would magically impel people to revoke an organization's privileges, or even to cause them to contemplate their own hypocrisy. If those behind the Pride Parade NYC March were all balanced and selfless enough to do so, this mostly likely would have never even been an issue to begin with. I *knew* bias would get in the way.

My goal was to raise awareness. This topic is young—so am I—and I'm one of if not the first to really drive it in the context of Pride Parade. It will only cause others, perhaps who are more notable, and perhaps were afraid, to drive it as well. I have reached and will continue to reach those who are affected by this form of discrimination—mothers who are

bullied into postpartum depression, men who are body-shamed into clinical depression and sometimes suicide, doctors who are slandered and defamed—no matter how dense, stubborn, selfish, and utterly incorrigible certain people are. Eventually there will come a time when those who stand up for what's right will no longer stand alone, and cowardly stone walls will not keep them at bay.

"Intact America", more aptly referred to as "Detract America", is a Parasite, not any true "Pride" affiliate, and "Pride" Parade NYC is confused, and in need of some help.

"We need to stop questioning the motives of those whose aim it is to make all circumcisers feel bad." -Executive Director
"The worst thing about circumcision is that it creates circumcisers." -Jeffrey Wood, recognized by Detract America



works to ensure an unhealthy future for some people