

Meet MoveOn.org: The New KKK

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Meet [MoveOn.org](#). The new Ku Klux Klan. The newest leftist incarnation of that old leftist formula that combines racism with violence to push the progressive agenda.

The American Left has a horrendous history of flat out racism and bigotry, liberally salted with violence. From the 19th and early 20th century Klan, on to the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and the Weather Underground of the 1960s and early 1970s, on to today's Occupy Wall Street and Black Lives Matter, the Violent Left has trucked in racism or violence or both. The common thread being the goal of shutting down opponents when not terrorizing them into silence.

The [MoveOn.org](#)-organized events in Chicago at the now-canceled Trump rally, not to mention the attempt by a Bernie Sanders supporter to rush the stage at a Trump rally and forcibly deny The Donald his First Amendment right to free speech, if not physically assault him, has only underscored the point that MoveOn has now become the latest successor to this mantle of racism plus violence.

But first, let's start with the Ohio attacker. Over [here](#) at the *Powerline* blog John Hinderaker has a superb piece on "Who Attacked Donald Trump?" It reads in part:

The man was identified as Thomas ("Tommy") DiMassimo. He is a leftist, of course. Early on, the Trump camp suggested that he could be an ISIS sympathizer, based on a video of DiMassimo and others stepping on and otherwise demeaning the American flag, accompanied by images of the ISIS flag and by Arabic chanting. While the video was real, and was posted by DiMassimo on YouTube, the added Arabic/ISIS elements were a hoax.

Still, it is worth pausing — briefly — to consider who DiMassimo is, as he enjoys his moment in the spotlight. Based on what I have seen, Tommy DiMassimo is arguably the paradigmatic liberal of our time.

Hinderaker goes on to point out that DiMassimo has an almost stereotypical leftist profile. He is an acting major at Wright University, parents a teacher and Atlanta city bureaucrat, and has (make that had — it has now vanished) a Facebook page that was, according to Hinderaker, filled with DiMassimo's expressions of hate for America.

Released from jail after his attempted assault on Trump, DiMassimo tweeted out a picture of himself sticking his tongue out, middle finger upraised, with the caption “F–k you bitch @realDonaldTrump.”

Make no mistake. This Bernie Sanders supporter is absolutely typical of the American Left. From the thuggish behavior, the pre-disposition to violence and racism not to mention the sense of moral and intellectual superiority, not a thing here is new. From Occupy Wall Street to Black Lives Matter, from the riots in Ferguson and Baltimore to the physical confrontation in Wisconsin between Governor Scott Walker and labor unions and on back through time to the 1968 Democratic Convention, the Weather Underground, the Black Panthers, Students for a Democratic Society, the violent takeover of Columbia University in 1968, the Kent State riot in 1970 and much much more reaching all the way back to the Klan, the Tommy DiMassimos of the world have been with America for a very, very long time.

Then there’s the racism, the outright appeals to Americans based on race. The objective right from the get-go creation of the Democratic Party was to tie the leftist agenda of the moment to race. It could be slaveowners in 1800, Klan leaders from the 1860s forward all the way down through Occupy Wall Street and Black Lives Matter today. Which brings us to [MoveOn.org](#).

As John Gibson from Fox radio has noted [here](#):

What we saw in Chicago was a left wing, [Moveon.Org](#), [Sanders supporters orchestrated](#) anti Trump protest turned riot. There is no other sane way to look at it. MoveOn took credit. it had been organizing to shut down the Trump event for weeks, it enlisted Black Lives Matter activists. Disrupting and confronting Trump supporters was what they intended to do, what they planned to do, and it is [exactly what they did](#).

Note well one of the links John provided — this one to [this MSNBC story](#). It reads in part as follows:

How Bernie Sanders supporters shut down a Donald Trump rally in Chicago

When Ja’Mal Green, a prominent black activist and Bernie Sanders supporter in Chicago, saw that Donald Trump was coming to the University of Illinois Chicago, he knew what he had to do. “Everyone, get your tickets to this. We’re all going in!!!! #SHUTITDOWN,” he posted on Facebook last week.

Little did he know they actually would shut it down.

Friday night, hundreds of protesters invaded Trump’s rally while thousands more marched outside, leading the candidate to abruptly cancel the event due to safety concerns. The night spun out from there, as angry Trump fans clashed with protesters, who saw the shutdown as a victory.

Protesters interrupt virtually every Trump speech. But what made Chicago different was its scale and the organization behind the effort. Hundreds of young, largely black and brown people poured in from across the city, taking over whole sections of the arena and bracing for trouble.

And as the repeated chants of “Ber-nie” demonstrated, it was largely organized by supporters of Bernie Sanders, the Democratic presidential candidate who has struggled to win over black voters, but whose revolutionary streak has excited radicals of all colors.

“Remember the #TrumpRally wasn’t just luck. It took organizers from dozens of organizations and

thousands of people to pull off. Great work," [tweeted](#) People for Bernie, a large unofficial pro-Sanders organization founded by veterans of the Occupy movement and other lefty activists.

A [Facebook page](#) was started to promote the protest. By the night of Trump rally, more than 11,600 people had RSVP'd on the page saying they would attend the event. Another 19,000 said they were "interested." Organizers were shocked when Facebook's analytics said the page reached more than 1.5 million users.

The page explained how to acquire tickets to the Trump rally, complete with links, instructions on where and when to meet, and exhortations to remain peaceful.

Jorge Mena, an undocumented graduate student at UIC, started a petition on MoveOn.org calling on the school's administration to cancel the event. The petition garnered more than 50,000 signatures, and once brass at MoveOn, which has endorsed Sanders, caught wind of the UIC backlash, they wanted to help. MoveOn chipped in money to get signs and a banner printed and blasted out an email to members in the Chicago area encouraging them to join the protest.

With just four days to plan, organizers said more than 1,000 students turned out for the march, along with thousands of community members.

Got all that? [MoveOn.org](#), in the finest traditions of the Klan, organized a mass shutdown that was specifically directed to people because of their race. The key sentence in that story here again:

"Hundreds of young, largely black and brown people poured in from across the city, taking over whole sections of the arena and bracing for trouble."

So here we are yet again. The Left appealing to people by race — urging them to forcibly shut down fellow Americans who were peacefully exercising their First Amendment right to assemble and hear the candidate of their choice.

The only difference between this and the days when the progressives were hiding under those white hoods and burning crosses while trying to terrorize newly freed slaves and their white allies? This time around they don't use hoods and burning crosses to rally the terrorists, they use social media instead.

From the KKK to [MoveOn.org](#) the more things change, the more they stay the same.