

STAND UP FOR DEMOCRACY!

STOP the SHUNNING and HARASSMENT of FEMINIST Thistle Pettersen

Thistle Pettersen is a long-time progressive political activist, environmentalist, feminist, folk musician and radio show producer in Madison, WI. Since 2012, Thistle has been subjected to a concerted campaign of McCarthy-like blacklisting and harassment, merely for expressing her opinion on sex and gender, and interviewing well-known lesbian and feminist authors and activists on the radio. Thistle is critical of gender-identity politics, believing as do many other feminists that gender is a patriarchal construct, and that women, as the oppressed sex, have a right to organize themselves.

Thistle should have **the right to express her ideas and participate in her community** like anyone else without fear for her safety or livelihood. Silencing feminists and stifling discussion and debate has nothing in common with progressive values.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED SUPPORT
FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND OPINION
WITHIN THE LEFT AND REJECT THE
VIOLENT AND MCCARTHY-LIKE
TACTICS BEING USED AGAINST
THISTLE PETERSEN AND OTHER
FEMINISTS. STOP THE HARASSMENT
AND BLACKLISTING NOW!

- John Peck- Madison, WI
- Kari Anderson, friend and former college roommate
- Pat Calchina, lesbian, Madison, WI
- Christopher Daly, former Madison resident
- Marti Dapin, friend, Madison, WI
- Blair Kolb, alumnus (with Thistle) of Memorial High School, Madison, WI
- Shoshana Handel, feminist & former Madison activist, Albuquerque, NM
- Megan Langreck, Wisconsin
- Joyce Miller, feminist, Madison, WI
- The Reverend Claudia Neely, ordained minister, native of Madison
- Bijon Ronaghy, Evolution Arts Collective, Madison, WI
- Jonathan Rubin, Madison WI
- Mary Waitrovich, lesbian feminist, Madison, WI
- Julie Bindel, journalist, writer, broadcaster and researcher
- Max Dashu
- Ti-Grace Atkinson-radical feminist, author, activist and advocate
- Chris Hedges, author and social critic "On Contact" New Jersey
- Sheila Jeffreys
- Meghan Murphy- Founder and Editor of Feminist Current
- Nina Paley, film maker



What has been done to Thistle?

- A local activist wrote a comment on Thistle's Facebook page that reads, ***"I want to punch you in the fucking face, cunt bitch."***



- She was called a ***"hateful bigoted piece of shit"*** in the lobby of WORT by a member of the feminist news team.
- On social media she received ***a threat to hit her with a baseball bat, land her in the hospital, and break her guitar.***
- Local trans activists, including members of the Degenderettes, publicly called Thistle ***a FART (Feminism Appropriating Reactionary Transphobe)***
- Thistle received a package of ***human feces*** in the mail.

- The Wisconsin Network for Peace, Justice & Sustainability published a statement ***falsely accusing*** Thistle of "posting public hate statements via social media."
- Members of a local chapter of the "Degenderettes" and others demanded that her place of employment, a local childcare center, ***fire her from her job.***
- The Crystal Corner Bar ***terminated her regular music*** show with her band.



- ***Common Ground Middleton canceled Thistle's new music show***, citing "transactivist" complaints.
- Thistle is ***prohibited from performing at the Wil-Mar center***, due to a "policy" against her performing on their stage.

If you believe that misogynistic verbal assaults and harassment have no place in Madison, sign our support statement today.

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