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Emil Kirkegaard

Emil Ole William Kirkegaard (born c. 1990) is a Danish far-right blogger who has garnered controversy due to his views on child rape, race and intelligence and eugenics.

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Child rape

In 2012, then 22 years old, Kirkegaard wrote an apologia on his personal blog for pedophiles who wished to sexually abuse children, saying that if an adult were to "[have] sex with a sleeping child without them knowing it (so, using sleeping medicine) ... it is difficult to see how they cud [*sic*] be harmed, even if it is rape."[1][2] His blog post attracted wide criticism from the news media in January 2018.[2][3][4][5]

Race and intelligence

In early 2018, it became known that Kirkegaard attended eugenics and scientific racism conferences secretly held annually on the University College London campus, attended by neo-Nazis and white supremacists.[3][4] 82% of attendees including Kirkegaard who spoke at both 2015 and 2016 conferences are directly associated with either Richard Lynn's Ulster Institute for Social Research or the *Mankind Quarterly* which is widely considered a white supremacist publication.[2]

Kirkegaard established his own journals *Open Differential Psychology*, *Open Behavioral Genetics* and *Open Quantitative Sociology & Political Science* to publish his controversial research papers on race and intelligence. He has been described as a "scientific advocate for neo-Nazism" having appeared in YouTube videos alongside white nationalists and members of the alt-right discussing topics such as eugenics and immigration.[2] In one photograph Kirkegaard posted on Facebook he appears smiling next to a friend making the Nazi salute with a caption "There will be an heir to the Führer."[2]

OkCupid data dump

In 2016, while a student at Aarhus University, Kirkegaard and two other researchers used a scraping tool to obtain data on almost 70,000 OkCupid users, which contained a significant amount of personal information. The three researchers then posted this data publicly before making it password-protected. The posted information did not include any of the users' real names, but it did include their usernames and other information from which one could easily deduce someone's real name.[6] After this data dump became public, an OkCupid spokesperson said that "This

is a clear violation of our terms of service—and the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act—and we're exploring legal options".[7] OkCupid subsequently filed a copyright claim against Open Science Framework, the website on which the data was published, ordering them to take the data down. The data was later replaced by a message reading "unavailable for legal reasons" and then with one reading simply "content removed".[6] An OkCupid spokesperson said that Kirkegaard's group "appear[ed] to have complied" with the company's takedown request.[8]

In response to criticisms of his releasing the information, Kirkegaard wrote that "We thought this was an obvious case of public data scraping so that it would not be a legal problem".[6] Michael Zimmer responded to this defense by calling it "an all-too-familiar refrain used to gloss over thorny ethical concerns."[9]

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