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Plaintiff's Claim
 Form 7A Ont. Reg. No.: 258/98

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Claim No.

Toronto

Small Claims Court

**47 Sheppard Avenue East Toronto,
 Ontario M2N 5N1**

Address

(416) 326-3554

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Electronically issued: 2020/01/29
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 Toronto - SCC (47 Sheppard Av)

Plaintiff No. 1

Additional plaintiff(s) listed on attached Form 1A.

Under 18 years of age.

Last name, or name of company REBEL NEWS NETWORK LTD.		
First name	Second name	Also known as
Address (street number, apt., unit) Suite 3400, 1 First Canadian Place		
City/Town Toronto	Province Ontario	Phone no.
Postal code M5X 1A4	Fax no.	
Representative RE-LAW LLP c/o Aaron Rosenberg		LSUC # 71043B
Address (street number, apt., unit) 4949 Bathurst St., Suite 206		
City/Town Toronto	Province Ontario	Phone no. 416.789.4984
Postal code M2R1Y1	Fax no. 416.429.2016	

Defendant No. 1

Additional defendant(s) listed on attached Form 1A.

Under 18 years of age.

Last name, or name of company Postmedia Network Inc.		
First name	Second name	Also known as
Address (street number, apt., unit) 365 Bloor Street East, 12th Floor		
City/Town Toronto	Province Ontario	Phone no.
Postal code M4W 3L4	Fax no.	
Representative		LSUC #
Address (street number, apt., unit)		
City/Town	Province	Phone no.
Postal code	Fax no.	

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Claim No.

Plaintiff No.

Defendant No. 2

Last name, or name of company POSTMEDIA NETWORK CANADA CORP.		
First name	Second name	Also known as
Address (street number, apt., unit) 365 Bloor Street East, 12th Floor		
City/Town Toronto	Province Ontario	Phone no.
Postal code M4W 3L4		Fax no.
Representative		LSUC #
Address (street number, apt., unit)		
City/Town	Province	Phone no.
Postal code		Fax no.

Plaintiff No.

Defendant No.

Last name, or name of company		
First name	Second name	Also known as
Address (street number, apt., unit)		
City/Town	Province	Phone no.
Postal code		Fax no.
Representative		LSUC #
Address (street number, apt., unit)		
City/Town	Province	Phone no.
Postal code		Fax no.

Plaintiff No.

Defendant No.

Last name, or name of company		
First name	Second name	Also known as
Address (street number, apt., unit)		
City/Town	Province	Phone no.
Postal code		Fax no.
Representative		LSUC #
Address (street number, apt., unit)		
City/Town	Province	Phone no.
Postal code		Fax no.

REASONS FOR CLAIM AND DETAILS

Explain what happened, including where and when. Then explain how much money you are claiming or what goods you want returned.

If you are relying on any documents, you **MUST** attach copies to the claim. If evidence is lost or unavailable, you **MUST** explain why it is not attached.

What happened? Please see attached "Schedule A" and "Schedule B"

Where?

When?

How much? \$ 35,000.00
(Principal amount claimed)

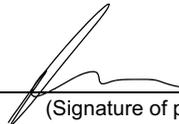
ADDITIONAL PAGES ARE ATTACHED BECAUSE MORE ROOM WAS NEEDED.

The plaintiff also claims pre-judgment interest from November 8, 2019 under:
(Date)

(Check only one box) **the Courts of Justice Act**
 an agreement at the rate of _____ % per year

and post-judgment interest, and court costs.

Prepared on: January 29, 20 20



(Signature of plaintiff or representative)

Issued on: _____, 20 _____

(Signature of clerk)

CAUTION TO DEFENDANT: **IF YOU DO NOT FILE A DEFENCE** (Form 9A) and an Affidavit of Service (Form 8A) with the court within twenty (20) calendar days after you have been served with this Plaintiff's Claim, judgment may be obtained without notice and enforced against you. Forms and self-help materials are available at the Small Claims Court and on the following website: www.ontariocourtforms.on.ca.

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SCHEDULE “A”
PLAINTIFF’S CLAIM

1. The Plaintiff claims against the Defendants for:
 - (a) damages for infringement of the Plaintiff’s copyrights;
 - (b) damages for passing off their business, services and goods for the business, services and goods of the Plaintiff contrary to section 7(c) of the *Trademarks Act*, R.S.C., 1985, c. T-13 (“*Trademarks Act*”), and common law;
 - (c) in the alternative, damages for unjust enrichment;
 - (d) pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on the above-amounts pursuant to sections 128 and 129 of the *Courts of Justice Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.43;
 - (e) costs of this action on a substantial indemnity basis; and
 - (f) such further and other relief as to this Honourable Court may seem just.

THE PARTIES

2. The Plaintiff, Rebel News Network Ltd. (“**Rebel News**”), is a federally incorporated company, carrying on business as a popular online news and media company operating across Canada. Rebel News reporters and commentators cover important public issues concerning Canadians through different media, including on websites (<http://www.RebelNews.com>), podcasts, YouTube videos and ads, print media, paperback books, e-books, radio ads, and billboards. Rebel News owns all copyright in each aforementioned individual work or other copyright-protected subject matter comprising and associated with Rebel News.

3. The Defendants, Postmedia Network Inc. and Postmedia Network Canada Corp. (collectively, “**Postmedia**”), are related companies incorporated pursuant to the laws of Canada, carrying on business across Canada as news media publishers with a chain of print, online, and

mobile news properties, including the National Post, the Toronto Sun, the London Free Press, the Province, and the Winnipeg Sun.

INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT, PASSING OFF, AND UNJUST ENRICHMENT

4. On or about November 7, 2019, Rebel News' contributor, Kean Bexte ("**Mr. Bexte**"), reported on a high school student at Manitoba's Stonewall Collegiate (outside of Winnipeg) reportedly suspended for refusing to wear, and protesting against, a rainbow poppy pin prior to Canada's Remembrance Day.

5. Rebel News published Mr. Bexte's report, "PROTECT OUR POPPIES: Grade 11 student kicked out of school after defending the red and black poppy!", and accompanying, embedded YouTube video, "Grade 11 student kicked out of school after defending the red and black poppy! | Kean Bexte", to Rebel News' website (the "**Poppies Report**"). An exclusive photograph taken by Mr. Bexte at the scene accompanied the Poppies Report on social media (the "**Poppy Poster Photo**").

6. The Poppy Poster Photo was taken (i.e. created) by Mr. Bexte while in the scope of his employment with Rebel News. Rebel News is Mr. Bexte's employer and is thus, the exclusive licensed owner of Mr. Bexte's work, including the Poppy Poster Photo.

7. Notwithstanding, on the next day, November 8, 2019, the Defendants' daily newspapers, Vancouver's The Province, the London Free Press, the Toronto Sun, and the Winnipeg Sun, featured an op-ed by Josh Aldrich ("**Mr. Aldrich**") on this same story in its web editions, titled "ALDRICH: The Poppy: It's not about you, it's about them" (the "**Aldrich Op-Ed**"). The

Defendants accompanied the Aldrich Op-Ed with the same Poppy Poster Photo taken by Mr. Bexte without notice, permission, attribution, or credit to Mr. Bexte or Rebel News.

8. By email dated November 8, 2019, Rebel News' founder and principal, Ezra Levant ("Mr. Levant"), advised, *inter alia*, Winnipeg Sun editor, Mark Hamm and Mr. Aldrich, as follows:

I am the president of Rebel News Network Ltd., Kean Bexte's employer and the exclusive licensed owner of his work, including his photography...

[...]

I'm writing to confirm that you unlawfully took our photo without notice, permission, credit or payment...

[...]

I am therefore invoicing the Winnipeg Sun for that photo; and the other Postmedia outlets who have taken it (and none of them with Kean's insufficient remedy). Right now I can see that the Vancouver Province, London Free Press and Toronto Sun have done the same — all without notice, permission, credit or payment. Please advise your other outlets that if they use the photo, they will also be invoiced.

[...]

I'm copying this note and its invoice (below) to your legal department — please let me know who I should send it to in accounts payable, too.

9. In this email, Mr. Levant provided an invoice for the four uses by the Defendants of the Poppy Poster Photo with Rebel News' customary licensing fee of \$5,000.00 plus HST and reducing this fee to \$1,000.00 plus HST per use as a courtesy discount.

10. On January 13, 2020, Mr. Bexte tweeted a video of an assault on him by frequent human rights complainant, Jessica Yaniv, outside of a British Columbia courthouse. On or about January 14, 2020, the Defendants extracted Mr. Bexte's video and uploaded it to their YouTube channels, passing it off as their own, without notice, permission, attribution, or credit to Mr. Bexte or Rebel News. By email dated January 14, 2020, Mr. Levant advised the Defendants' counsel of these concerns and of Rebel News' customary licensing fee of \$5,000.00 plus HST.

11. The Plaintiff pleads, and the fact is, that the very next day, on or about January 15, 2020, Postmedia admitted liability. A Senior Vice President sent correspondence to Mr. Levant, stating in part as follows:

Hello Ezra:

I apologize abjectly for the lapse that resulted in the posting of your video **without appropriate credit** yesterday. I have spoken with the Toronto Sun team involved to **reiterate it is completely unacceptable to reproduce content from other media without proper acknowledgement**. As a result:

1. An email has been sent to everyone in the Toronto Sun newsroom about the matter
2. The Toronto Sun video lead has spoken to each photographer individually about credit, usage, and copyright, with an email followup
3. An email is being sent to all Postmedia newsrooms **reiterating our policy about copyright infringement**

I realize this is the second time you have approached us about **copyright Rebel Media content that has appeared on one of our sites**. Different teams were involved in the two incidents, which has led me to include that **we need to reinforce this message at the national level**, although I am unaware of any other such instances in the past 18 months since I have been senior vice-president of editorial.

[...]

Once again, please accept my apologies **for yesterday's breach**.

Lucinda

LUCINDA CHODAN
POSTMEDIA SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT EDITORIAL
EDITOR, MONTREAL GAZETTE

[Emphasis added]

12. The Defendants have not made payment of Rebel News' licensing fee.
13. Postmedia intentionally and/or negligently used Rebel News' copyrighted materials and passed them off as their own, directing attention to their own properties in a manner as to cause, or be likely to cause, confusion among consumers between the business, goods, and services of Rebel News and that of the Defendants.
14. The Defendants failed to obtain approval for the use of the subject copyrighted material or to secure a license for their use. Instead, the Defendants proceeded to reproduce Rebel News' works as their own, on their own platforms, without a license.
15. As set out above, the Plaintiff has complained to the Defendants regarding the aforesaid activities. However, the Defendants continue with the activities complained of without license or consent of the Plaintiff.
16. The Defendants have infringed the copyright in the Plaintiff's works contrary to, *inter alia*, sections 3 and 27 of the *Copyright Act*, R.S.C., 1985, c. C-42, and have engaged in passing off contrary to section 7(c) of the *Trademarks Act* and the common law.
17. The Defendants have acted in concert in the aforesaid acts and accordingly, are jointly and severally liable.
18. In the alternative, the Plaintiff claims against the Defendants pursuant to the doctrine of unjust enrichment and *quantum meruit*. In this regard, the Plaintiff pleads that the Defendants

have been enriched by their aforesaid conduct to the Plaintiff's detriment, and there was no juristic reason for the enrichment.

DAMAGES

19. The Defendants' conduct has caused, and will continue to cause, damages and/or loss, and a corresponding enrichment to the Defendants.

20. The Plaintiff is entitled to all remedies that are or may be conferred by law, including pursuant to the *Copyright Act*, the *Trademarks Act*, and the common law.

January 29, 2020

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SCHEDULE "B"

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Chodan, Lucinda" <lchodan@postmedia.com>
Subject: Re: Unlicensed use of Rebel News photograph
Date: January 15, 2020 at 1:40:07 PM EST
To: "ezrlevant@me.com" <ezrlevant@me.com>
Cc: "Lazare, Brenda" <BLazare@postmedia.com>

Hello Ezra:

I apologize abjectly for the lapse that resulted in the posting of your video without appropriate credit yesterday. I have spoken with the Toronto Sun team involved to reiterate it is completely unacceptable to reproduce content from other media without proper acknowledgement. As a result:

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As a gesture of good faith, I would like to offer you a \$1,000 payment for the unauthorized use of Rebel Media content yesterday.

Once again, please accept my apologies for yesterday's breach.

Lucinda

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LUCINDA CHODAN
POSTMEDIA SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT EDITORIAL
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From: Ezra Levant [<mailto:ezrlevant@me.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Lazare, Brenda
Subject: Re: Unlicensed use of Rebel News photograph

Hi Brenda.

Here's where your people stole it from:

<https://twitter.com/TheRealKean/status/1216885630182907904>

1. You saved it and re-uploaded it to a new medium. That is contrary to the terms of service of both Twitter and YouTube.
2. You put their own branding on it.
3. You acknowledged it was another reporter.
4. Our mic flash is visible.

After your previous thefts, you knew our fee for this — \$5,000 per incident. This is a copyright strike moment — without a seismic event to change your corporate culture of intellectual property theft, I simply don't believe you will stop.

Unlike you, I don't take \$140,000/week from Justin Trudeau — I have to earn my money.

Ezra

On Jan 14, 2020, at 12:04 PM, Ezra Levant <ezrlevant@me.com> wrote:

Dear Brenda,

I see you have taken another one of our videos and published it as your own:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W4Fve9UleRs>

No credit to us — but falsely putting your own branding on it, as if you recorded it

In November, I put you and your company on notice that to do so is a \$5,000 licence fee.

I'm not sure how many free passes you expect to get, but I think you've run out now.

Will you pay, or should I litigate?

Ezra

On Nov 11, 2019, at 2:20 PM, Lazare, Brenda <BLazare@postmedia.com> wrote:

Ezra, I am running to an appointment so will give your email proper consideration in the morning. I am not certain where your \$5000 license fee comes from. To the best of my knowledge, we charge approximately \$125 for a single purpose use. If \$500.00 will restore the relationship, I am happy to discuss same with my colleagues. Please let me know. Many thanks, Brenda

Brenda Lazare
Vice President, Legal Affairs

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FAX (416) 443-6046
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TORONTO, ON M4W 3L4
blazare@postmedia.com

From: Ezra Levant [<mailto:ezrlevant@me.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2019 2:16 PM
To: Lazare, Brenda
Cc: Hamm, Mark; Aldrich, Josh; Chodan, Lucinda; Anna Peleg
Subject: Re: Unlicensed use of Rebel News photograph

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Hi Brenda.

1. Your letter is inaccurate. You took the photo without seeking permission and without any communication whatsoever.
2. You stripped our reporter's name off it, deliberately concealing its source. That shows bad faith. You knew you were stealing.
3. It was only when our reporter contacted you — the next day — that you had any communication with him.
4. Within minutes of our reporter contacting you, I intervened to confirm that our reporter was not authorized to make any deals on our behalf.
5. In any event, our reporter only contacted one of your newspapers — that does not excuse the others.
6. I worked for Postmedia. I know you pay for your other IP thefts. You will pay for this one.
7. You get \$140,000/week from Trudeau's bail-out. You can afford it.
8. You do not grant us professional courtesy. You regularly defame us, and the only reason I haven't sued you in defamation is because I am a loving alumnus and a personal friend of your executive chairman.
9. This is different from a defamation suit — it's simply an unpaid bill. Please pay the invoice as written, or I will revoke my offer of an alumni discount and sue for the full value, that I've seen Postmedia pay before — \$5,000 per stolen photo. I think the bad faith — the stripping of our reporter's identity — warrants that.
10. Should you prefer to proceed to trial, preserve all internal records about this matter, especially the decision to strip our reporter's identity off the photo. That must have been an interesting conversation.

I'm copying this note to Anna Peleg in our collections department. If we don't received payment of \$4,000 by the end of the month, my offer of a discount will be revoked, and we'll sue for the full \$20,000.

Yours truly,

Ezra Levant

On Nov 11, 2019, at 2:05 PM, Lazare, Brenda <BLazare@postmedia.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Levant:

Your email has been directed to the undersigned for the purpose of a response as ours is the department that deals with alleged infringements.

Photo infringements unfortunately occur regularly and Postmedia is both the accused and the victim. It has become a professional courtesy on both our part and many of those with whom we deal in the media to consider the first notice as a takedown request. Please be assured that all instances of the photograph have been removed from Postmedia's websites and its databases.

Furthermore, in this instance, my colleagues believed they were communicating with the copyright owner of the property; it is not Postmedia's responsibility to question the relationship between your employer and its staff.

Under the circumstances, we do not believe any payment is warranted. Many thanks for bringing the matter to our attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Brenda Lazare
Vice President, Legal Affairs

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From: Ezra Levant <ezrlevant@me.com>
Sent: November 8, 2019 1:23 PM
To: Hamm, Mark <mihamm@postmedia.com>; Aldrich, Josh
<jaldrich@postmedia.com>
Cc: Legal Department <LegalDpt@postmedia.com>
Subject: Unlicensed use of Rebel News photograph

Dear Mark and Josh,

I am the president of Rebel News Network Ltd., Kean Bexte's employer and the exclusive licensed owner of his work, including his photography. I have seen your use of his photo, and his e-mail exchange with you. I am writing to advise that he is not in fact at liberty to give our work away for free to our competitors, especially to Postmedia, a large, foreign-owned media conglomerate that receives \$140,000/week from Justin Trudeau's bail-out. Our donors would never accept that their funds would be used to subsidize a competitor.

I'm writing to confirm that you unlawfully took our photo without notice, permission, credit or payment; and Kean's proposed remedy is not sufficient, and was not his offer to make.

Regardless, you took our intellectual property before you had Kean's (insufficient) permission to do so, and is rescinded in any event.

I am therefore invoicing the Winnipeg Sun for that photo; and the other Postmedia outlets who have taken it (and none of them with Kean's insufficient remedy). Right now I can see that the Vancouver Province, London Free Press and Toronto Sun have done the same — all without notice, permission, credit or payment. Please advise your other outlets that if they use the photo, they will also be invoiced.

I remember when I worked at the National Post 20 years ago, we once used a photograph without permission, and the lawful owners demanded a heightened fee after the fact, which I seem to recall was \$5,000. It was such a scandal, the managing editor had an angry word to the staff, explaining how he had to pay it and how it had better not happen again.

Please consider my deep discount to \$1,000 per use to be a sign of my continued friendship with my alma mater.

I'm copying this note and its invoice (below) to your legal department — please let me know who I should send it to in accounts payable, too.

Yours truly,

Ezra Levant
Rebel News Network Ltd.

INVOICE

For: unauthorized used of Poppy Poster Photo

Winnipeg Sun
Toronto Sun
London Free Press
Vancouver Province

\$5,000 each x 4 = \$20,000 plus HST

Less: friendly alumni discount of 75% = \$4,000 plus HST

HST number: 808699581RT0001

Payable immediately.

Please make payment out to:
Rebel News Network Ltd.
Box 61056
Eglinton/Dufferin RO
Toronto, ON M6E 5B2

Thank you.

From: Hamm, Mark <mihamm@postmedia.com>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2019 11:56:34 AM
To: Kean Bexte <Kean@rnnmail.com>
Cc: Aldrich, Josh <jaldrich@postmedia.com>
Subject: Re: Credit

Kean,
I've added your photo credit to the photo caption and included your Twitter handle as well.

MARK HAMM

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From: Kean Bexte <Kean@rnnmail.com>
Sent: November 8, 2019 12:31 PM
To: Wpgsun Citydesk <Wpgsun.Citydesk@sunmedia.ca>; Hamm, Mark <mihamm@postmedia.com>
Cc: Aldrich, Josh <jaldrich@postmedia.com>
Subject: Credit

Hello,

My work has been used by your outlet, and I wanted to reach out to encourage you to cite where you obtained the picture that is featured prominently on your home page and in this article:
<https://winnipegsun.com/opinion/columnists/aldrich-the-poppy-its-not-about-you-its-about-them>

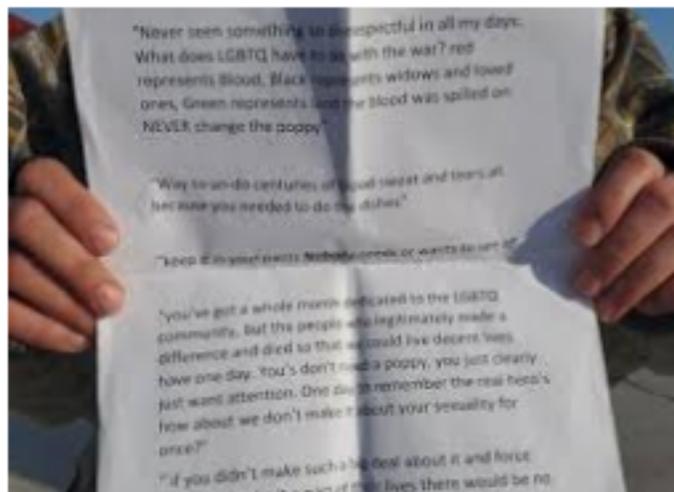
If you would be so kind as to link to the original reporting that I did on this yesterday: <https://www.rebelnews.com/protect-our-poppies-petition> or at least link to the Twitter account where I posted this photo while freezing my fingers off in a McDonald's parking lot yesterday morning, that would be much appreciated. It is my photo, and that should be made clear.

Thank you for understanding.

Kean Bexte
Rebel News Network
keean@rnnmail.com

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ALDRICH: The Poppy: It's not about you ...
winnipeg.sun.com

PROTECT OUR POPPIES: Grade 11 student kicked out of school after defending the red and black poppy!

Posted by **Kean Bexte** on November 07, 2019



PROTECT OUR POPPIES: Grade 11 student kicked out of school after defending the red and black poppy!



 MENU

Natalie Salisbury was kicked out of school after defending the traditional red and black poppy.

Her crime?

The Grade 11 student refused to don an LGBT-inspired rainbow poppy so she printed off posters to defend her decision and explain why the traditional red and black poppy means so much to so many Canadians.

Natalie's father called us to express his outrage at the school's decision. He said Natalie is worried that no-one will stand up for her, which is a damned shame after she proudly stood up for our veterans and our right to remember their sacrifices.

So we're going to prove to her that that is not the case — people do care and will stand by her.

We will be sending this petition to Natalie to prove to her that thousands of Canadians stand with her in protecting our traditional red and black poppies.

We will also be sending a copy of this petition to the school administration to show them that Natalie is not alone — and this disgrace will not stand!

We stand by Natalie Salisbury — let's protect our poppies!

28,439 signatures

Will you sign?

First Name

Last Name

Email

Send me email updates

Don't publish this on the website

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[DONATE](#)



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MENU

SIGN IN

DONATE

- Send me email updates
- Don't publish this on the website

ADD SIGNATURE

- The-Latest
- Kean-Bexte
- Lead-Story
- pro-military

Like this to spread the word:

Like Share 6.3K people like this. Be the first of your friends. Tweet

About Rebel News

The fearless source of news, opinion, and activism that you won't find anywhere else! Rebel News is different because of how you, our supporters, participate in shaping everything we do.

Through a mix of online engagement, commenting, advocacy, and events, we don't just report the news, we participate in it.

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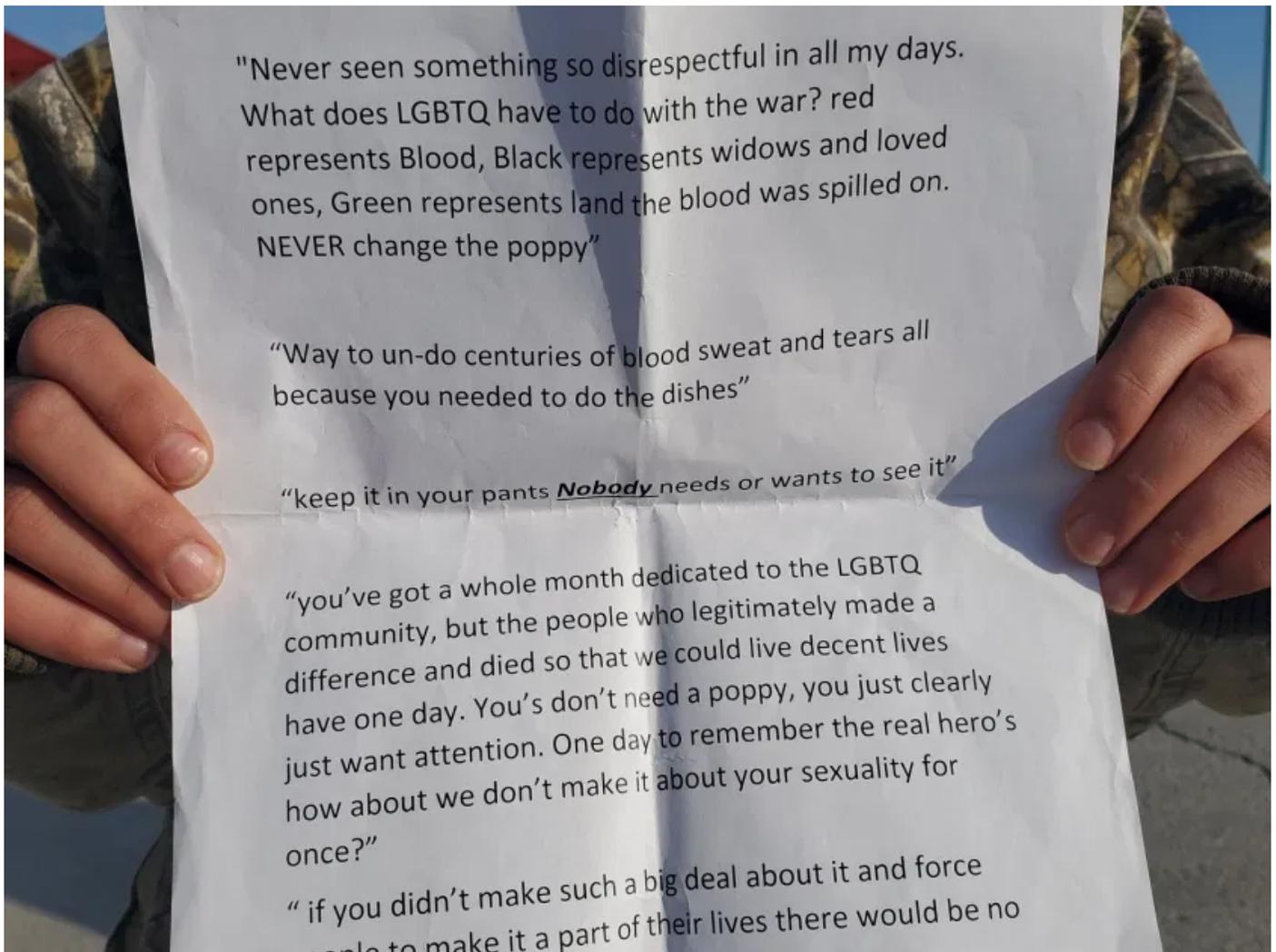
Get in touch with our support team: support@rebelnews.com

Have some breaking news to share? Send us a message: tips@rebelnews.com

SUPPORT

ALDRICH: The Poppy: It's not about you, it's about them

JOSH ALDRICH Updated: November 8, 2019



"Never seen something so disrespectful in all my days. What does LGBTQ have to do with the war? red represents Blood, Black represents widows and loved ones, Green represents land the blood was spilled on. NEVER change the poppy"

"Way to un-do centuries of blood sweat and tears all because you needed to do the dishes"

"keep it in your pants **Nobody** needs or wants to see it"

"you've got a whole month dedicated to the LGBTQ community, but the people who legitimately made a difference and died so that we could live decent lives have one day. You's don't need a poppy, you just clearly just want attention. One day to remember the real hero's how about we don't make it about your sexuality for once?"

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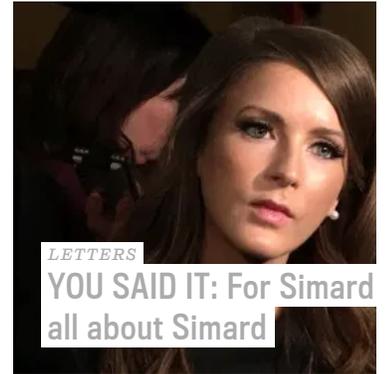
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