

## Persecution against Christian group leads to more hate

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This letter is in response to the recent opinion "[Group in Willmar has hateful intentions.](#)"

THEE Book Club out of Willmar is described as a super Christian, super patriotic group while being compared to the KKK. Christians around the world are being persecuted, executed and forced underground while living in the shadows. THEE Book Club is no different, except it's now in our own backyard.

If honoring the fallen heroes on 9/11 is hateful rhetoric, then God help us all. THEE Book Club in Willmar reaches out to educate the public, attracting speakers who share their expertise. Sharing firsthand knowledge on topics including U.N. Agenda 21, refugee resettlement and Islam. Even supporting events like America's patriot day.

As Americans we should celebrate education and support authors like James F. Gauss, who researches historical facts and differences in religions. The days of burning books are behind us unless we allow critics like John Burns to spread Anti-American rhetoric by shutting down our rights to assemble, speak and exercise our religious freedoms.

Burns states, "That demographic change has led to a backlash as exemplified by Thee Book Club." With no examples to support his claim, Burns is afforded the right to slander a Christian group. Personally, I have the right to denounce such a disrespectful and hate-filled claim.

Burns states, "My fear is that they will gain increased legitimacy and that people on the fringe will turn to violence." Too late, Mr. Burns. Christians are killed each day around the world with the same ideology as yours. If you don't allow Christians to speak and assemble, then you are by definition the fringe. If Americans adhere to the same ideology and talking points that you believe, then we become fascist, not constitutionalist.