

Protest sign

Plywood protest sign with white painted lettering. The sign was fashioned by Topeka resident Jared Daily in response to the actions of the Westboro Baptist Church following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001. Founded by Reverend Fred Phelps, the Topeka-based church has promoted an extreme stance against homosexuality since 1991 by picketing at public sites with vulgar signs and inverted United States flags. The church continued its use of inverted flags during a period of elevated patriotism after the September 11 attacks. Daily, a recent high school graduate and army recruit, found the church's protest to be unpatriotic and initiated a counter-protest using this sign. According to Daily, the phrase "Not Today Fred" references the inappropriate use of the United States flag by Fred Phelps' church following the September 11, 2001 attacks.

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