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Supporting terror raises eyebrows

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Re: A Board Divided, Jan. 23.

As the president and CEO of a human rights organization, it is distressing for me to read about the efforts of some staff members of the taxpayer-funded group Rights and Democracy to subvert their own charter in pursuit of private political goals. It is particularly distressing to read about the personal attacks on Aurel

Braun and Jacques Gauthier. Both of these men are attempting to perform the jobs to which they were appointed: ensuring that Rights and Democracy is an institution accountable to Canadian taxpayers. To state the obvious, that includes refraining from supporting terrorist activities by organizations funded by Rights and Democracy such as Al Haq, a group with ties to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, listed as a terror organization by Canada.

If Rights and Democracy staff members wish to use taxpayer money to fund terrorist organizations, they should not be surprised when the board members question their actions.

Furthermore, staff members complaining about board attempts to discover what is happening with taxpayer funds is a very sad example of the tail desperately attempting to wag the dog.

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