## THE POPE HILDE & MILEY SPEARS CONSPIRACY:

## SUBGENIUS WIKIA CLENCH

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Dear Rev. Ivan Stang and The SubGenius Foundation,

We hope you will approach this with an open mind.

This piece is about almost five years of rumors and accusations in regard to Miley Spears and Pope Hilde with SubGenius Wikia Clench (SWC), a FANDOM wiki about the Church of the SubGenius.

We are not going to present arguments in defense, or in defense of anyone else who has been accused by association. We are also not going to address DMCA take down orders and a cease and desist order filed on their behalf outside of SWC; posts against them on Facebook and the Google group Scrubgenius; actions taken against them on other wikis; nor several articles, at least two booklets, and a book that deal at least in part with the supposed "Pope Hilde & Miley Spears & etc." Sockpuppet Conspiracy.

Instead, we're only going to post links to proof of what happened in regard to SubGenius Wikia Clench. If desired, the veracity of these links can be verified by FANDOM staff (except for those few below that can be verified by The SubGenius Foundation, Facebook, Kickstarter, or others).

In the words of The Overmind aka the SubGenius General Public (who was not involved in creating this letter but posted this in SubGenius Wikia Clench), "I posted in Scrubgenius asking people to be more civil and polite here and not make accusations without evidence to back it up...."

We do not expect you to look all of this up, although of course you certainly have the right to do so. And we give you permission to share this with others.

We do hope that you will not make a judgement about what happened with SubGenius Wikia Clench based on second- or third-hand information when the first-hand links are below.

(This is being sent by USPS mail for verification of receipt, and by email for convenience in checking the links. Dates below are as per the UTC time zone.)

SubGenius Wikia Clench (SWC) (https://subgenius.fandom.com)

Note that SubGenius Wikia Clench is now part of FANDOM, which was previously known as Wikia; this article sometimes uses the two terms interchangeably.

1) A user of the SubGenius Wikia Clench (SWC) website, Jzp-wikia, was made an administrator of the site on July 9, 2012 by the founder The Overmind after making only 8 edits there, these from April 1, 2012 to July 7, 2012. After being made an admin, Jzp-wikia only made five more edits, the last on June 19, 2013, before Pope Hilde applied to adopt the site on July 16, 2015.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:2795

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Special:Contributions/Jzp-wikia?dir=prev&target=Jzp-wikia

2) Pope Hilde began editing SWC on February 16, 2015. After editing there for five months, with no administrator making a single edit on that wiki in a little over two years, she applied to FANDOM (then Wikia) to adopt the site. She publicly announced her application intention on the website's forum on July 16, 2015, five months after she began editing there.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Order of the Pineapple?oldid=6693

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Forum:Adopt\_SubGenius\_Wikia\_Clench

3) Jzp-wikia, who had not edited the SWC site in over two years, returned on July 18, 2015 and, to the adoption request, posted: "There hasn't been an active admin for over two years' - I call bollocks. There hasn't been anything TO admin. If you want to be changing stuff and don't have the rights, just ask." Asking for the rights to change things on an administrative level was what Pope Hilde had done by applying to staff to adopt the wiki and posting notice on SWC itself.

Miley Spears responded to Jzp-wikia's post with, "It's cool you're back! But about active admins, according to Special:ListUsers, until the edits you just made, you and The Overmind both made your last edits at the exact same minute, 2:01, June 19, 2013. over two years ago. And admins don't have to wait for something to admin, they can write too.:)"

The early conversations among Jzp-wikia, Miley Spears, and Pope Hilde often involved disagreements, but were generally cordial. After having been inactive for over two years, Jzp-wikia made a large number of edits to SWC.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Special:Contributions/Jzp-wikia?dir=prev&target=Jzp-wikia

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Forum:Adopt\_SubGenius\_Wikia\_Clench?diff=prev&oldid=6344

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Forum:Adopt\_SubGenius\_Wikia\_Clench?diff=next&oldid=6344

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:3162

4) Jzp-wikia repeatedly called for or demanded SWC editors' ordainment papers in the Church of the SubGenius. This began before Pope Hilde was made site adopter, including on July 23, 2015, and continued afterward.

Pope Hilde politely informed Jzp-wikia that Wikia "did not care" about membership in a group to edit or admin a Wikia site. She also said she had been given a Church of the SubGenius membership years before but did not know where it was. However, she said on July 23, 2015, that she had just been given a new Church membership as a gift.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Forum:Adopt\_SubGenius\_Wikia\_Clench?diff=prev&oldid=6403

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Forum:Adopt\_SubGenius\_Wikia\_Clench? diff=next&oldid=6425

5) Jzp-wikia was politely cautioned by Pope Hilde on July 24, 2015 about having made copyright violations, breaking both the rules of FANDOM and international law. Hilde suggested ways to fix the problem.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Reverend Susie the Floozie#comm-3168

6) After reviewing Pope Hilde's edits (including articles, images, interactions with other editors, etc.) on SubGenius Wikia Clench, FANDOM staff approved her adoption request which was announced by then staff member Merrystar. Hilde was thus made both an Administrator and Bureaucrat of SWC on July 28, 2015.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Message Wall:Pope Hilde?oldid=6461&diff=prev

7) Upon the adoption of SubGenius Wikia Clench (SWC) by Pope Hilde, Wikia staff member Merrystar removed the Adminstrative and Bureaucratic status of site founder The Overmind on July 28, 2015. This was done as per the company's standard policy that, once an adoption was approved, "Existing admins will be removed only if they have been inactive for more than one year."

The Overmind had made no posts on SWC in over two years. The editor had not edited the site since June 19, 2013, the same date the other admin, Jzp-wikia, had last edited the site before returning after an over two-year absence.

https://community.fandom.com/wiki/Adoption:Requests

https://subgenius.fandom.com/index.php?title=Special%
3ALog&type=&user=Merrystar&page=&year=&month=-1

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Special:Contributions/The\_Overmind?offset=20151014053406&limit=100&target=The+Overmind

8) As Pope Hilde was the only admin who had edited SWC articles in two years, and as Miley Spears had made over 200 edits in three weeks and had several years experience editing wikis, on July 28, 2015 Hilde proposed Miley be elevated to become an administrator.

The only person who expressed reservation about the elevation was Jzp-wikia. However, even though no one else expressed concerns and the concerns were relatively mild, to keep unity on the site, Hilde postposed making a decision.

On August 17, 2015, Hilde elevated Miley Spears to admin on a two-week probationary basis to see if the editors of SWC supported her trial.

On August 26, 2015, Hilde asked editors of SWC if there was any objection to making Miley's elevation to admin permanent. As there were no objections, after Miley's two-week trial her elevation to admin was made permanent on September 1, 2015.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Forum:Proposed Admin?t=20150901164743

9) Disagreements between Miley Spears and Jzp-wikia escalated, although Pope Hilde worked to moderate them.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:3275

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:3311

10) Jzp-wikia continued to call for SWC editors' ordainment papers in the Church of the SubGenius, including on August 4, 2015.

Jzp-wikia had been told repeatedly that FANDOM (then called Wikia) did not require membership in any group other than FANDOM itself to edit one of their sites. In spite of it not being needed, Miley Spears posted a link to her membership packet on August 6,

2015.

Requiring membership in another group, and in some cases even asking for such membership, was and is a violation of FANDOM Community Creation Policy which says, under Public Editing:

"Communities are about working together, and all Fandom communities are open to the public to edit. There is no option to restrict editing to the founder or to a particular group."

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Forum:Accidental Imports?diff=prev&oldid=7820

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/User:Jzp-wikia?direction=next&oldid=8222

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:3324

https://www.fandom.com/community-creation-policy

11) As requiring posting a pic of a membership card publicly would typically mean showing personal information, Jzp-wikia's demands were also a violation of the policy of SWC as penned by the site's founder The Overmind (and as the policy is as of this writing). Jzp-wikia's actions were thought to repeatedly violate FANDOM (then Wikia) and SWC rules.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/SubGenius Wikia Clench:About?oldid=10719

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/SubGenius Wikia Clench:About

12) Again, membership in a group outside of FANDOM, including the Church, is not required to be an editor or even administrator or bureaucrat on any FANDOM site. In spite of that, in response, to one of Jzp-wikia's comments, Miley Spears posted a link on August 6, 2015, that showed her membership packet (for convenience, a link to the page with the image of the packet and other IDs is below).

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:3324#3

http://www.mileyspears.com/id/index.html

13) There was a series of continuing conflicts, including insults, not following site policy even after repeated warnings, and apparent encouragement on the part of Jzp-wikia to violate FANDOM policy.

To make it a group decision, it was proposed on August 6, 2015 on SWC to remove the

adminstrative status of Jzp-wikia, but not the user's right to edit. After two weeks of discussion, the decision was made to remove the administrative status of Jzp-wikia on August 20, 2015; the editor was politely informed of that decision and given encouragement by both Pope Hilde and Miley Spears to continue to edit.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Forum:Remove Admin

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:3573

14) During the period of time above while the administrative status of Jzp-wikia was being discussed on SWC, Pope Hilde consulted with the FANDOM community outside of SWC. She posted in part on August 7, 2015:

"I'm the adopter for SubGenius Wiki. We have an editor who was made an admin over two years ago after he made only eight (8) edits on all of Wikia. He made five (5) more, then vanished for over two years. When my request for adoption went up, he returned. He has shown he does not understand the technical or social aspects of being an admin. He does not consider other editors' feelings or opinions, and continually asserts he is right and they are wrong. He also continues to demand writers produce proof of identity. He claims the Church of the SubGenius overrules the Wikia site. He's been given half a dozen Wikia links on acceptable admin and user behavior, rights and responsibilities, and so far has ignored them. He proposed he be promoted to bureaucrat. Ironically, however, he's made over 600 mostly productive edits in five days!

"Do you think I've done the right thing in giving him a week to prove himself ready to be an admin?"

Responses on the FANDOM community site included Jzp-wikia posting on August 20, 2015: "I have NEVER demanded a proof of identity, only a proof of membership in the Church as the wiki itself is by and for SubGenius ministers" and "I've never stated that the Church overrules wikia, merely that the \*purpose\* of the wiki's existence (as noted in <a href="http://subgenius.wikia.com/wiki/SubGenius\_Wikia\_Clench:About">http://subgenius.wikia.com/wiki/SubGenius\_Wikia\_Clench:About</a>) is to be used by and for SubGenii." The editor had been told repeated that requiring proof of membership in any group, including the Church, to edit a FANDOM site violated their policy. Jzp-wikia also posted, in reference to Wikia policy, "...I don't care about wikia politics."

https://community.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:889113

15) After receiving the reminder of and links to Wikia policies, Jzp-wikia posted on August 20, 2015 on the SWC site "I don't care about wikia politics...."

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:Jzp-wikia/@comment-25980608-20150814030137/@comment-385629-20150820001725?oldid=8826

16) In honor of Pope Hilde adopting SWC, Miley Spears had given her a new membership in the Church. (Hilde had announced on SWC on July 23, 2015 that she had received a gift membership as described and linked above). Hilde, who said she had already been given a membership even though she did not know where it was and doubted it had ever been reported to The SubGenius Foundation, said Miley Spears could keep it. Miley Spears then used that to became a member of the Church of the SubGenius under the name "Pope Hilde & Miley Spears." This was intended partially as a joke, but misfired badly, and had begun the "Pope Hilde & Miley Spears" sockpuppet allegations.

Miley Spears publicly took responsibility for her action on the SubGenius Wikia Clench beginning on October 6, 2015. Pope Hilde posted that she shared in this responsibility, posting on October 8, 2015 and after that date that she had known what Miley planned to do before hand.

Either before or after this date, the membership of Miley Spears as "Pope Hilde & Miley Spears" was removed from the Google group ScrubGenius. In addition, her Church membership was removed and a refund was given by The SubGenius Foundation (we don't have a link of proof of membership removals and refund, but we assume the foundation has records of it).

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Forum:Pope\_Hilde\_%26\_Miley\_Spears: Sockpuppets%3F

17) Jzp-wikia continued to call for editors' membership in the Church of the SubGenius. He was given repeated reminders that this violated FANDOM policy, including a reminder by Pope Hilde with a link to the policy on Oct. 9, 2015.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/UberFemme#comm-4046

18) The Overmind returned to SWC on October 14, 2015, claiming to be the SubGenius General Public. The Overmind said that the General Public who had posted and claimed to have removed his own admin status due to infighting was an imposter. The Overmind asked if it were possible to get back Admin status. "I am totally glad you're back! I mean really, really glad! I didn't know if General Public was you or not we've had so many impersonators on here trying to cause problems." Pope Hilde explained on Oct. 14, 2015, with revision on Oct. 17, 2015, that his adminship had been removed by Wikia staff due to inactivity.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Forum:Admin Removal

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Special:Contributions/The\_Overmind?offset=20151014053406&target=The+Overmind

## https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:3807

19) The same day that The Overmind requested the return of Admin status, October 14, 2015, Miley Spears publicly proposed that The Overmind be restored as Administrator (mistakenly, Bureaucrat had originally been included, but as that was a separate issue that could only be reversed by FANDOM staff, that was removed and later dealt with separately). After giving a week for input from all editors, The Overmind was restored as Admin unanimously on October 21, 2015.

The Overmind posted in part on October 21, 2015: "Thanks for that! I'll try to establish better understanding between the administrators of this wiki, the ordinary user base of this wiki, and the ordained ministers of the Church of the SubGenius, and see if I can end the drama that has been going on lately." The Overmind also posted, "I posted in Scrubgenius asking people to be more civil and polite here and not make accusations without evidence to back it up...."

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Forum:Proposed Admin The Overmind

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:4177#2

20) Both before and after this point, SubGenius Wikia Clench was hit with impersonators, DMCA takedown orders, vandalism, and threats.

These included demands made by editors Frodis and Rev. Frodis Pshaw, both of whom claimed to be the same person and claimed the other was an imposter. On October 15, 2015, Pope Hilde had explained that, until the identify of the editor(s) was verfied and/or an official DMCA takedown order was approved by FANDOM staff, there was no way to determine if the demands were legitimate or part of a practical joke or trolling.

The material that was named in the DMCA takedown orders was not posted by Miley Spears or Pope Hilde; all of it was posted by the site's founder The Overmind who had, apparently in good faith, mistakenly identified the material as being in the public domain.

It had been established that the editor named General Public was not the SubGenius General Public; The Overmind was. The editor Rev. Frodis Pshaw was later found to not be the SubGenius member by that name; Frodis was. Jzp-wikia claimed to be Rev. Nick LaRGO, and that the editor named Rev. Nick LaRGO was an impersonator. The editor named Modemac may or may not have been the SubGenius Modemac. There was even an Ivan Stang (explained below).

Note that, contrary to popular belief, having multiple accounts on FANDOM does not violate FANDOM's policy nor does it violate the policy of SubGenius Wikia Clench. However, this is as long as accounts are not used to disrupt a site, evade bans,

impersonate a specific person, and the like (only those disruptive accounts are considered "sockpuppets" by FANDOM).

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/UberFemme (comment section)

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Special:Contributions/Rev. Frodis Pshaw

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:3924

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:4121

https://community.fandom.com/wiki/Help:Sockpuppet

21) Due to the rampant impersonation, the "Nobody's Nobody" thread that had begun on Oct. 2, 2015 was continued so that editors could voluntarily identify themselves. Those identified in that thread (as of the middle of March 2020) were Miley Spears, RevBabyBear, Rev. Nick LaRG0, Jzp-wikia, Pope Hilde, The Overmind, Rev. Frodis "Suds" Pshaw, JoX the Bobtist, and KarlBarx.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Forum:Nobody's Nobody?t=20180626210139

22) The Ivan Stang who posted on SubGenius Wikia Clench was not banned as an impersonator. This was because that user's first post on the SWC site included the message "DISCLAIMER: I am NOT the IVAN STANG who is no longer CEO of the CHURCH OF THE SUBGENIUS because I got sick and tired of BOBBIE'S and KOOKS." This was apparently a reference to the online article, not on SWC, that Rev. Ivan Stang had left the Church as CEO and been replaced by K'taden Legume.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/User:Ivan Stang?oldid=9691

23) While membership in a particular group was not and is not necessary to edit or admin a FANDOM site, including SubGenius Wikia Clench, in early 2017 Pope Hilde got another membership in the Church of the SubGenius--her third (she never sent in the first, and had returned the second to Miley Spears). She explained this on her profile.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/User:Pope Hilde#SubGenius minister

24) Miley Spears and Pope Hilde both paid for their own membership in The Church of the SubGenius; both were reinstated into the Church under those names (we have no link to verify that, but it would be in Church records--the memberships are under those names).

25) After giving The Overmind one month to demonstrate productivity and helpfulness with other editors as an Administrator, on November 14, 2015, Miley Spears proposed that The Overmind be restored as a Bureaucrat of the website.

After some discussion over a week to give editors a chance to comment, the consensus was to elevate/restore The Overmind to Bureaucrat status which was done on November 21, 2015.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Forum:Proposed Bureaucrat The Overmind

26) The Overmind's last post under that account on the site as of this writing was one post on Sept. 29, 2016; the editor had not posted before than time since January 18, 2016.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Special:Contributions/The Overmind

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:The\_Overmind/@comment-25980608-20160929191323/@comment-1986883-20160929203121?oldid=13452

27) Due to the still continuing problems with editors, primarily including likely card-carrying members of the Church of the SubGenius, an update was made to a forum message originally posted 21 September 2015. The original post was about FANDOM's policy and that, while membership in any group other than FANDOM itself was not required to edit a wiki, at least one administrators of SubGenius Wikia Clench was a card-carrying member.

This was updated on July 26, 2017 to say that, as of 27 July 2017, at least three of the administrators was a card-carrying member (differences in the dates apparently reflect differences in time zones). The Overmind, Pope Hilde, and Miley Spears, the three administrators at that time, were each a card-carrying member. Again, this was not a requirement or even recommendation of FANDOM which hosts the site.

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Forum:Card\_Carrying\_SubGenius\_Ministers?t= 20171114170430

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Forum:Card\_Carrying\_SubGenius\_Ministers?direction=next&oldid=13919

28) Problems with impersonations, threats of legal action, vandalism, etc. while less common than previously, still occurred on the SubGenius Wikia Clench. This included a call to "KILL POPE HILDE." Long-term FANDOM staff member Sannse posted, "...I would personally ban him for much longer than you have done."

https://community.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:1114718

https://community.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:1114720

https://community.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:1114718#10

29) K'taden Legume posted insults and said he would cause problems for SubGenius Wikia Clench. One of these on the FANDOM site was made on Aug. 14, 2017, and another on Aug. 26, 2017 (both were posted without using a named account, but both were later verified to have been K'taden Legume through PMs he made using his named account to Miley Spears on Facebook).

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Coco Dobbs#comm-5455

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Thread:5462

30) Since Miley Spears and Pope Hilde began editing, the SubGenius Wikia Clench has continued to support the Church of the SubGenius. This includes posting links (including the front page) encouraging membership to subgenius.com, promotion Slacking Toward Bethlehem, financially supporting Slacking Toward Bethlehem (both as SWC and individually), promoting the fundraiser for K'taden Legume's medical care ("K'taden Legume needs your help"--done in spite of Legume's previous comments) and supporting it individually, and other efforts.

https://subgenius.fandom.com

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Forum:Two\_for\_One\_Church\_Membership\_Now!?t= 20161204180248

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/SubGenius Wikia Clench?oldid=14600

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Slacking Towards Bethlehem

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/Forum:Our\_Pledge\_to\_Slacking\_Towards\_Bethlehem?t=20171102045723

 $\frac{https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/2049586998/the-church-of-the-subgenius-a-documentary/posts/2025845}{documentary/posts/2025845}$ 

https://www.facebook.com/subgeniusmovie/posts/1781101732182327

https://subgenius.fandom.com/wiki/SubGenius Wikia Clench?oldid=15458

Again, if you have questions about the validity of any FANDOM link in this letter, you can verify its authenticity with FANDOM staff. They can be contacted through the link below.

https://community.fandom.com/wiki/Community Central

Respectfully submitted by Pope Hilde (SWC adopter, administrator, and bureaucrat), Miley Spears (SWC administrator and bureaucrat), and JoX the Bobtist (SWC content moderator)