

The Re-Education of Jordan Peterson: Why His Clinical Psychology License is Under Threat

The Joe Rogan experience So we decided to have this conversation because of what's going on with you in Canada And that your clinical psychology license is in jeopardy because you have opinions about politics that they disagree with which is a very dangerous and bizarre turn of events Well it's your fault actually You know I told you I think a week or so ago when we talked about this Ok So let me give you some background here So it's my fault I will I'll tell you I tell you a lot of things are your fault as it turns out So yeah Yeah So the the college of psychologists has basically levied what are equivalent to about 13 lawsuits against me simultaneously Now the reason I call them lawsuits is because there are actions undertaken on behalf of a complainant Now the complainant can be anyone anywhere in the world who complains about me for any reason They don't have to be former clients They don't even have to be anybody I've ever met They don't even have to have met anybody I've ever met So you know so it could be someone online It is all this is pretty much all these complaints are someone online None of them are my clients although half of them claim to be falsely and the college didn't throw out their complaints despite that So which is really quite interesting the complaints Ok let's see Uh the one complaint is about the tweet I made about Ellen or Elliot page And when I said that a criminal physician cut off her breasts and that pride was the sin So now I'm in trouble again because I just said the same thing one was about uh sports illustrated cover where they teach that overweight model and I tweeted out not beautiful And um I guess that was something like fat shaming I don't remember exactly what the what the what the charge was And then I criticized Justin Trudeau and a former staff member of Justin Trudeau and Jacinda Ardern I made a joke about her coming I was going to New Zealand and the New Zealand leftist press was freaking out and I made this joke about bringing my alt right trolls to New Zealand and and then I put in parentheses or maybe they're just you know ordinary people who are trying to clean up their rooms So apparently that was casting the profession into disgrace And then they submitted one complainant from the US submitted the entire transcript of our last discussion So you know I don't know how to defend myself against that because apparently everything I say and apparently everything you say too is bringing the profession of psychology

into disgrace And I think they're most upset in that case about uh my comments about the inadequacy of climate models And so you know part of the reason I'm pursuing this action with regard to the Ontario College of Psychologists Well there's two reasons really 131 is you know leave me the hell alone guys You've been on my case nonstop for seven years Not once before that in 20 years of practice there's no complaints ever levied against me It wasn't until I started to become you know relatively well known publicly that the college came after me and seven years of that gets to be a bit much especially now that there's 13 lawsuits compiled up and all of them are for political opinions and half of them have been put forward on false grounds But but even that's not enough for me to engage in the battle The reason I'm engaging in the battle is well first of all you want me to do social media retraining so I communicate better according to your experts It's like experts by what criteria exactly what's a social media communication expert You got any documentation that that even exists as a field And how do you know that if you have that social media expert train me that I'm gonna be a better therapist There's no body of data that suggests that in the least So I'm not going down that route We should explain that because I've already been sentenced Right So this isn't a threat by the college This is what what the situation already is I haven't been hauled in front of their disciplinary board yet but they've already convicted me of disgracing the profession and sentenced me to an indefinite period of reed education And that's the second most serious punishment that they can levy against a professional The first is to take away the license The second is to undergo this retraining and to publicly announce the necessity for that which they've already done in my case And so now I have to sit down with these experts at my expense for an indefinite period of time until I'm trained properly whatever the hell that means by the criteria of the so-called experts and the college and that isn't pending an investigation that's already in place such a wild request to retraining just even the way they phrase it It's so bizarre So Orwellian Yeah Yeah Well like I said it's social media the whole transcript of our last conversation I don't imagine they'll be that happy with this one So but the other reason I'm pursuing it and to the degree that I'm able to keep my head clear during this process because it definitely makes me angry and really made me angry over Christmas when I was spending Christmas going through the minutia of all these bloody lawsuits trying to figure out what the hell they were up to instead of you know taking a bit of a break and having some time with my family And so I was very upset about that but to the

degree that I'm upset about it I'm not doing it Right Hey because this can't be personal can't be about me Part of the reason that I wanna pursue this and part of the reason we're pursuing an objection to what they're doing on Charter of Rights grounds in Canada is because they're interfering with my freedom of conscience and speech And again it isn't even the case That the reason that that's a problem is because it's about me The reason it's a problem is because the colleges in general like the regulatory boards of professionals are doing this to everyone lawyers physicians teachers massage therapists there's all these licensed professions And if you're if you're a licensed profession the government establishes a board of your peers to regulate conduct of the professionals Now And in a functional time all that happens then is that generally the people who get in trouble get in trouble with their own clients right With the people they've been dealing with directly and then the board steps in on the side of the person who's been injured by a you know a pathologically practicing professional and fair enough But now it's been weaponized and it's not it's been weaponized as a political tool too And it's not like activists don't know that you know and it's so preposterous because I have 20 million people following me on social media You know and God only knows how many views of my videos for example or the interviews you and I have done It's tens of millions and like the the what how many people complained 20 out of millions And then the college didn't have to pursue those complaints They can in they have to investigate them So I don't know what they're doing now because of course they've been inundated by thousands of complaints about their own behavior So I have no idea what they're gonna do about that but they didn't have to investigate They chose to investigate And as I said they did that despite the fact that half the complainants claimed to be my clients and weren't So what we have here is we have 13 people who complained about me hypothetically doing harm to someone they didn't know to someone who they didn't know anyone who knew on as a consequence of things I said on social media and that all of them not only were they fourth hand claims of harm which you know no psychologist would ever claim that 1/4 hand account of harm constituted a valid measurement So the bloody college is violating its own measurement standards by even pursuing this But so not only are they based on fourth hand information and then an outright lie which is they were clients of mine They're they're also predicated on the assumption that it's ok to go after a professional for expressing political criticism because like literally half of them are Well I said something about Trudeau I said something about one of

his top aides I said something about Jacinda Ardern I said something about an Ottawa city councilor in relationship to the trucker convoy You know I said something about climate Every single one of the complaints is political And so why is that a problem Well see if you can figure it out for yourself That'd be the first answer And the second is I have a friend in Canada very well known physician international reputation and a reasonably decent secondary income stream And when this all hit I reached out to him he's a very brave guy He's done a lot of writing that could easily get him in trouble I said look maybe I could get you and Bruce Party this lawyer at Queen's University who's going after the essentially the college that functions for lawyers They said we should do three letters same time saying you know that the colleges are chilling free speech in Canada with psychologists with with physicians and with lawyers And he said he didn't have his house in order enough to dare to take on the college And the problem with that is that I don't know anybody in Canada who's a physician that's more well situated than him or braver and even he was loath to do it He'll do it eventually but not now