

# 2017

## Alabama

### U.S. Senate

#### December 11, 2017

At a campaign rally in Midland City, Kayla Moore, wife of Senate candidate Roy Moore, touted her husband's appointment of the first black marshal at the Alabama Supreme Court as proof that he supported the rights of African Americans: "Fake news would also have you think that my husband doesn't support the black community. Yet my husband appointed the very first black marshal to the Alabama Supreme Court, Mr. Willie James. When he first took office as the chief justice many years ago he brought with him three people from Etowah County. Two were black, and one of them is here tonight."

Why is this included? These comments were meant to appeal to black voters not through policies that would assist the black community, but an inference that Moore's association with a few black individuals equates to support for racial equality.

Source: Video of Kayla Moore's statement is available on CNN's [website](#).

#### December 11, 2017

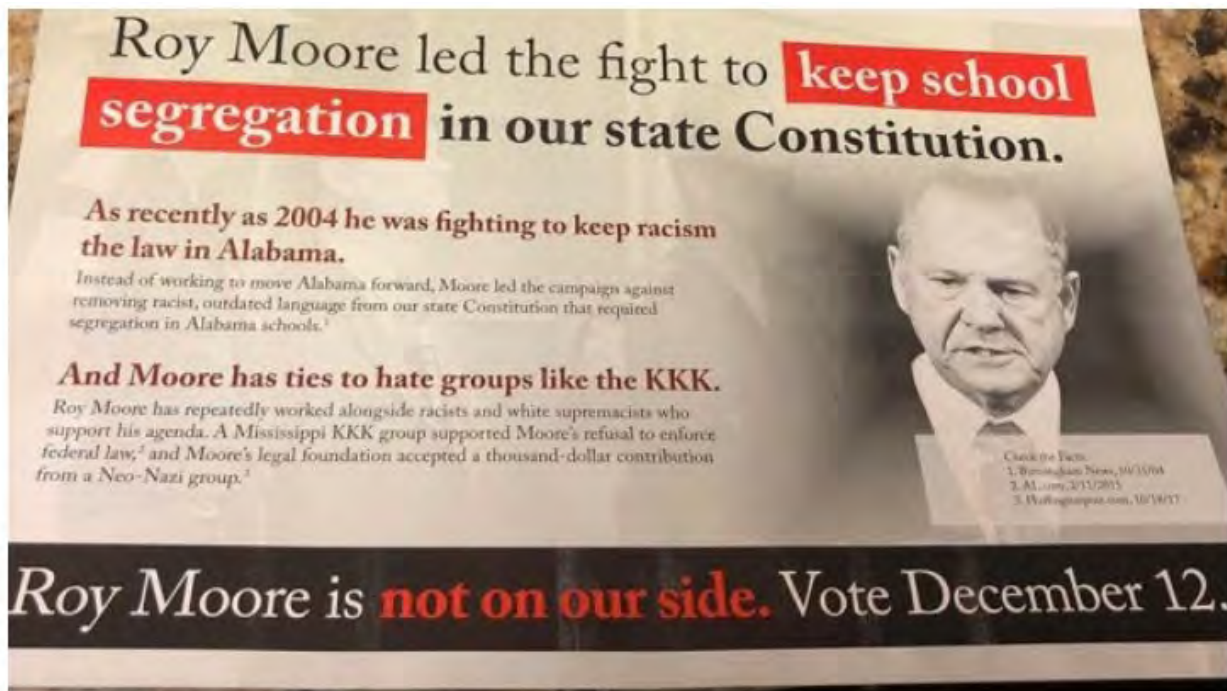
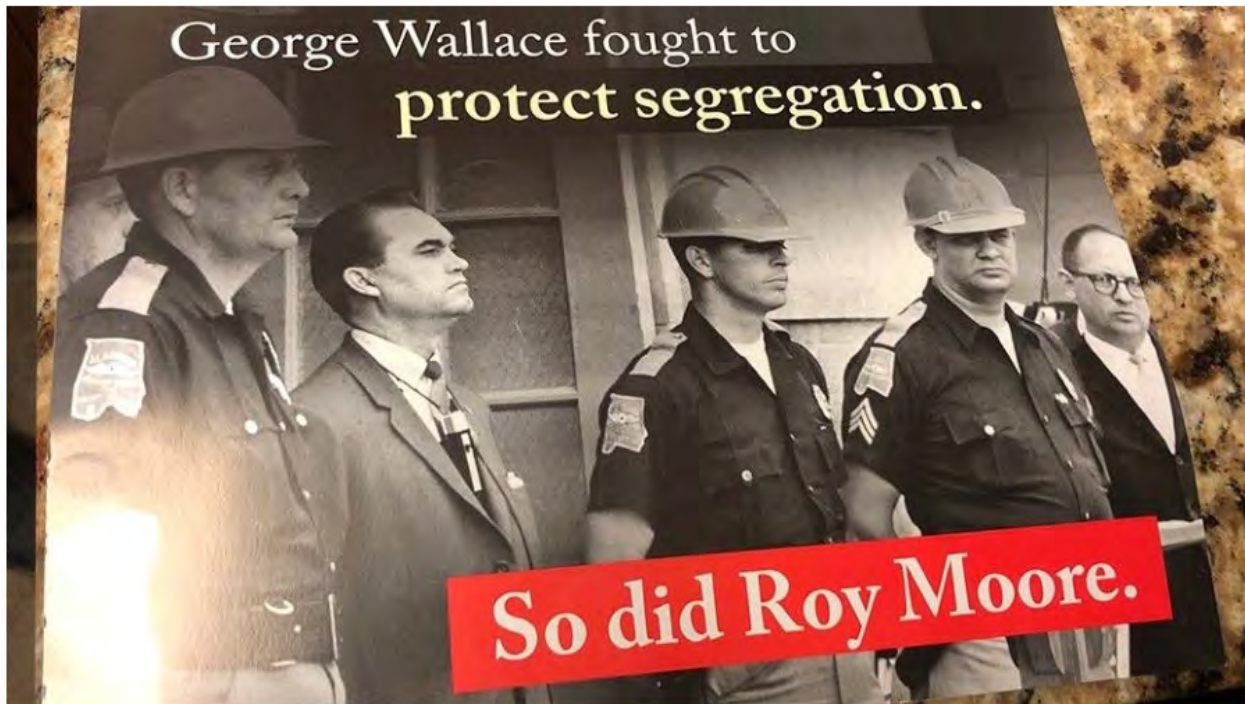
In response to allegations that Roy Moore had made anti-Semitic comments about George Soros, Moore's wife told supporters that her husband was not anti-Semitic because "One of our attorneys is a Jew. We have very close friends that are Jewish, and rabbis, and we also fellowship with them."

Why is this included? These comments were meant to appeal to Jewish voters not through policies that would assist the Jewish community, but an inference that Moore's association with a few Jewish individuals negates other evidence of anti-Semitism in a candidate's background.

Source: Video of Kayla Moore's statement is available on CNN's [website](#).

#### December 10, 2017

Democratic candidate Doug Jones's campaign sent a mailer to black voters that stated that Roy Moore supported segregation.

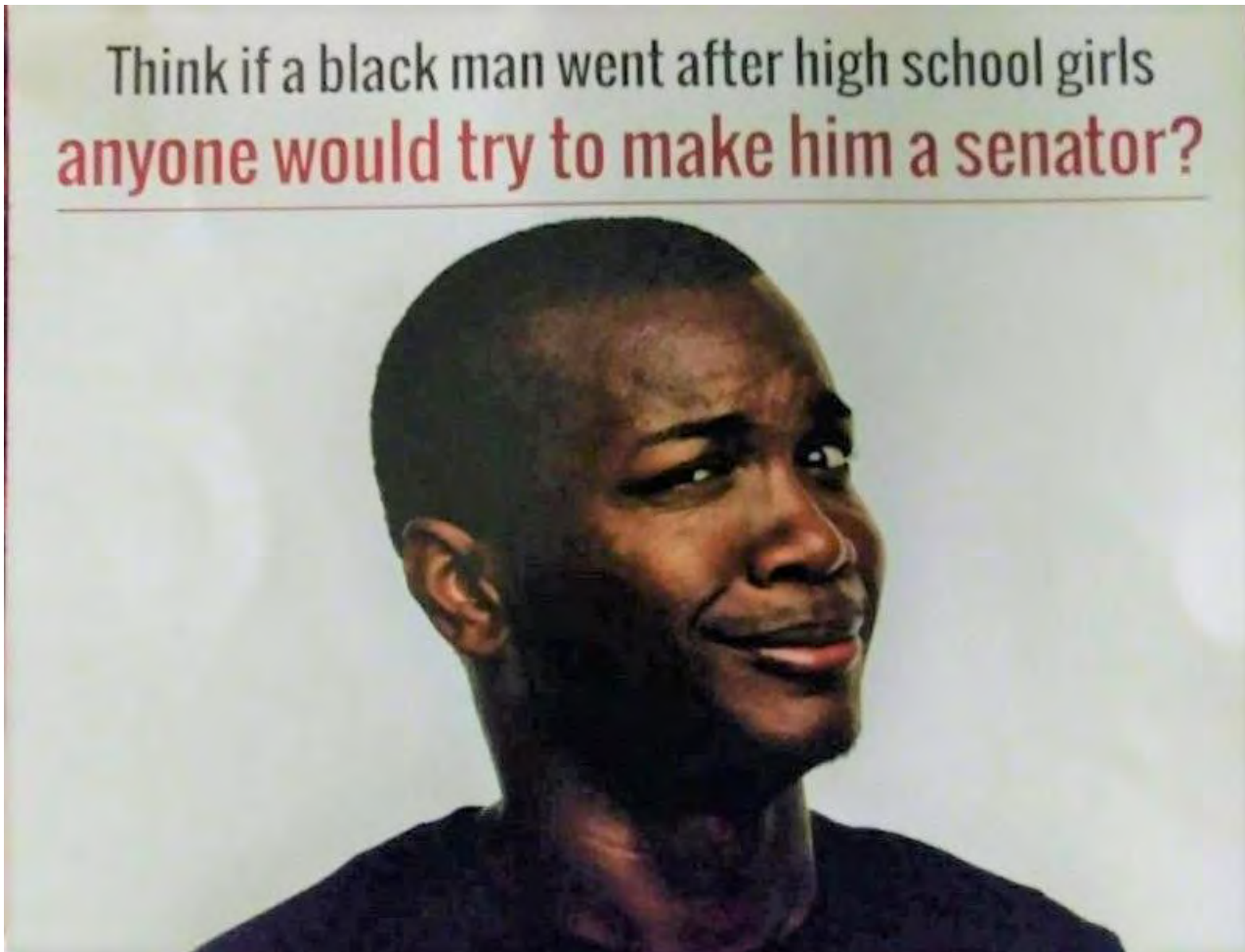


Why is this included? This mailer was sent only to black voters and thus referred to “our side” in a manner intended to define “sides” by race.

Source: More information about this story is available on Fox News’s [website](#).

December 7, 2017

The campaign for Democratic candidate Doug Jones sent a targeted mailer to black voters that depicts a black man and states, "Think if a black man went after high school girls anyone would try to make him a senator?" The front of the mailer repeated accusations that Roy Moore had molested underage girls.



Why is this included? The mailer was sent exclusively to black voters. According to a local news report, some residents who received the mailer were offended because they interpreted it as a racial appeal for their vote.

Source: More information about this story is available on WKRG News 5's [website](#).

December 4, 2017

In response to false allegations by right-wing publications that Democratic donor George Soros had funded efforts to register felons to vote against Roy Moore, Moore said in an interview with American Family Radio that “Soros is certainly trying to alter the voting populous. He’s pushing an agenda. And his agenda is sexual in nature. His agenda is liberal and not what America needs. It’s not American culture. Soros comes from another world that I don’t identify with. . . No matter how much money he’s got, he’s still going to the same place that people who don’t recognize God and morality and accept his salvation are going. And that’s not a good place.”

Why is this included? Moore appears to suggest that he believes Soros will go to hell because he is Jewish, and that Soros’s Jewish faith places him outside mainstream American values. These claims borrow from common anti-Semitic narratives and appeal to white supremacists.

Source: Fox News producer Dan Gallo reported on the remarks on his Twitter page.

November 29, 2017

Roy Moore tweeted about the registration of “THOUSANDS OF FELONS” threatening to swing the election to Doug Jones along with a photo of two African Americans registering to vote.





**Judge Roy Moore** ✓

@MooreSenate



BREAKING: Democrat operatives in Alabama are REGISTERING THOUSANDS OF FELONS all across the state in an effort to swing the US Senate election to Doug Jones! #ALSen [al.com/news/index.ssf...](https://al.com/news/index.ssf...)

12:05 PM - Nov 29, 2017



**Thousands of Alabama felons register to vote in last-minute p...**

Thousands of felons across Alabama have registered to vote in recent weeks, according to Pastor Kenneth Glasgow, who is heading [al.com](https://al.com)



2,346



3,280



2,760



Why is this included? The tweet links the registration of felons to black voters and assumes those voters will uniformly support the Democratic candidate.

Source: This Twitter account has since been deleted, but this tweet was collected and saved by our researchers.

November 27, 2017

The Highway 31 super PAC targeted black Facebook users with a video that claimed that Roy Moore had connections to a white supremacist group that allegedly inspired mass shooter Dylan Roof, who killed nine black parishioners at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal church in Charleston, South Carolina. The video is no longer available online.



Why is this included? The ad targeted black Facebook users and focused on Moore's connections to white supremacy groups.

Source: More information about this story is available on the Huffington Post's [website](#).

November 27, 2017

Highway 31, a political super PAC that supported Doug Jones, targeted ads on Facebook to black voters that stated, "A racist shouldn't represent you. If Roy Moore goes to Washington, he'll make decisions that will impact your family for years." It urged residents to vote against Moore, in favor of Jones. The ad is no longer available online.

Why is this included? The ad targeted black Facebook users and focused on Moore's alleged racist views.

Source: More information about this story is available on the Huffington Post's [website](#).

November 14, 2017

Senatorial candidate Roy Moore stated during a campaign speech: "Then they started to create new rights in 1965. And today we've got a problem." 1965 was the year that the Voting Rights Act, enforcing the right to vote for Americans of all races, was enacted.

Why is this included? This statement could be a dog whistle suggesting that the enforcement of the right to vote for black Americans is creating problems today.

Source: Listen to the speech [here](#). More information on the story is available on NBC's [website](#).

November 2017

Doug Jones for Senate released a radio ad that links Roy Moore to white supremacist groups, including the Ku Klux Klan, and discusses Moore's support for the birther movement, which claimed that President Barack Obama was born outside the United States and, therefore, ineligible to be president.

Why is this included? This ad focused on Moore's links to white supremacists, the Ku Klux Klan, and the birther movement.

Source: Listen to the ad [here](#). More information about this story is available the Washington Post's [website](#).

September 26, 2017

In an interview with Vox, Roy Moore asserted repeatedly, without evidence, that “[t]here are communities under Sharia law right now in our country.”

Why is this included? The myth that Sharia law is taking over certain American communities is false and has been spread by organizations like ACT! for America, a Southern Poverty Law Center-designated hate group, with the purpose of stoking anti-Muslim fear and sentiment.

Source: Read the full interview on Vox's website.

September 21, 2017

At a campaign rally, when asked when America was last great, Roy Moore replied, “I think it was great at the time when families were united - even though we had slavery - they cared for one another . . . Our families were strong, our country had a direction.”

Why is this included? Moore’s statements used the offensive stereotype of the happy slave, which misrepresents the experience of African Americans under slavery. This type of messaging appeals to white supremacists.

Source: Audio of Moore’s statements can be heard here. More information about this story is available on the Los Angeles Times' website.

September 18, 2017

Roy Moore used racial language in a tweet published from his campaign account to argue for uniting the country under Christianity, writing, “Red, yellow, black and white they are all precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world. This is Gospel.” The tweet has since been deleted.





**Judge Roy Moore**

@MooreSenate

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Red, yellow, black and white they are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world. This is the Gospel. (1/2)

3:49 PM - 18 Sep 2017

301 Retweets 721 Likes



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Why is this included? Moore's tweet includes the terms "red" and "yellow," which are considered derogatory and offensive terms for Native Americans and East Asians.

Source: More information on this story is available on ABC News's [website](#).

September 17, 2017

At a campaign rally, Roy Moore stated, "Now we have blacks and whites fighting, reds and yellows fighting, Democrats and Republicans fighting, men and women fighting. What's going to unite us? . . . It's going to be God."



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Source: View video of the statement [here](#). More information is available on ABC's [website](#).

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