



Episode 618: Confronting the Social Justice Warriors

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WOODS: I love the fact that there are so many people out there doing so many great things, and I'm not even aware that it's going on. Unfortunately, I am so unaware of the world sometimes, and I look at what you're up to, and I think – it's like Milo Yiannopoulos. How did I not know about this guy? What is the matter with me? Well, likewise, how did I not know about Lauren Southern? I am mortified. I am sorry about that. I should know what you're doing. But better late than never. I do know what you're doing, and it's just tremendous.

SOUTHERN: Of course.

WOODS: Okay, I want to start off first of all, before we even get to your horrifying incident with the Left – although, you know, which one?

SOUTHERN: (laughing) Exactly.

WOODS: But let's talk about what you pulled on Twitter. It was your idea, and it actually developed into a thing. I mean, I think you were thinking out loud, we should do this, and then people latched onto it and did it. Tell me about the triggering.

SOUTHERN: Right, so it was last year, maybe six, seven months ago. I put up a tweet, and you're right, it was just thinking out loud. I didn't think anything would come of it. I said, let's have a day where we all post offensive content in defense of free speech. Now, what seems offensive today is almost anything, but quite frankly if we all post offensive things, we cannot all be banned from Twitter. We cannot all be banned from Facebook. We cannot all be dragged in front of the Human Rights Commission and be charged hundreds of thousands of dollars to defend our free speech.

So people actually loved the idea and started sharing it everywhere. They were like, this needs to be a thing; like, free speech is becoming so rare online; you're getting banned from everything for the mildest milquetoast post. So I came up with a day, and it was March 9th, between – so last Wednesday – between International Women's Day and Osama bin Laden's birthday, so you had apt opportunities to make jokes about both. And it was just a day to be unapologetically offensive, to use our rights to free speech. And people loved – it trended worldwide. I was amazed.

So the Left were horrified, because it was trending in the U.K.; it was trending in Canada; it was trending in the U.S. for 24 hours. It was unreal, and you had huge names, like Ben Shapiro and Milo Yiannopoulos and Steven Crowder participating in this, and people loved it. People loved defending their free speech.

WOODS: Now, I have to say, I went through a period where my view was – I mean, I'm as, you know, non-leftist as they possibly come, but I got kind of annoyed, because a lot of the college student-types, like the college Republican-types – believe me, I know them; I was one. And their view kind of is being right of center means just being an obnoxious bore and then championing your right to be an obnoxious bore. Now, I also champion your right to be an obnoxious bore, but sometimes it just gets to be too much. I mean, I think a conservative should want to be a gentleman and behave the way a gentleman would behave.

SOUTHERN: Right.

WOODS: And a gentleman wouldn't use this sort of language. But you know, now that I'm watching the Left get – it's either I'm getting more sensitive or the Left is getting a lot worse. I don't know which one. They're getting so oppressive. They're having such a chilling effect on free speech that I now think, get out there on Twitter or anywhere else and say whatever the heck you want to say. This is ridiculous. We have to fight back against it, and it's thrilling to – see, next time you pull something like this, we've got to have you on the show in advance of it –

SOUTHERN: Yes –

WOODS: – so I can get my army ready to go and armed and equipped and ready to do this. So, you know, keep me in mind next time.

SOUTHERN: Well, that's exactly the issue, is it's no longer just people – if you look at the "triggering" hashtag – and I think this is what a lot of the regressive left are angry about – is they couldn't find a ton of people just going on there and yelling racist nonsense. They couldn't find people just doing that, because – but they still found everything very offensive. It was just people saying, "Hi, I'm African American and I'm a conservative #thetriggering." Like, "Hi, I believe there are only two biological sexes #thetriggering." "I think the nuclear family is a positive thing #thetriggering."

And it was just people stating facts that are deemed offensive today on college campuses, because what is deemed bigoted and what is deemed offensive has changed so much that's why I believe in defending offensive speech and why I think we need to defend even hate speech, because you look 100 years ago, we had blasphemy laws in place, where if you were a Christian and you were saying, "I'm not a Christian," you could get in a lot of trouble. And 100 years from now, you're going to find that denying the 700 invented genders on Tumblr will be hate speech. Denying that someone is a pink unicorn running around, that'll be hate speech, right? So you've got to protect it all, because you never know what it's going to be tomorrow that will be deemed hate speech or bigoted.

WOODS: Let me throw something in here about the whole being offended phenomenon. I posted something – I got into a little bit of an exchange with Glenn Greenwald on Twitter a couple of days ago –

SOUTHERN: Oh, he's a gem.

WOODS: Well, the thing is I like some of the pieces that he's written over the years, but as Justin Raimondo says, unfortunately that Glenn Greenwald is long gone. He is dead and buried, and we have the new Bernie Sanders Glenn Greenwald. So anyway, I was saying that, look, if you want to oppose Donald Trump, you don't do it in the Chicago way, because his whole appeal is that he's the guy everybody hates, that the mainstream hates, and he's the guy who is supported by the silent majority. Well, when you have a loud minority screaming at him, that just builds his appeal as the representative of the silent majority. I mean, in other words, you're playing right into his – and I was saying – so anyway, I said the Left is a bunch of idiots to act this way, because they're only going to make him stronger. And Glenn Greenwald wrote back and said, it's not just the Left who's offended by Trump. Ugh. So anyway, I got this response from a so-called constitutional conservative. I mean, he said, "That's right, we constitutional conservatives are also offended by Trump." So I wrote back and I said, "No conservative worth his salt uses the sissy word 'offended.'"

SOUTHERN: Yes.

WOODS: (laughing) That's like my best tweet of 2016 right there. I mean, come on, people. Really.

SOUTHERN: (laughing) No, and it really does help him, because then you have the rest of the conservative base as well. Look at these people, and they're like, oh, you must be a fake conservative if you're trying to silence people for using the word "offended," if you're using the words "triggered," right? And you're totally right. When I saw those riots, I instantly tweeted out, "This has just made everyone like Donald Trump more."

WOODS: Yeah. Duh.

SOUTHERN: (laughing) It's unreal that people cannot see that. Even like when I had – I know we're going to talk about this later, but when I had the piss thrown on me, I was laughing after, because I'm like, you just threw this on me, and I know we got it on video. We're going to upload it, and no one's going to think that you had a good argument by throwing piss on me. No one's going to think you were right (laughing).

WOODS: All right, I guess we've got to switch, because there ain't no more talking about Donald Trump at this point, although I just want to – let me just close this section by saying these people are dumb as rocks. I mean, they are the worst strategists in the world. It is ridiculous that they think that's going to help them. All right, so let's talk about this incident that happened. So I guess, were you on a street corner? Paint the picture for me.

SOUTHERN: It is a very complicated story. We were supposed to have a guy named August Sol Invictus come speak in Vancouver. Now, I was just going there to see what's going on. He's apparently a libertarian running for Senate in California. Very controversial figure, because he has some — he's a pagan who has drank goat's blood, and he got all over the news for it, because they're like, this candidate for Senate has drank goat's blood (laughing). So people also think he's a fascist. I haven't seen too much evidence for it, but either way, I was just out there to see what he had to say.

He was actually blocked from coming into the country, because he got so many threats and so many people threatening to come and attack him and stop his speaking event in Canada, so he was just blocked from coming into Canada. And these people who had — well, initially they had harassed the Railway Club, which is the place the initial speech was going to be happening. And they shut down the event, so they planned it for another place, and they planned to come and protest that, and then he was just barred from the country.

So me and a couple libertarians in the area, we went out for drinks anyways, and this "anti-fascist" group that got him barred from the country, got him kicked out of the other place, they still showed up to the area that we were having drinks, wearing balaclavas and ready for a fight. We're just like, we are literally walking down the street, and we see this group across the street, all in black, wearing balaclavas, with cameras and just staring at us. And we're like, are you kidding me? These people showed up to where we were having drinks? There's not even any speech going on.

And apparently none of these people know the definition of libertarian, because they thought we were fascists, so we get into an argument with them, and we're like, it's not very cool that you guys wouldn't support someone's free speech. Instead of planning on throwing — and they had said they were going to throw piss at him initially. They were going to throw feces at him; they were going to shut him down. And we're like, instead of attacking this guy and getting him barred from the country, why wouldn't you attack his ideas? Hear his ideas first and debate with him. So that's how we got into the debate with these people, the supposed anti-fascists who wanted to shut down free speech (laughing).

WOODS: Yeah.

SOUTHERN: Yeah, it was a very odd —

WOODS: I think they don't quite know what the word means, maybe. Do you think that's — ?

SOUTHERN: That might be an issue (laughing). That might be the issue.

WOODS: All right, so how you — so you in particular, though, became a target for them.

SOUTHERN: Right. A lot of them know who I am in the area, just because of my SlutWalk antics. If you don't know what my SlutWalk antics are, I've gone to SlutWalks before and kind of challenged the girls on why they're there. Why are you walking around in your underwear to stop rape? How does this stop rape?

WOODS: Oh my gosh. So this just goes to show again the life I lead. I didn't even know this thing existed. And by the way, I was perfectly happy not knowing, so thanks a lot.

SOUTHERN: (laughing) I apologize. Yeah, they twerk to end rape. It's very productive.

WOODS: Ugh.

SOUTHERN: It's extremely productive.

WOODS: That's insane. Okay.

SOUTHERN: After I went to this event, I've been dubbed a rape apologist. It's –

WOODS: Of course.

SOUTHERN: Of course. I'm extremely offensive to these people, and I saw a few of the girls there that were from the SlutWalk, and they had started a petition against me earlier last year to get me kicked out of the Libertarian Party. They had written a letter just filled with lies; it was the worst thing I've ever read in my life. It was saying that I was telling rape victims they deserved to be raped and their rapes didn't happen. And I disproved it all with video evidence, but they had written all this, and they had sent it to friends of mine. They had sent it to party leaders, family members. It was just the worst thing that could have possibly happened, and I'm so unbelievably glad I had video footage of the event to disprove this letter they had written, this slanderous letter they had written about me. And it was the first time I had seen them since that event, and I kind of was like, why would you do that? Why would you write this lie-riddled letter to ruin my life? And that's who I got into this gender politics debate with them, if you watch the video.

And they, of course, started yelling out, because you're not a feminist, because you're an awful person. And we got debating about whether – I don't know how we got there, but we got debating about whether there were two genders or not. And I said, sorry, biologically your made-up Tumblr gender of demigirl, your made-up Tumblr gender of unicorn gender, they do not exist. That is in your imagination. There are two sexes, two genders, end of story. And they were just yelling, "Bigot, bigot, bigot," and then I feel this rush over my face of liquid, and I turn around, and this person in, like, a black hoodie has poured what I initially thought was pop all over me, and I'm just like, what has just happened. And they run over, and there's a scum going on, and these feminists, these self-proclaimed feminists are laughing at me and saying I deserved it. They are laughing at me, mocking me, yelling, "Maybe that washed the scum off you." And I'm just sitting there, like, unreal. This is an unreal situation. And my friend beside me, who got it on him as well, he's like, Lauren, you smell like pee.

WOODS: Oh my gosh.

SOUTHERN: You smell like urine. I think that is urine on you. These people had said they were bringing it with them, so I was like, oh my goodness (laughing). This is unreal.

WOODS: All right, this is I think an opportune moment to sit and count up all the times that leftists have had urine thrown on them by non-leftists. Do you want to sit down and grab a piece of paper, and you and I will make a nice, long list? Or all the leftist speakers who came to college campuses who were shouted down by bigoted conservatives? Let's get a big, long piece of legal paper, and let's start writing our list. You ready? Okay, I'm done.

SOUTHERN: Uh, I think I fail.

WOODS: Yeah, see, this is the issue here. And I know that there is a sliver of my audience that this is like fingernails on a chalkboard for them, because some of them come from the Left and now they've become libertarians, but on the other hand, there are people who come from the Left to become libertarians and say, yeah, you're right, they are that crazy, and that's why I'm so glad to be away from them. I mean, I have plenty of complaints that I make about conservatives, and I am critical of the neoconservatives on this show almost to a fault. I almost get complaints about it from time to time. But the one thing I can say is I don't ever fear that if I got to a college campus, a neoconservative is going to interfere with it. I mean, they might ask me a tough question, but that's about it. I have no fear whatsoever that there's going to be antics or immaturity or silliness or violence or screaming or irrationality. I never have any reason to fear that.

SOUTHERN: Yeah, well, one of the things that freaked me out in this Facebook page where they arranged to come out – it was called Vancouver Against Racism, which is a very interesting title, because our little libertarian circle of friends, they were not all white people. (laughing) This was just a bunch of us friends. In fact, the girl who got soaked behind me was a small Asian girl who filed a police report. My friend, she ran for the Libertarian Party. And they were posting in the group, the Left needs to stop being afraid to use violence to combat ideas we don't like.

WOODS: Yeah, because they've always been so afraid of that, right?

SOUTHERN: (laughing) Exactly. But I was looking at it, because a few people in the group were being, like, okay, let's not be violent, it could actually hurt our arguments if we go out there, and I'm like, wow, these people actually have it together. But so many people, the amount of people in the group attacking those people who wanted to come and peacefully protest was unreal. It was unreal, and it's very sad. It's very sad that in this day and age we can't sit down and just have a battle of ideas. I would have invited them in for beers with us to discuss freedom of speech, but they showed up with balaclavas.

WOODS: Yeah, no doubt. All right, I want to share with you my interview secret that I was telling you about before, but first we have to just pause for a message.

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Okay, I want to go back just quickly to the triggering, because you were telling me before we went on that you got a lot of coverage for this in the media, and then you would be asked questions about it, and then you would ask, well, send me the article when it's all done, and they never would, because of course it was a hatchet job and they didn't have the guts to send it to you. And I just want you to know, I've been on the receiving end of hatchet jobs before. The website *The Daily Beast* interviewed me, and I gave them such a top notch interview. Like, I thought to myself, it's impossible for them to portray me in a negative light after this interview. But it's not impossible.

Same thing with *Reason* magazine contributor Cathy Young, who interviewed me or sent me some email questions or something back in 2004. And so I answered her questions in a way that there'd be no way for her to just take a few words out of context and hurt me. I worded it so she couldn't do that. So she didn't quote me at all. She just took — so she was going to smear me, and thankfully I know somebody on the *Reason* board who basically told *Reason*, shut up and leave Woods alone, you jerks, and they have not bothered me since, so it's wonderful to have friends all over the place.

But anyway, so here's my way of dealing with it, and some people say, *The New York Times* calls you — which I've interviewed with them, and *The Washington Post*. If they call you, don't interview with them. I don't agree with that. I think you should do it, but what you do is you tell them you're recording.

SOUTHERN: Yes.

WOODS: And if they don't consent to that, then fair enough. It wasn't worth doing. But I will make a whole podcast episode out of my side of the interview the next time they pull that on me. I'll make a podcast episode out of it, and for one, that means, hey, free episode, you know? I'm lazy. That gives me a free episode. But that way it gets my story out there. So that's my secret, is to make — I mean, I'm a podcaster, so it's easy for me, but you could make a nice YouTube of it.

SOUTHERN: Of course, of course.

WOODS: You could do all kinds of fun things with it. But anyway, all right, you were talking about the Libertarian Party briefly.

SOUTHERN: Yeah.

WOODS: I want you to tell me – now, maybe this has all eased up now and you don't want to dwell on the past, but frankly I'm curious about the sort of run-in you had with the LP and why that happened.

SOUTHERN: Right, it is in the past, and luckily (laughing) – it was a hectic month of insanity going through that. But I was kicked out of the party for a little bit after I went to a SlutWalk and challenged some of the girls and they wrote that slanderous letter I was talking about earlier. And they sent it to the party, and they kicked me out, because I was supposedly a bigot and I shouldn't be allowed to be – in fact, some people in the party said, I don't want people in the party who are anti-feminist, I don't want that, that should not be allowed. And the majority of the party did defend me, but unfortunately the people who were on the board at the time, the people who were president of the party were, quite frankly, SJWs. They were – I don't believe for a second that they were true libertarians. They were people that had come into the party to co-opt it for the purposes of social justice.

WOODS: No! You're telling me there are people who aren't real libertarians who have all kinds of leftist presuppositions? I refuse to believe that.

SOUTHERN: (laughing) Yeah, have you ever heard of the thing called atheism plus?

WOODS: No, I haven't, but you know – I'm just glad – how old are you – is that rude of me to ask you how – I mean, I know you're in college, so you've got to be college-age.

SOUTHERN: I'm a lot younger than people think I am. I'm 20.

WOODS: Okay, all right. I'm glad you're going through this and I'm not. I mean, at the time I thought I was growing up through a crazy time. I was growing up basically during, you know, *The Andy Griffith Show* compared to this.

SOUTHERN: Luckily I have a good sense of humor, so I can look at it all and laugh, quite frankly. This is in class, as well. There's not too many – education isn't what it used to be, I'm sure.

WOODS: So atheism plus. I'm sure what this is is they read Richard Dawkins, but then they actually go back and they read the original Thomas Aquinas, and they say I'm not sure Dawkins really grasped this. Is that what you mean?

SOUTHERN: Well, okay, so it's atheism, plus – actually, Richard Dawkins condemns it, I'm pretty sure – plus being a feminist, plus being pro Black Lives Matter, plus being kind of a liberal, basically. So you aren't just allowed to be an atheist anymore. To be a proper atheist you have to be an atheist plus.

WOODS: Ahh.

SOUTHERN: You have to be an environmentalist; you have to be a vegan; you have to be all these different things; otherwise, you're not being a good atheist. And this just ruined the atheism movement for people. They were like, I don't believe in this. I'm just an atheist. I just want to (laughing) – I don't want to be a feminist as well, all right?

WOODS: But you know, in the same way – sorry to interrupt, but I mean, there is kind of like a libertarianism plus, where just believing in nonaggression is not enough. You have to believe in all of these fashionable left-wing causes too. And obviously all that does is turn off all the just regular people who might be interested.

SOUTHERN: Well, that's exactly what happened, and they called it libertarianism 2.0, and I had to chuckle to myself, because I was like, this is literally the exact same thing that happened to the atheism movement.

WOODS: (laughing)

SOUTHERN: Like, you can't just be a libertarian; you have to be a nice and sweet libertarian. And of course what they considered "nice" was not having any real strong positions on anything remotely right wing, and I am a more – my own personal values are more conservative as a libertarian. I don't want to do drugs. If you want to drugs, that is your bloody right, but I personally don't. I personally would rather grow up in a nuclear family, kind of thing. I have more personal conservative values, and that was not okay in this libertarianism 2.0. I am not a feminist, right? And a lot of people really, really didn't like that. So basically I was kicked out of the party, and a lot of people got very angry over this, because they were like – and they contacted the leader of the party, Tim Moen at the time, and they were like, Tim, these people are trying to co-opt the party. These people are not actual libertarians.

WOODS: And he backed you, didn't he?

SOUTHERN: Um, initially he backed the SJWs in the party, because – and I don't blame him, because they really had – they were the ones who were putting in – they were the ones who were on the board, they were the ones that were kind of talking to him often and everything, and they had convinced him that it was best for the party. But a month later he turns around and realizes these people were trying to take over the entire party. Like, he had them literally plotting to take over his position to make it a kind of more left-wing Libertarian Party, and they were trying to kick out more people with different ideas. And after *Breitbart* wrote a piece on the whole situation kind of showing the messages between myself and other party members, it was undeniable that the individuals that had kicked me out were – it was undeniable that they weren't in support of free speech, that they weren't in support of free thought.

WOODS: Yeah.

SOUTHERN: And I don't want to get too much into it, but there was a lot that went down after that, where these people, like, they got really bad for the party and

eventually all had to leave, because they were literally trying to take over the party. It got to a point where it was like there were campaign funds missing, kind of thing (laughing). Like, they just —

WOODS: Oh, wow.

SOUTHERN: It was bad; it was bad.

WOODS: So, how about that? Like there isn't enough leftism in Canada already? We need to bring some to the Libertarian Party. I mean, aren't we allowed to have our own safe space? You know, safe from leftism in just one part of society?

SOUTHERN: Well, and you can have left-libertarians that, if they keep their personal values, as long as they say it's my personal value that I want to be a feminist. I'm not going to force it on other people, all right? It's my personal value that I want to not use "bigoted language." That's —

WOODS: Yeah, of course they can do that. No one has ever said you can't — and even if I think that's a silly thing, if it happens to be, you and I, we can have an argument about it, a discussion about it, but nobody has to necessarily be forced to adopt the other person's view. I mean, that's how civilized people interact with each other.

SOUTHERN: The problem is on the regressive left, though, is they get so offended by things; they're like, I cannot be in this space with another person who disagrees with me on this issue. I'm so unbelievably offended and emotional about it that your free speech has to be shut down; your opinion has to not be allowed. It gets to that point so often, even in the libertarian sphere. Not always, but very often. So it's just these regressive leftists. It's very predictable every time, even if they call themselves libertarians.

WOODS: You know, Milo — did you hear the story, he gave a talk at a college recently, and there was some story about afterward the kids all needed counseling and they needed to be coddled and everything —

SOUTHERN: Yeah.

WOODS: — and it makes me think, okay, kids, now you have some idea of what my college experience was like, because mine was all left-wing Milos, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. That was what my college experience was like. I got one person every two semesters who might have said something I agreed with, and my gosh, if I had a heart attack every time that happened I wouldn't have survived to my 20th birthday.

SOUTHERN: Well, you know, it's still like that. This is what I don't get, is these students, the majority of their college/university experience — in fact, almost all of it, in some cases — they are never going to run into a libertarian or a conservative professor. Never, unless they're taking economics. They're going to just have people that disagree with them. You'd think they would be excited for someone with a

different opinion to come to campus. You'd think they would be excited to have some of their perceptions –

WOODS: (laughing) You would think.

SOUTHERN: But it's unreal. They're like, no, this is physically – they literally think it physically harms people, because they'll say it's "harmful," it is "destructive" to hear different opinions. No. Words do not hurt you. They help you. They expand your mind. They challenge you, and that's what university should be. It should be opening minds, not closing them, not shutting down ideas. And it's, ugh, it's so sad. It's difficult to be on campus in such a time when ideas are deemed as harmful.

WOODS: Now tell people how it is that you're conveying your message. I've seen you make YouTubes, and I know you write. Tell me what your outlets are.

SOUTHERN: Right, I'm on TheRebel.media most of the time. I make videos there, and I have a show called *Stand Off* there that I just started. I only have one episode out. And I also write for them a bit. I write for *Spiked-Online* in the U.K. every once in a while, but most of my articles I've written for a few other sites as well, so I'll post them all on my Twitter, @lauren_southern. And I would be on Facebook, but I'm actually being banned consistently from Facebook. I got a one-day ban a few weeks ago; then I got a three-day ban; now I've got a week-long ban, and I'll get only about a day in between each ban. And I'm getting banned for milquetoast jokes about feminism from three months ago, so either Facebook is going through my feed and just not allowing me on there or feminists are raiding it. But I used to have, like, 20,000 followers following my stuff there, but now I can't even use it, because I'm just permanently banned (laughing).

WOODS: But haven't you been reading about what's going on on Twitter? Maybe that could happen there.

SOUTHERN: Oh yeah, I'm getting shadow banned from there. It's unreal what is happening. I can't talk anywhere without fear of censorship.

WOODS: Wow, that's nuts. And you know, of course you know they took – oh, now I can't think of the – what's the term for getting the little checkmark next to your name?

SOUTHERN: Oh, verification.

WOODS: Verification. When they took that away from Milo, some people might think, eh, well, that's not really a big deal, but a lot of his fans have Twitter accounts under his name, and so it is actually important to distinguish who's the real one. And half the time – you know, I get all the notifications on my smartphone, and half the time I say, oh, Milo retweeted me, and only about 10% of the time is it the real Milo (laughing).

SOUTHERN: Yes, exactly.

WOODS: All right, let's see – tell me – let's see, what do I want to do? Yeah, why not? Why not? Before you go, because I know I've seen a video you made about feminism, and a lot of times when I hear people say, "I'm not a feminist," you know, I appreciate what they're saying. They're saying I'm not a feminist in the current interpretation of the term. But certainly by 19th century standards they are feminists, so what exactly is your view?

SOUTHERN: I simply believe in equal opportunity, and that's no longer –

WOODS: But that makes you a feminist, though, by the standards of original feminism, yeah.

SOUTHERN: Well, it also – but the word, the label has changed. What it was has changed entirely. So people can say, oh, that makes you a feminist, believing in equality, but if you call yourself a feminist today you have to spend 10 hours explaining what you mean, because the majority of the loud voices in the movement, people who are the leaders of it, the Andrea Dworkins, the *Feminist Frequency* Anita Sarkeesian, all these feminists that are the head of the movement, the people that are getting the most funding, have the most followers, they all are just hateful towards men. They all want more rights. They all think women are these special flowers who cannot handle different opinions and need to be protected in these safe spaces and be coddled, and it's just a disgusting view of what feminism or equality should be.

As a woman, I don't think I'm so weak that I need to be coddled from different opinions online. I don't think that I need extra rights. I don't need extra points when I get hired – I don't need to be forcefully hired for a job simply because of my genitalia. How they underestimate women today, it's very sad. It's very sad, and it's having a self-fulfilling prophecy effect on young girls, and I cannot identify with a movement that has done that to women.

WOODS: Well, I want to link to – have you done more than one video on feminism?

SOUTHERN: I've done – yes, I've done one "Why I Don't Need Feminism" video; I did that last year. And then I have three videos going to SlutWalks, just challenging feminists on their views, and those ones are quite funny if you're in for a laugh, because none of these women have any idea what they're standing for or why they're there or why they're feminists. It's unreal.

WOODS: All right, okay. I haven't seen those, but I have seen the other one. So I'm going to link to that at TomWoods.com/618. I'll link to your article archive as well, and I guess we're just going to have to talk again soon, because something tells me that you live an eventful enough life that something will have happened by the time you're due back on the show.

SOUTHERN: Yes, I'll get in trouble again for you, so I can come back.

WOODS: That is just nuts. I just can't get over. So are you kind of connected in with the whole, you know, Milo crowd and stuff now because of your notoriety?

SOUTHERN: Well, actually, one of the SlutWalks I went to in Los Angeles, the Amber Rose Slut Walk, I went with Milo, and we were both kicked out by the police for having the wrong opinions, so that one was an interesting event. Unfortunately Milo wouldn't let us get arrested, because he wants to move to the U.S. (laughing).

WOODS: Oh, I didn't know he wants to move to the U.S. How about that? Okay.

SOUTHERN: Probably. I'm just assuming he wouldn't want to ruin his passport.

WOODS: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, but I mean, I think he would have a much bigger audience here than in the U.K. You know, it's a much –

SOUTHERN: Yeah, it's unreal.

WOODS: – much, much tougher crowd. In the same way you'd have a bigger audience in the U.S. than in Canada.

SOUTHERN: I worry about Milo – and I do worry about myself as well with the hate speech laws in Canada and the U.K. Like, I hope Milo moves to the U.S., because I think he could seriously be in trouble with the hate speech laws they've got here. And here in Canada, you've got comedian Mike Ward on trial with Human Rights Commission, where he's paid hundreds of thousands – well, it's either 80,000 or 200,000 that he's paid for the right to make a joke, that he's trying to keep himself out of jail for making a joke. And of course my boss at *Rebel Media*, Ezra Levant, he's had to fight against the Human Rights Commission here for publishing a comic of Mohammed. And I really worry about myself and others with opinions that are deemed offensive, because we quite frankly don't have free speech here. We could be attacked by the government here at any point. So people are very blessed to have their First Amendment in America, and I hope they know they should defend it. Unfortunately students don't seem to have gotten that through their heads yet, how valuable and how many people have died for the right to have that free speech and how many people don't have that.

WOODS: Well, start signing up for your dual citizenship so you can escape –

SOUTHERN: Exactly.

WOODS: – if necessary. All right, Lauren, thanks a lot for your time. All the links for your stuff will be at TomWoods.com/618, and thanks for chatting with me today.

SOUTHERN: Thank you very much.