## Memo to the Board of Atheist Alliance International

## From Atheist Ireland and The Freedom From Religion Foundation

## Re: Motion of No Confidence in Chairperson

Dear Christine,

Please read this memo independently of the investigations being conducted into other allegations regarding Onur Romano. We want to stress that we consider him, like anyone else, to be innocent by default of any criminal allegations unless a court of law finds otherwise.

Atheist Ireland and The Freedom from Religion Foundation have lost confidence in Onur's political judgment and his ability to represent Atheist Alliance International. We are therefore asking you to convey to him our request that he resign completely and permanently with immediate effect. If he does not do this, we will formally propose a motion of no confidence, and seek the support of all AAI board members and all affiliates and individual members.

We base our loss of confidence in his political judgment on the contents of his personal Facebook page, the banner of which is the AAI logo, and on which he publishes personal and AAI content.



Some of the content on this page discredits AAI, and us as AAI members. We want to stress that Onur is perfectly entitled to publish this content under his right to freedom of expression, and that nobody should seek to stop him from doing so. Furthermore, we want to stress that we are making no judgment whatsoever on Onur's sexual preferences or sense of humour.

However, one political consequence of him choosing to publish these posts is that it discredits AAI and us as AAI members, in a way that we as secular advocacy groups are not prepared to be associated with. This political consequence is a matter for AAI to consider. If Onur does not recognise the gravity of this, that simply adds a further question about his political judgment.

We attach some recent sample entries from this page to illustrate our concerns.

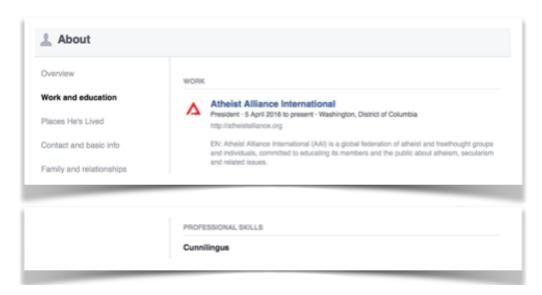
Yours sincerely,

Michael Nugent and Jane Donnelly, for Atheist Ireland

Annie Laurie Gaylor and Dan Barker, for Freedom From Religion Foundation

## Some Recent Entries on Onur's Facebook Page

In his "About: Work and Education" page, under "Work", Onur lists "Atheist Alliance International President", along with other secular activist positions. Below these work positions, under "Professional Skills", he has written "Cunnilingus."

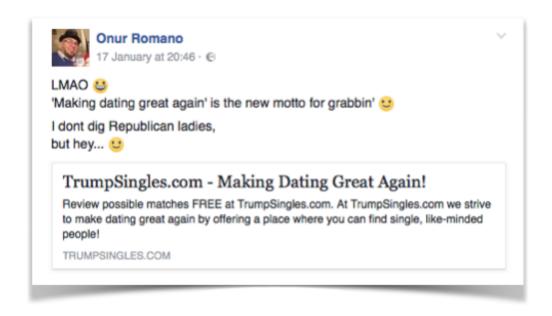


On 1st February 2017, Onur published a link to a video about an imaginary phone app called Lickster, in which the user licks a digital vulva on their phone screen in order to improve their cunnilingus skills. The link was titled: "The solution for you niggas that can't eat pussy right". One scene in the video shows a man licking his phone on a crowded train, while several uncomfortable women walk away from him.

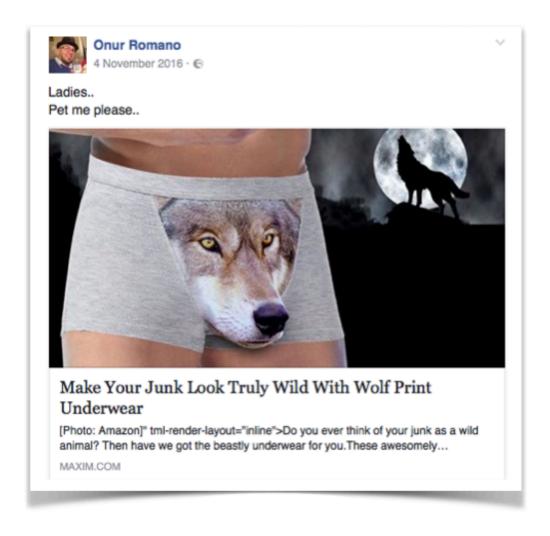
Onur's comment on the link was: "I am honored to introduce you the app of the century! Don't forget gentleman (and my type of ladies): "Practise Makes Perfect":)" Immediately below this, he had shared a post published by Atheist Alliance International.



On 17th January 2017, Onur published a link to a Republican Party dating website called "trumpsingles.com — Making Dating Great Again!". Onur's comment on the link was: "LMAO:D 'Making dating great again' is the new motto for grabbin':) I don't dig Republican ladies, but hey…"



On 4th November 2016, Onur published a link to a Maxim article titled: "Make Your Junk Look Truly Wild With Wolf Print Underwear: Do you ever think of your junk as a wild animal? Then have we got the beastly underwear for you." Onur's comment on the link was: "Ladies... pet me please."



Just this weekend, on 11th February 2017, even as AAI is considering the other allegations about him, Onur republished a post from a year ago, showing a sign from a hardware store listing lubricants, rope and chain, screws and tie downs. The caption on the post was "Apparently there's a party in aisle 15." Onur's comment on the post was "Who wants to visit the aisle 15 today:)"

