



## CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL

### **Statement to NPR Concerning Alex Gibney's HBO Documentary**

This bigoted propaganda by Alex Gibney and Lawrence Wright is built on falsehoods invented by admitted liars. What Alex Gibney did was scrape the bottom of the barrel to assemble the most discreditable former members, expelled from the Church some as long as three decades ago, led by a wannabe guru that formed a small anti-Scientology hate group, and then presented them as “representative” of the religion and its members—*all while ignoring every actual member of the religion and the glorious renaissance the Church of Scientology actually is experiencing today.*

Just as Lawrence Wright's book was filled with more than 200 factual errors, in two hours this film racks up more falsehoods, errors, embellished tales and blatant omissions than were committed by *Rolling Stone* and Brian Williams combined. By our calculation, the film on average includes at least one major error every two minutes. Because Mr. Gibney's film is so one-sided and was never intended to be fair, the Church has compiled the unvarnished truth in the form of video footage, court documents, publicly available records and testimonials by pertinent individuals and parishioners worldwide who do represent Scientology and who were intentionally ignored by Mr. Gibney and HBO. Mr. Gibney never even sent one fact or allegation to check, and he shunned 25 people who travelled to New York to meet with him with relevant answers to every single accusation in the film. These individuals included the children, former spouses, superiors and colleagues who worked for years alongside his sources. See <http://www.freedommag.org/hbo>.

Mike Rinder, one of his sources, is the type of deadbeat Mr. Gibney chose to use as a subject. Rinder's only source of income is attacking the Church, in the media and in trying to drum up law suits to score a payday from the Church. Of course, he always loses. That is Rinder's history. He was removed from his position in external affairs in the Church over a decade ago and he was expelled from the religion. He has admitted to lying and has a record of suborning perjury. Since his departure from the church, he has been unable to and unwilling to hold any honest job. Mr. Gibney covered up everything about him including that he is a wife beater and all around horrendous family man. [www.freedommag.org/rinder](http://www.freedommag.org/rinder).

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