

Openly gay US soccer star — who unleashed numerous f-bombs during team's World Cup parade — calls Christian player 'homophobic'

Ashlyn Harris also seemingly accused Jaelene Hinkle of saying something she never uttered in a video

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You remember Ashlyn Harris, right?

The goalkeeper for the World Cup-winning U.S. women's soccer team arguably is as well known for her Instagram stories chronicling her teammates' off-the-field antics. And in one featuring the squad's New York City victory parade last week, [Harris unleashed quite a bit of profanity](#).

"Hide your kids, hide your wife, and lock your f***in' doors because we got the key to the motherf***in' city, and I'm comin' for all y'all bitches," Harris declared, among other salty pronouncements at other times.

[Here's the clip. \(Content warning: profanity\)](#)

A new target

And now Harris is coming after Christian soccer player Jaelene Hinkle.

You see, Hinkle made headlines of her own two years ago by [withdrawing from the U.S. women's team](#) a few weeks after it was announced the squad would wear [rainbow-colored jerseys](#) in honor of LGBT Pride month.

"I just felt so convicted in my spirit that it wasn't my job to wear this jersey," Hinkle said in a [video feature](#) from the Christian Broadcasting Network's program "The 700 Club." "I gave myself three days to just seek and pray and determine what he was asking me to do in this situation ... I knew in my spirit I was doing the right thing. I knew that I was being obedient."

CultureOfLife Africa founder Obianuju Ekeocha [posted a clip of that video Sunday on Twitter](#), noting that "apparently" the U.S. women's soccer team "is not a very welcoming place for Christians."

With that, Harris — who's openly gay and [engaged to teammate Ali Krieger](#) — linked to Ekeocha's tweet on her own Twitter post and went off on Hinkle.

'You are homophobic'

"Hinkle, our team is about inclusion," Harris [tweeted](#) Monday. "Your religion was never the problem. The problem is your intolerance, and you are homophobic. You don't belong in a sport that aims to unite and bring people together. You would never fit into our pack or what this team stands for."



Harris added a second [tweet](#) presumably still addressed to Hinkle: "Don't you dare say our team is 'not a welcoming place for Christians.' You weren't around long enough to know what this team stood for. This is actually an insult to the Christians on our team."



Image source: Twitter

But there's a big problem

Except the "isn't a welcoming place for Christians" statement came from Ekeocha, not Hinkle. In fact, not once in the clip posted by Ekeocha or in the full video did Hinkle say the U.S. women's team isn't a welcoming place for Christians.

US Soccer on Tuesday didn't immediately respond to TheBlaze's request for comment on Harris' apparent accusation that Hinkle said the women's team "isn't a welcoming place for Christians."

The [New York Post also incorrectly reported](#) that Hinkle said in the video interview that the U.S. women's team isn't a welcoming place for Christians.

Kyle Krieger — brother of Harris' teammate and fiancé Ali Krieger — [responded](#) to the Ekeocha tweet and accused Hinkle of "bigotry":

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 **Obianuju Ekeocha**  [@obianuju](#)
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"As someone close to the team, I know this is false," Krieger wrote. "The players have an inclusive bible study, they pray before and after the WC games, and they are open to whatever faith you follow. Not all Christians are bigots. Hinkle, on the other hand, hides her bigotry behind her faith."

[NBC News said](#) Hinkle — a defender for the North Carolina Courage in the National Women's Soccer League — didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Here's the full Hinkle video from "The 700 Club:"

Anything else?

NBC News, citing LGBTQ sports site [Outsports](#), added that about 40 lesbian and bisexual players participated in the Women's World Cup this year as opposed to fewer than 20 in 2015. NBC News also said the U.S. women's national soccer team had at least five openly LGBTQ players on the team this year, including co-captain Megan Rapinoe.

Rapinoe — who made good on a promise to ignore the national anthem before games as [an "f-you" to President Donald Trump](#) and later said she's "[not going to the f***ing White House](#)" — also [tweeted that "gays rule" and "science is science"](#) after the U.S. women's soccer team beat the Netherlands to take the 2019 World Cup.

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