

Negotiation is over (NIO)

Negotiation is Over (NIO) was set up in 2009 by Camille Marino, a “militant vegan”, who opposes all forms of animal use. NIO’s main focus was on the use of animals in research.

Camille Marino had been a senior editor for the Thomas Paine Corner blog, whose other senior editors included two Animal Liberation Front Press Officers – Jason Miller and Jerry Vlasak.

Marino’s blog quickly expanded, collecting support by pushing more and more extremist views. Many high profile activists have joined and left the organisation including Lisa Grossman (convicted for trespassing at the University of Florida in 2011), Steve Best (who was banned from entering the UK in 2005) and Walter Bond (sentenced to five years for arson).

In 2010, Negotiation is Over caused controversy by calling for demonstrations at the school of the children of Dr Dario Ringach, resulting in a [backlash by scientific bloggers](#). Talking of Prof David Jentsch, whose car was firebombed in 2009, Marino said:

“[Prof. Jentsch] has a “rent-a-cop” in front of his house twenty-four hours a day, ever since his car was blown up last year. Most everyone agrees that it would have been great if he had been in it!”

Targeting students

Marino [courted further controversy](#) by turning her focus from professors to students:

“When we attack professors, we can only expect limited gains.

We need to instil a new mental image: car bombs, 24/7 security cameras, embarrassing home demonstration, threats, injuries, and fear. And, of course, these students need to realize that any risk they assume will also affect their parents, children, and nearest and dearest loved ones. The time to reconsider is now.”

In 2011, the NIO blog mentioned leaflets that they had allegedly posted around the University of Florida



campus. In these leaflets NIO asked for the details of students currently undertaking animal research.

In early 2012 Camille Marino was ordered by the Wayne County Circuit Court judge to remove threatening

statements about a Wayne State Professor, Donal O’Leary, from her website. Her refusal to do so later resulted in her being charged for stalking offences.

In October 2012, Marino fell out with fellow animal rights activist and NIO member Prof Steve Best, who brought a lawsuit against her for stalking. In this [Best accused her](#) of “*threaten [sic] me that she is going to destroy me and that she is going for the kill and she can taste my blood...I fear her and what she will do to me because the threats are worse every time. I have voicemails where she is telling me that she is going to fucken [sic] destroy me ... she is also contacting my girlfriend sending 45 emails”*

In November 2012, Marino was jailed for stalking O’Leary following a plea deal at which she asked to start carrying out her sentence right away. On 5th December 2012 [she was sentenced to 6 months](#) (plus three years’ probation) by Wayne County Circuit Court for unlawful posting of a message with aggravating circumstances and trespassing.

At time of writing the Negotiation is Over website has been taken down by its hosts, although such actions have happened several times before with the website reappearing at a later date.