

I became a fan of the band in the late 90s, I too lived in Pittsburgh and grew up with the punk scene there. Anti-flag quickly became foundational to my core involvement with the scene. Their music and messages were how I found support through many difficult times. They brought to light injustices that I didn't know about, helped me think critically about things I was seeing around me and gave me a voice when I did not have the right words. I now find myself struggling to find the right words to express how I feel and how this has affected me. I am not sure I will ever be able to separate the music Justin made from what he has done, and I despise him for it. To all those he hurt who have to carry that trauma, I despise him for it. To those close to him that he hid this from and now have to reconcile that pain, I despise him for it. In the words of a band I can no longer listen to because of him, 'you make me sick'.

Thanks for all you're doing,
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