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As revealed in documents seized by the FBI and entered as evidence in a Texas court, the Muslim Students Association is a legacy project of the Muslim Brotherhood.[1] The Brotherhood is an organization formed by a Hitler-admiring Muslm named Hasan al-Bannain Egypt in 1928.[2] It was designed to function as the spearpoint of the Islamo-fascist movement and its crusade against the West.

The Brotherhood spawned al-Qaeda and Hamas.[4] Its doctrines make up the core of the terrorist jihad conducted by organizations such as Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah,Hamas and the government of Iran.[4] Its agendas have been clear since its creation: infiltration, subversion and global terror with world conquest as the goal.

…To establish one Islamic state of united Islamic countries, one nation under one leadership whose mission will be to reinforce adherence to the law of Allah...and the strengthening of the Islamic presence in the world arena.... The goal...is the establishment of a world Islamic state.[5]

The first target was the "near enemy" -- the Arab states that al-Banna and his followers felt had betrayed Islam. The United States – the "far enemy" -- would not become a

specific focus of the Brotherhood until many years later.

The organization's aspirations for world dominion seemed like a fantasy until the Iranian revolution of 1979. But that event showed the jihadists that they could conquer and govern a state and use it as a base for Islamic revolution elsewhere. There was no doubt who the enemy was. The Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeni coined the phrase "Great Satan" and "Little Satan" to demonize the United States and Israel and mark them for destruction.

"Destroying Western Civilization From Within"

A formal plan for targeting America was devised three years after the Iranian revolution, in 1982.[6] The plan was summarized in a 1991 memorandum written by Mohamed Akram, an operative of the Muslim Brotherhood. "The process of settlement" of Muslims in America, Akram explained, "is a 'Civilization-Jihadist Process.'" This means that members of the Brotherhood "must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and 'sabotaging' its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and God's religion is made victorious over all other religions." [7]

This memo surfaced in a Texas courtroom in the fall of 2007 after prosecutors introduced it as evidence in the trial of the Holy Land Foundation,once the largest Islamic charity in the United States.[8] The HLF was charged with funneling charitable donations to the jihad terrorists of the Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas, a Brotherhood organization that now controls the Gaza Strip. But the implications of this document go far beyond the Holy Land Foundation.

It is actually a blueprint for the subversion of American society, and the eventual imposition of Islamic law in the United States. This would mean an institutionalized

oppression of women, homosexuals, and religious minorities; the end of freedom of speech and the freedom of conscience; and the replacement of democracy by theocracy.

U.S. authorities had been keeping an eye on Brotherhood operatives even before the memo surfaced. In 2001, U.S. officials accused Youssef Nada, a member of the organization, of funding terrorism.[9] Two years later, American investigators described Soliman Biheiri, a businessman in Virginia, as the Brotherhood's U.S. "financial toehold."

Surveying the Islamic organizations that existed in the U.S. in 1991, Mohamed Akram declared in his memo: "The big challenge that is ahead of us is how to turn these seeds or 'scattered' elements into comprehensive, stable, 'settled' organizations that are connected with our Movement and which fly in our orbit and take orders from our guidance."

At the end of the document, Akram provided "a list of our organizations and the organizations of our friends" – apparently, those whom he believed were likewise dedicated to this great project of sabotaging the "miserable house" of American society. Surveying all these groups filled him with enthusiasm: "Imagine if they all march according to one plan!!!"[10]

Akram contemplated a network of many overlapping groups, with personnel that move from one to the other and hold positions in different organizations simultaneously—an arrangement that resembles the Communist Party's creation of interlocking front groups during the Cold War and complicates the task of understanding and tracking the pattern of their activities.

The organizations Akram saw as advancing the Islamo-Fascist movement in America included, among many others, the Islamic Society of North America,the North American Islamic Trust, the Islamic Circle of North America,the

International Institute for Islamic Thought,and the Islamic Association for Palestine – from which came the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) three years later.[10]But perhaps the most important of these groups in terms of the long term infiltration and conquest the Brotherhood envisioned was The Muslim Students Association (MSA).

The Stealth Jihad of the MSA

Established in January 1963 at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, the Muslim Students Association of the United States and Canada,or MSA (also known as MSA National) currently has chapters on nearly 600 college campuses across North America.[11] (The relationship between MSA National and the individual university chapters is not a fixed hierarchy, but rather a loose connection. Thus the policies and views of the national organization may differ from those of some of the local chapters.) Stating that its mission is "to serve the best interest of Islam and Muslims in the United States and Canada so as to enable them to practice Islam as a complete way of life,"MSA is by far the most influential Islamic student organization in North America.[12]

Founded by members of the Muslim Brotherhood, MSA was named in Mohammed Akram's 1991 memorandum as one of the Brotherhood's likeminded "organizations of our friends" who shared the common goal of destroying America and turning it into a Muslim nation. These "friends" were described by the Brotherhood as groups that could help teach Muslims "that their work in America is a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and 'sabotaging' its miserable house by their hands ... so that ... God's religion Islam is made victorious over all other religions." [13]

From its inception, MSA had close links with the extremist Muslim World League,whose chapters' websites

have featured not only Osama bin Laden's propaganda, but also publicity-recruiting campaigns for Wahhabi involvement with the Chechen insurgents in Russia. According to author and Islam expert Stephen Schwartz, MSA is a key lobbying organization for the Wahhabi sect of Islam.[14]

MSA solicited donations for the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, whose assets the U.S. government seized in December 2001 because that organization was giving financial support to the terrorist group Hamas. MSA also has strong ties to the World Assembly of Muslim Youth.[15]

Charging that U.S. foreign policy is driven by militaristic imperialism, MSA steadfastly opposes the American military incursions into both Afghanistan and Iraq.[16] The organization also follows the Arab propaganda line in the Middle East conflict and has condemned the anti-terrorist security fence that Israel has built in the West Bank as an illegal "apartheid wall" that violates the civil and human rights of Palestinians.

An influential member of the International ANSWER steering committee, MSA maintains a large presence at ANSWER-sponsored anti-war demonstrations.[17] The pro-North Korea, pro-Saddam Hussein ANSWER is a front organization of the Marxist-Leninist Workers World Party.[18]

Local chapters of MSA signed a February 20, 2002 document, composed by the radical group Refuse & Resist (a creation of the Revolutionary Communist Party's) condemning military tribunals and the detention of immigrants apprehended in connection with post-9/11 terrorism investigations.[19] The document read, in part: "They the U.S. government are coming for the Arab, Muslim and South Asian immigrants. … The recent 'disappearances,' indefinite detention, the round-ups, the secret military tribunals, the denial of legal representation, evidence kept a secret from the accused, the denial of any due process for Arab, Muslim, South Asians

and others, have chilling similarities to a police state."[20]

MSA has strongly opposed the Patriot Act, which it describes as an "infamous" piece of legislation.The organization's chapters across the United States have similarly denounced virtually every other national security initiative implemented by the U.S. government since the 9/11 attacks.

MSA chose not to endorse or participate in the May 14, 2005 "Free Muslims March Against Terror," an event whose stated purpose was to "send a message to the terrorists and extremists that their days are numbered ... and to send a message to the people of the Middle East, the Muslim world and all people who seek freedom, democracy and peaceful coexistence that we support them."[21]

But while it is possible to understand its political orientation from some of the positions it has taken on large national issues, the Muslim Students Association comes into sharper focus in the actions of the individual chapters that do its work every day on campuses across America. The following analysis of 18 separate campus chapters of MSA will make this clear.

MSA — UCLA

The University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) chapter of the Muslim Students Association (MSA) operates both on campus and off -- organizing events that feature militant guest speakers, co-sponsoring events and conferences with radical Islamic groups, and co-sponsoring fundraisers on behalf of the same. In addition, the organization uses its publication, *Al-Talib*, to disseminate its anti-Jewish, anti-American views.

On October 22, 2000 at the Israeli Consulate in Los Angeles, MSA-UCLA members Arif Shaikh and Ahmed Shama (who was then president of the organization) led a demonstration protesting "Israeli aggression" against

Palestinians. At this rally, chants of "Death to Israel!" and "Death to Jews!" repeatedly emanated from the crowd. After himself shouting, "Victory to Islam! Death to the Jews!" Shama told the audience, "Our solution is simple..… Our solution is the establishment of justice by Islamic means. That is the only solution to this Israeli apartheid."[22]

Criticizing Israeli/Palestinian peace talks at Camp David, Shama added: "When we see negotiations between Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who is a racist Zionist, and on the other side is Yasser Arafat, who used to be a so-called 'Arab activist,' but is now a racist Zionist, being mediated by Bill Clinton, who is a racist Zionist. And Hosni Mubarak … the President of Egypt, who is a racist Zionist. And King Hussein II of Jordan, who is a racist Zionist. When we see that a peace process is being negotiated between Zionists, mediated by Zionists, controlled by Zionists, and being portrayed in the media by Zionists, we come and we condemn all of you. ... Because you are racist Zionists. And we will not accept their definition of peace. I will not accept their definition of Islam. We will define Islam the way that the Prophet, peace be upon him, defined it."[23]

Shama also burned an Israeli flag while a jubilant crowd chanted "Khaibar, Khaibar, O Jews, the army of Mohammed is coming for you," and "Death to Israel, victory to Islam."[24]

Guest speaker Sohail Shakry, President of MSA West, stepped to the podium and quoted the following words of Hezbollah Secretary General Hassan Nasrallah:

"If we look at the situation the past 52 years, the biggest impediment to peace has been the existence of the Zionist State of Israel. Since the existence of this state, we have had wars, conflicts, killings, massacres. If we really want true peace then we must see that it goes with the elimination of the Zionist entity in the middle of the Muslim world."[25]

On January 21, 2001, MSA-UCLA sponsored an event

titled "Shaping Our Perspective: Our Role in a Changing World." Guest speaker Abdul-Alim Musa (Imam of Masjid al-Islam in Washington, D.C.) told the crowd: "If you were to say that the Soviet Union was wiped off the face of the earth . . . people would have thought you were crazy, right? The people of Afghanistan didn't have the intellect or historical knowledge to know that they wasn't supposed to wipe out the Soviet Union, is that right? . . . We saw the fall of one so-called superpower, Old Uncle Sam is next."[26]

In April 2001, MSA-UCLA hosted the MSA West annual conference, which featured guest speaker Imam Muhammad al-Asi, an anti-Semitic Shiite cleric who supports the Iranian regime and the militant Islamic movement in general. Al-Asi's speech included the following remarks:

"Discrimination, if it is against a gentile, is not objectionable; but anything that happens against a Jew becomes a Holocaust…Where is the courageous Jew who can come out and say Israel is as fascist as the most fascist of Europe? Israel is as racist as Apartheid could ever be…. In the meantime, the Zionist-Israeli lobby ... is taking the United States government and the United States people to the abyss. We have a psychosis in the Jewish community that is unable to co-exist equally and brotherly sic with other human beings. You can take a Jew out of the ghetto, but you cannot take the ghetto out of the Jew."[27]

In May 2006, MSA UCLA and Students for Justice in Palestine co-sponsored a week of events called "Israel and Palestine: Obstacles to Peace." They invited the Holocaust-denying, Hezbollah-supporting academic Norman Finkelstein to lecture on this topic. [28] Attacking Israel for its characterization of Palestinian suicide bombers as terrorists, he said the real terrorists were the Israeli soldiers who kill Arab militants.

Al-Talib is the news magazine of the Muslim Students Association of UCLA . Founded in 1990 and staffed entirely by unpaid students, it is the largest Muslim student publication in the United States. The press run for each issue is approximately 20,000 copies, which are distributed to more than 150 locations (mostly mosques, community centers, and college campuses) in 37 states. All told, *Al-Talib*'s estimated national readership is about 56,000.[29]

In July 1999 *Al-Talib* featured a cover story on Osama bin Laden, titled "The Spirit of Jihad." In November 2000, *Al-Talib* examined the ideas of Sheikh Abdullah Azzam,bin Laden's spiritual leader who has called for "jihad and the rifle alone" as a means to the formation of an Islamic empire. "We pray that Sheik Azzam's dream of a true Islamic state comes true," said *Al-Talib*.[30]

Along with *Alkalima* (the newspaper of UC Irvine's Muslim Student Union), *Al-Talib* published a special report titled "Zionism: The Forgotten Apartheid." This report featured a section devoted to "the resistance movements against Zionist aggression," glorifying Hamas and Hezbollah not only as noble warriors fighting Israeli oppressors, but also as providers of social welfare services for the Palestinian people. Said the report: "As the Zionists continue to colonize, torture and ethnically-cleanse in the name of the 'peace process' and the Americans continue to fund them, the respective staffs of *Al-Talib* and *Alkalima* feel it to be their basic duty to expose Zionism, its evils and its effects … Zionist-controlled world media has been purposefully distorting and misconstruing world events too long."[31]

Two days before 9/11, *Al-Talib* co-sponsored a dinner at UC-Irvine to honor Imam Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, a.k.a. H. Rap Brown, former Minister of Justice for the Black Panthers.[32] A featured guest speaker at this event was a Black Muslim named Abdul-Alim Musa, Imam of Masjid al-Islam

in Washington, D.C.[33] Said Musa:

"We're telling you about apartheid right here in America. Not an apartheid of the 1960s, but an apartheid right now today. When you fight Old Uncle Sam, you are fighting someone that is superior in criminality and Nazism. … The American criminalizer sic is the most skillful oppressor that the world has ever known. …"[34]

The November 2001 edition of *Al-Talib* featured three full-page, color advertisements soliciting donations for the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development (HLF), the Global Relief Foundation (GRF), and the Benevolence International Foundation (BIF).[35] One month later, each of these pseudo-charities would be shut down by federal agents for funding al-Qaeda and Hamas terrorists.

MSA — Berkeley

The Muslim Students Association of UC Berkeley says that its mission is to support "those who wish to understand, appreciate, and practice their Islam without compromising their morals and beliefs"; to educate non-Muslims "about the misconceptions regarding Islam and the Islamic way of life"; and to "foster a social community for Muslims.[36]

But MSA-UCB's interests extend well beyond issues related to education and personal growth. Its constitution explicitly states that one of its chief objectives is to "develop activism of Muslims on campus and in the community."[37] It regards two of Berkeley's Muslim faculty members -- Hamid Algar, who is a supporter of the Ayatollah Khomeni, and Hatem Bazian, who has called for an "Intifada" in America – as role models, and its website makes special mention of both.[38]

Algar in particular works closely with the organization, and acknowledges its support for Wahhabism, the doctrine of jihad as holy war. In his 2000 publication, *Wahhabism: A Critical Essay*, he acknowledges MSA's ties to radical Islam: "Although the MSA progressively diversified its connections with Arab states, official approval of Wahhabism remained strong."[39] Algar further notes that in 1980, MSA UCB published a translation of writings by Ibn Abd al-Wahhab, the 18th century founder of Wahhabism, which went on to become the dominant state sect in Saudi Arabia. And he calls attention to MSA's role in the creation of the Islamic Society of North America, which Islam scholar Stephen Schwartz describes as "a branch of the Saudi religious militia operating to impose Wahhabi conformity on all of American Islam."[40]

MSA-UCB has a history of hostility toward campus speakers who attempt to expose the dangers of radical Islam. For example, the Israel Action Committee and Berkeley Hillel jointly invited Islam scholar Daniel Pipes to address the Berkeley student body on February 10, 2004. On the day of Pipes' speech to an audience of approximately 700 Berkeley students, some 50 to 70 members of MSA-UCB teamed up with the Berkeley chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine to silence him by interrupting his speech and repeatedly calling him a "racist" and a "Zionist." University police eventually had to eject the demonstrators from the auditorium.[41]

In the same month, MSA UCB hosted the sixth annual MSA West Conference. The featured speaker for this event was the notoriously anti-Semitic Abdel Malik-Ali, who angrily denounced "the Zionist Jews" and asserted that "neo-cons are all Zionist Jews."[42] After reading aloud a newspaper article about Jewish leaders who feared that the Iraq War might lead to an anti-Semitic backlash, he said: "Let the backlash begin."[43]

During the week of October 22-26, 2007, the David Horowitz Freedom Center held Islamo-Fascism Awareness Week (IFAW) activities at the Berkeley campus in an effort to educate students about the grave threat that radical Islam

posed to the world. MSA-UCB organized a competing week of events titled "Peace Not Prejudice Week" that opened with a screening and discussion of the film *Ghosts of Abu Ghraib*, which depicted American military personnel as barbarians eager to brutalize defenseless Muslims for sport. By showing this film, MSA-UCB conveyed a clear message: The real threat to humanity was not Islamofascism, but America's egregious disregard for human rights.

One of the featured speakers at Islamo Fascism Awareness Week was Nonie Darwish, the Palestinian-born author of *Now they Call Me Infidel; Why I Renounced Jihad for America, Israel and the War on Terror*. Darwish, whose father was the head of the fedayeen, the first terrorist group to attack Israel, was raised in a traditional Muslim home in Gaza. She described the degradation of women under Islam, that led her to renounce the faith. MSA-USB members repeatedly interrupted her speech, calling her a "racist" and a "fascist."[44] At some points, the disruption was so loud that Darwish could not speak. Campus police had to remove the unruly protesters from the auditorium.[45]

Muslim Student Union — UC Irvine

The Muslim Student Union (MSU) at the University of California - Irvine (UCI) was founded in 1992 by a group of Muslim students who said they wanted "to establish a presence on campus." Today MSU seeks to "build an environment that enhances good, discourages bad, and provides networks of resources, knowledge, people, and companionship to its members." Toward these ends, MSU offers "daily congregational prayers, daily free *iftars* the evening meal for breaking the daily fast during Ramadan that serve over a hundred Muslims, over eight weekly classes, a quarterly magazine *Alkalima*, coalition building with other clubs on campus, and a gateway to the larger

Muslim community …" MSU also provides career advice and a study/tutoring program to help Muslims at UCI.[46]

Yet beneath this placid description of the group's objectives is a seething hatred of Jews and Israel. At the organization's on-campus events, its members commonly wear green armbands to signal their allegiance to the terrorist group Hamas. MSU also has displayed posters on the UCI campus that equate the Star of David with the Nazi Swastika.[47]

In February 2001, MSU hosted the radical cleric Imam Muhammad al-Asi, who told his UCI audience: "The Zionist-Israeli lobby ... is taking the United States government and the United States people to the abyss. We have a psychosis in the Jewish community that is unable to co-exist equally and brotherly with other human beings. You can take a Jew out of the ghetto, but you cannot take the ghetto out of the Jew."[48]

On February 26, 2004, MSU brought another radical cleric, the black imam Abdel Malik-Ali to the UCI campus to deliver a speech titled "America under Siege: The Zionist Hidden Agenda." According to UCI's student newspaper, he "implied that Zionism is a mixture of 'chosen people-ness and white supremacy'; that the Iraqi war is in the process of 'Israelization'; that the Zionists had the 'Congress, the media and the FBI in their back pocket'; that the downfall of former Democratic presidential front-runner Howard Dean was due to the Zionists; and that the Mossad Israel's intelligence agency would have assassinated Al Gore if he was elected in 2000 just to bring Joe Lieberman (his Jewish vice-president) to power."

Later that spring, MSU and the Society of Arab Students (SAS) co-sponsored their fourth annual "Zionism Awareness Week," during which members of both groups again wore green armbands to show their support for Hamas.[49]

In June 2004, MSU asked UCI's graduating Muslim students to wear green sashes bearing the word "*shahada*,"

the Arabic word for the "martyrdom" of a suicide bomber, to their graduation ceremony. Two dozen students appeared in this garb.[50]

In March 2006, MSU led 1,000 Muslim students to protest the public display of the "offensive" Danish cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad that had recently set off massive demonstrations and riots throughout the Muslim world. In front of several television camera crews, MSU members began the protest by rolling out green prayer mats and reciting a prayer in Arabic. Many of them wore their customary green, pro-Hamas armbands. When a crowd of counter-protesters stood behind an American and Israeli flag and sang "God Bless America," the Muslim students responded by chanting: "Hey Republicans Stop the Hate! All You Do Is Instigate," and "Hey, Hey, Ho, Ho! The Prophet's Cartoons Have Got to Go!"[51]

MSU organized a May 2006 "Holocaust in the Holy Land" event which consisted of four days of anti-Israel lectures and presentations portraying the Jewish State as the modern-day avatar of Nazi Germany.[52] The keynote speaker for the event was the Holocaust-denier Norman Finkelstein, whose speech, titled "Obstacles to Peace: Israelis or Palestinians," identified Israel as the world's worst human rights violator. Adjacent to a mock Israeli "apartheid" wall which they had set up in the center of the UCI campus, MSU students wearing leather sandals and *taqiyahs* (skullcaps) distributed fliers bearing the title "Exploiting the Holocaust to Justify Genocide."[53]

Abdel Malik-Ali was again the featured speaker at an October 5, 2006 MSU event, where he told a crowd of roughly 200 cheering students: "They Jews think they are superman, but we, the Muslims, are kryptonite. They Jews know that their days are numbered."[54]

In May 2007, MSU held an "Israel: Apartheid

Resurrected" week that featured twice-daily speeches and rallies condemning the State of Israel. On May 17, Abdel Malik-Ali delivered a lecture titled "UC Intifada: How you can help Palestine," in which he informed UCI's Muslim students (who again wore green armbands as well as T-shirts reading "UC Intifada" and "Freedom Fighter") that a martyr's death is the most honorable form of death. "Victory or martyrdom," Malik-Ali asserted, are the only two viable options available to the Palestinians in their battle against Israel. Malik-Ali referred to Israel not by its name, but only as the "Zionist Apartheid State."[55]

In 2007, a UC Irvine student identifying herself as "OC Apostate" (she had recently left the Muslim faith in which she was raised) was forced to shut down the blog in which she criticized Islam's intolerance for fear that members of the campus MSU would harm her family in retribution for her apostasy. She explained:

"I started a blog as way to express myself. Word finally got around that it was me who was writing it and my family got threats that if I didn't shut up something might happen. I didn't want them to suffer for something I had done. So I deleted everything. … They other Muslim students saw me with my hair out of the *hijab*. They knew who I was. The reaction was a lot of gossip and speculation about my upbringing. Women who I didn't know gave me dirty looks. … I don't underestimate them. … The notion of a traitor in your own community is the worse thing that could possibly happen. There is no room for ex-Muslims in a Muslim society. The punishment for being an apostate is death."[56]

MSU invited Yvonne Ridley, a reporter and activist for Iranian PRESS-TV, to speak at UC Irvine on November 12, 2007. Ridley, who also writes a column for the New York-based publication *Daily Muslims*, is a member of the Respect Party led by British Member of Parliament and

former Saddam Hussein supporter George Galloway. She was formerly employed as a senior editor by Al Jazeera and helped launch that website's English-language version in 2003.

Ridley supports divestment from Israel, a nation she has described as "that disgusting little watchdog of America that is festering in the Middle East." She says that her Respect Party "is a Zionist-free party," adding that "if there was any Zionists in the Respect Party they would be hunted down and kicked out. We have no time for Zionists."[57]

MSU's ideology is expressed in journalism as well as radical actions on campus. The Muslim student newspaper, *Alkalima*, published a special report called "Zionism: The Forgotten Apartheid," which glorified Hamas and Hezbollah as noble warriors fighting Israeli oppression.[58]

In 2006 *Alkalima* published *For Justice We Fight*, a pamphlet justifying terrorist attacks targeting innocent civilians. "The individual or community that participates in jihad finds itself between two blissful outcomes," said the pamphlet, "either victory and the establishment of justice, or the reward of martyrdom and Paradise."[59]

MSA — Brown

Founded in 1990, the Muslim Students Association of Brown University (MSA-Brown) seeks to "raise awareness of Islam" on campus by means of "lectures, open houses, social programming, and communication with other groups."[60]

In 2006, MSA-Brown organized a "Palestinian Solidarity Week" that featured displays depicting Palestinian suffering at the hands of Israeli "aggression." It also featured an "apartheid" wall on the campus' Main Green to protest Israel's recent construction of a security fence -- which MSA-Brown characterized as an assault on Palestinian human rights.

MSA-Brown designated March 2007 as "Islam

Awareness Month" (IAM).A featured presentation of this event was "Censorship in Islam: Where is the Freedom?" a talk by Salam Al-Marayati, Executive Director of the Muslim Public Affairs Council,[61] an arm of the Muslim Brotherhood**.** The anti-Israel Al-Marayati was already on record as accusing Israelis of carrying out the 9/11 attacks; had called for the U.S. government to unfreeze the assets of two terrorism-funding Islamic charities, the Global Relief Foundation and the Holy Land Foundation; had refused to concede that Hezbollah was a terrorist group; and had asserted that Hamas was a group promoting social programs and "educational operations."

Another IAM presentation was a screening of the documentary film, *The Road to Guantanamo: How Far Will We Go in the Name of Security?* The MSA-Brown website offered the following background for this film: "In 2001, four Pakistani Britons ... travel to Pakistan for a wedding. In an exploratory mood and assured that the Americans would not bomb Afghanistan, the four drive into Afghanistan only to get caught up in the most chaotic, and painful experience any of them ever had or probably would have experienced in a lifetime...."[62] The message was that American troops had incarcerated innocent men and that this was a regular occurrence.

The IAM festivities also featured "Women in Islam: Respect or Repression?" -- a talk given by Hadia Mubarak, former president of the national Muslim Students Association, and currently a national board member of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), a Muslim Brotherhood front which has had four of its executives jailed for terrorist activities. In 2004, Mubarak had been previously involved in the Rachel Corrie "Day of Remembrance,"[63] a Washington, D.C. event sponsored by the anti-Israel group, "End the Occupation." That same year, Mubarak exhorted

all North American MSA chapters to demand that Tariq Ramadan, the grandson of Muslim Brotherhood founder Hassan al-Banna be permitted to enter the United States.[64] Ramadan's visa had been revoked by the State Department because of his connections to Islamic terrorism. In July 2006 she called America a land of "religious bigotry," "hatred," and "intolerance" -- a place where Muslims are "the closest targets for bigots and extremists."[65]

Mubarak's appearance before the MSA took place against the backdrop of the organization's success in intimidating the campus Hillel chapter into canceling an appearance by Nonie Darwish, Palestinian born author of *Now They Call Me Infidel* and a critic of the violent oppression of Islamic women.

Another event during Islam Awareness Month was a seminar itled "*Under Muslim Rule: A Palestinian Christian's Perspective*. The presenter, Mazin Qumsiyeh, was a founder of Al-Awda, an organization which refers to Israel as "a genocidal Zionist state," and has claimed that a Jewish "cabal" manipulates American foreign policy.[66]

In April 2007 the Brown University Middle East Studies Department, with the support of MSA-Brown, organized an "academic" conference called "The Study of the Middle East and Islam: Challenges after 9-11" which featured speakers such as University of Michigan professor Juan Cole (who has branded Zionism as "racist" and "fascist") and Harvard professor Stephen Walt, author of a book claiming that an "Israel lobby" controlled U.S. foreign policy.[67]

MSA — Columbia

The Muslim Students Association of Columbia University (MSA-CU) is among the oldest campus chapters of the national Muslim Students Association. Membership in MSA CU consists of both undergraduate and graduate

students. MSA-CU's mission is to "create a strong Muslim community on campus, helping Muslims strengthen their faith, gain knowledge about their religion, build Islamic character and interact with other Muslims."[68]

In February 2006, MSA-CU was one of 52 Muslim organizations that signed the following press release denouncing a Danish newspaper's recent publication of a series of cartoons lampooning the founder of Islam, the Prophet Muhammad: "We are protesting the newspapers' insult to Islam. … Freedom of expression is not absolute."[69]

At the invitation of MSA-CU, the Holocaust-denying, Hezbollah-supporting academic Norman Finkelstein came to Columbia to deliver a March 2006 speech titled "Israel and Palestine: Misuse of Anti-Semitism, Abuse of History." According to a report in the *Columbia Spectator*, Finkelstein declared that "regardless of intent, Israel is in effect guilty of state terrorism." He also accused Columbia University President Lee Bollinger of "intellectual terrorism" for his refusal to support an anti-Israel divestment campaign or to depict Israel's treatment of Palestinians as "apartheid."[70]

During an October 2007 event titled Islamo-Fascism Awareness Week (whose mission was to educate U.S. college students about the goals of radical Islam), MSA CU Vice President Amreen Vora complained that guest speaker David Horowitz had wrongly suggested during his speech that the word "jihad" meant "holy war" rather than spiritual "struggle," which she claimed was its true definition. When Horowitz asked Vora whether she would be willing to publicly denounce the terrorist group Hamas, which along with the Muslim Brotherhood created the Muslim Students Association, she refused.[71]

MSA — Michigan State

In April 2006, MSA-MSU members held a rally

protesting a Danish newspaper's recent publication of a series of cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad. According to the group, the cartoons in question constituted "hate speech."

In response, a Michigan State professor named Indrek Wichman sent an e-mail to MSA-MSU, which read as follows: "Dear Muslim Association: As a professor of Mechanical Engineering here at MSU, I intend to protest your protest. I am offended not by cartoons, but by more mundane things like beheadings of civilians, cowardly attacks on public buildings, suicide murders, murders of Catholic priests (the latest in Turkey!), burnings of Christian churches, the continued persecution of Coptic Christians in Egypt, the imposition of Sharia law on non-Muslims, the rapes of Scandinavian girls and women (called 'whores' in your culture), the murder of film directors in Holland, and the rioting and looting in Paris France….If you do not like the values of the West -- see the 1st Amendment -- you are free to leave. I hope for God's sake that most of you choose that option. Please return to your ancestral homelands and build them up yourselves instead of troubling Americans."[72]

In response to this email, MSA-MSU (along with twelve other student and advocacy groups) demanded not only that the University administration reprimand Professor Wichman, but also that it institute mandatory diversity training for faculty and a seminar on hate and discrimination for freshman.

Six months later Michigan State University, after lengthy negotiations with the Muslim Students Association and CAIR, announced that it would offer non-mandatory diversity training -- including an Islamic awareness workshop facilitated by MSA-MSU and funded by the University -- for its faculty and student body. Said Paulette Granberry Russell, Director of MSU's Office for Affirmative Action Compliance and Monitoring: "We're working with the MSA to identify the things that they want to discuss. Then we're

going to use those ideas as a basis for developing educational programs."[73]

In August 2007, pressure from MSA-MSU resulted in a decision by the University of Michigan to spend $25,000 to install foot baths for Muslim students in its campus rest rooms. Maweza Razzaq, President of MSA MSU, said that having access to foot baths would help Muslim students feel more comfortable about practicing their ritual washing (of feet, hands, face and forearms) in public before praying.[74]

MSA — Ohio State

MSA-OSU produces and distributes a publication titled *MSA News*, which, on occasion, has included press releases from the Algerian Armed Islamic Group (which the U.S. State Department has designated as a terrorist organization) and the Islamic Salvation Front (an Islamist political party banned in Algeria.[75]

A December 20, 2001 Associated Press report stated: "During last year's Ramadan fast, *MSA-NEWS* urged campus groups to purchase a videotape called 'The Martyrs of Bosnia' and show it to Muslim-only gatherings. The video was sold by London-based Azzam Productions (named after one of the founders of al-Qaeda), which featured articles on its web site such as 'Taliban: Allah's Blessing on Afghanistan,' and solicited funds there for the Taliban rulers in Afghanistan. The site, and a related German site, were shut down by the British and German governments as part of their Sept. 11 response."[76]

During the week of October 22-26, 2007, the David Horowitz Freedom Center's Islamo-Fascism Awareness Week (IFAW) activities -- whose aim was to educate students about the grave threat that radical Islam posed to the world -- were held at Ohio State and 113 other college campuses across the United States. In response to IFAW, MSA OSU

joined with the campus chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations in sponsoring an educational forum titled "Interfaith Relations - the Muslim Perspective" which featured a speech by Jamal Badawi, whose past and present group affiliations include the following Muslim Brotherhood fronts – the *Fiqh* Council of North America, the Islamic Society of North America, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, and the Muslim American Society as well as the Muslim Brotherhood itself. Badawi, who has decreed it a religious "duty" for all able-bodied Muslims to wage jihad against the American military, also has ties to Yousef Al-Qaradawi, one of the most influential clerics in Sunni Islam who has asserted that Palestinian suicide bombings "are not in any way included in the framework of prohibited terrorism, even if the victims include some civiliains."[77]

MSA — Penn State

The Muslim Students Association of Pennsylvania State University (MSA-PSU) was founded in February 1964 by four students (who were natives of Iraq, Pakistan, Egypt, and Indonesia) "with a vision to create a haven for Muslims on campus and to spread awareness and tolerance for Islam."[78] Today the Penn State student body includes more than 1,000 Muslims, many of whom are MSA members.

MSA-PSU's mission is "to realize Islam through words, actions, and intentions to Muslims and non-Muslims on the Penn State campus and in the society at large for the love of God."[79] In 2006 the organization was the recipient of the Paul Robeson Award -- named after the Stalinist singer and actor.[80]

The MSA-PSU website addresses the issue of women's rights in Islam in a disingenuous fashion: "Under Islamic law, women have always had the right to own property, receive an education and otherwise take part in community

life. Men and women are to be respected equally. . . . "[81] (In fact, the Koran states that "men have authority over women because God has made the one superior to the other" Qur'an 4:34; that a woman is like a field to be used by a man as he wills 2:223; that a woman's testimony is worth only half that of a man 2:282; that a son's inheritance should be twice the size of a daughter's 4:11; that a man may marry up to four wives and may have sex with slave girls also 4:3; and that husbands may beat disobedient wives 4:34.)

The MSA-PSU website also addresses the topic of jihad in a deceptive way, minimizing the militaristic implications of the term and wrongly characterizing jihad as a tradition with direct parallels in other faiths: "Like Christianity, Islam permits fighting in self-defense, in defense of religion, or on the part of those who have been expelled forcibly from their homes. … 'Jihad' does not mean 'holy war.' Literally, jihad means to strive, struggle, and exert effort. It is a central and broad concept that includes struggle against evil inclinations within oneself, struggle to improve the quality of life in society, struggle in the battlefield for self-defense …, or fighting against tyranny or oppression."[82]

Guest speakers who have appeared at MSA-PSU events include:

- *Ingrid Mattson*, President of the Islamic Society of North America's U.S. office. (ISNA is an arm of the Muslim Brotherhood, and part of the Brotherhood's stated plan to carry out "a kind of grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and 'sabotaging' its miserable house by their hands ... so that ... God's religion Islam is made victorious over all other religions.") In a September 2002 interview with PBS, Mattson stated that she did not see "any difference between certain Christian

leaders' criticisms of Islam and of al-Qaeda, and Osama bin Laden using Islamic theology to justify violence against Americans."[83]

- *Sheikh Khalid Yasin*: This U.S.-born Muslim convert has said that "if you don't have a people that is governed by Sharia, then you have a lawless people"; that a secular Islamic state absolutely "cannot work"; that Sharia should become the law of the land in all nations because Allah "is the best lawgiver"; that "there's no such thing as a Muslim having a non-Muslim friend; that "there has been no evidence that has surfaced, no bona fide irrevocable, irrefutable evidence that had been surfaced that showed that there is a group called al-Qaeda that did the September 11 bombings;" that "we now know" that the World Trade Center fell not as a result of the planes that crashed into the Twin Towers, but rather "from internal explosive charges, the same way it's done in a construction site"; and that homosexuals should be killed because the Koran mandates it.[84]

In October 2007, MSA PSU organized a "Peace Not Prejudice" seminar series to counter the Terrorism Awareness Project's Islamo-Fascism Awareness Week activities of that same month. The organization claimed that any discussion centered on the term "Islamo-fascism" was unacceptable because it "trespasses the frontiers of freedom of speech that is bounded by the infringement of other people's rights with respect to freedom of belief and falsified attack on their personal integrity."[85]

Simultaneously embracing and rejecting the concept of free speech rights, MSA-PSU stated: "We believe Penn State University, as an institution of learning, should provide an opportunity for all to express opinions in a safe and rational

way. We fear, however, that this Islamophobic program will have hazardous consequences on the Penn State community. It is important to distinguish between freedom of speech and hate speech."[86]

Meanwhile, the featured speakers at MSA-PSU's "Peace Not Prejudice" campaign included the following individuals:

- *Raeed Tayeh*: In its publicity for Tayeh's appearance, MSA-PSU described him as "an American-born Muslim and former head of the public relations office of the Muslim American Society" who "also served as communications director for Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney."[87] The organization made no mention of Tayeh's prior connections to the Islamic Association for Palestine and the American Muslims for Jerusalem,[88] both of which had ties to the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, the now-defunct American fundraising arm of Hamas. Nor did it mention that Tayeh was also a research fellow for another Hamas front group, the United Association for Studies and Research; nor that Rep. McKinney had fired Tayeh after the latter had written a letter to *The Hill* complaining about the "pro-Israeli lawmakers" whose "emotional attachments to Israel" constituted an "Israeli occupation of ... Congress"; nor that on another occasion, Tayeh had said: "Oh how I dream of that wonderful day, when our Palestinian flags are raised … when the refugees return, and when Zionism will die."[89]
- *Dr. Mehdi Noorbaksh*: In its publicity for Noorbaksh's appearance, MSA-PSU described him as an "Associate Professor of International Affairs at Harrisburg University" who has "published extensively on the

Middle East politics." But the organization made no mention of the fact that Noorbaksh had criticized the Danish newspaper that had published some cartoons of the Muslim Prophet Muhammad for its "selective targeting" of "the very sanctity of the Muslim faith"; and that he flatly rejects the Western notion that freedom of speech should be protected in cases where it shows insufficient "respect for the belief held by 1.2 billion Muslim followers."

- *Lawrence Davidson*: This Associate Professor of History at West Chester University in Pennsylvania, who actively participates with his colleagues in an academic boycott of Israel, has condemned Israel's "barbarism"; stated that Israel is guilty of "killing, robbing and ethnic cleansing" against Palestinian Arabs; derided Israel's "evolution … into a Jewish fascist state"; and asserted that Israeli Jews "will continue to steal other people's land, colonize it in violation of international law, and slowly but surely grind Palestinian culture into dust."[90]

MSA — Queensborough Community College

One of six community colleges within the City University of New York (CUNY) system, Queensborough Community College (QCC) is a small, two-year school that offers associate's degrees in a number of academic fields. Of the 17 undergraduate campuses in the CUNY system, QCC ranks near the top in terms of Muslim student enrollment.

In March 2003, QCC's Muslim Students Association sponsored a closed meeting on the Queensborough campus. The event was secretly infiltrated and monitored by WorldNetDaily journalist Aaron Klein, who afterward reported on what he had observed there.

According to Klein, the MSA QCC event featured a

presentation by American-born Abu Yousuf (age 20) and Pakistani-born Muhammad Faheed (age 23), both of whom were U.S. leaders of Al-Muhajiroun,[91] an international Islamic fundamentalist organization (closely allied to Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda) whose overriding aim was to restore and expand, by means of violent jihad, a Muslim *Caliphate* (empire) that would operate according to the principles of *Sharia*, or Islamic law.

Yousuf, who spoke first, began by saying in Arabic: "With thanks to Allah we are here. I testify that there is no God but Allah ... May Allah grant that I speak only the truth." He then switched to English, and charged that America's 2003 invasion of Iraq was part of a well-orchestrated "Christian crusade to rid the world of Islam"; was rooted in the West's lust for oil and for dominance over Muslim nations; and would undoubtedly be followed by further U.S. attacks against Arab countries. He accused American soldiers of seeking to "starve, rape and murder our brothers and sisters."

When Faheed stepped to the podium next, he declared that Christians and Jews were conspiring against Islam, and told his listeners that "we must not recognize any government authority, or any authority at all besides Allah." "We are not Americans," he shouted. "We are Muslims. The U.S. is going to deport and attack us! It is us vs. them! Truth against falsehood! The colonizers and masters against the oppressed, and we will burn down the master's house! … The only relationship you should have with America is to topple it!"

Repudiating unequivocally the U.S. Constitution and Western secular governments, Faheed declared: "Eventually there will be a Muslim in the White House dictating the laws of Shariah." Vowing that the U.S.-led war in Iraq would soon be "felt in America," Faheed advised his Muslim listeners to prepare themselves

for a violent battle against the American people" "The so-called terrorists are the only people who trulyfear Allah," said Faheed. "… We must join with these organizations. They are the only worthy causes, and the mighty superpower only fears them."

Stating that the U.S. is "not strong," Faheed said: "Vietnam, they Americans lost. Somalia, they ran away from. America hasn't won anything since World War II. We can defeat America."[92]

MSA — Temple

On the weekend of March 29-31, 2002, MSA-TEMPLE hosted the MSA East Zone's Annual Conference, which featured a presentation by Imam Zaid Shakir. A former Muslim chaplain at Yale University, Shakir is well known for having expressed his desire to see the United States a Muslim country ruled by Islamic law; for having said that "every Muslim who is honest … would like to see America become a Muslim country"; and for having asserted that true Muslims could never accept the legitimacy of the existing American order, because it "is against the orders and ordainments of Allah," and because "the orientation of the Quran "pushes us in the exact opposite direction."[93]

In recent years the Muslim Students Association of the U.S. and Canada has led a movement to push for the installation -- in the rest rooms of universities and colleges nationwide -- of foot baths for Muslim students who wish to practice the ritual washing of their feet before praying on campus. MSA-TEMPLE has supported the national MSA's efforts in this regard and was one of at least 17 universities which had installed such foot baths.

The MSA-TEMPLE website provides links to the websites of a number of other organizations rooted in the Muslim Brotherhood, including the Islamic Circle of North America, the Islamic Society of North America and the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

MSA — UC Santa Barbara

The MSA-UCSB website features a section titled "Common Islamic Terms Explained,"[94] which laments that "the rhetoric about Islam and Muslims has grown ex-ponentially in recent times," and urges readers "not to settle for the media definition of highjacked sic Islamic vocabulary."

Among the more important terms whose meaning MSA-UCSB seeks to clarify is "jihad," which the organization defines as a "struggle" waged to advance "the cause of God," to "perfect oneself," to "establish what is just and right," or to defend oneself physically. Most importantly, says the webpage, jihad is absolutely "not a pre-emptive, antagonizing, or 'holy' war."

Also in the "Common Islamic Terms Explained" section, MSA-UCSB's website defines "Sharia" simply as "Islamic law based on the Qur'an and the Hadith of the Prophet Muhammad." No mention is made of Sharia's mandate that Islam be dominant over all other faiths; its requirement that non-Muslims be treated as second-class citizens, or *dhimmi*; its brutal punishments like amputation or stoning for such transgressions as adultery or apostasy; its rejection of Western-style secular governments and their legislative processes, on grounds that only the divinely dictated laws of Allah possess the authority to rule human affairs; its brutalization and execution of homosexuals; and its abysmal treatment of women and girls (as manifested in such practices as child marriages, polygamy, and the incarceration of rape victims).

In a section titled "Great Articles from MSA Meetings," the MSA-UCSB website features a November 6, 2006 essay titled "Islamophobia," authored by Professor John Esposito of Georgetown University. [95] Esposito defines Islamophobia

as a "form of racism … and … intolerance" that "leads to actions beyond destructive words, into hate crimes targeting Muslims, Sikhs and other minorities of Asian and Middle Eastern descent." Esposito contended that in 2005, according to Council on American-Islamic Relations, there was "a 49 percent increase in the reported cases of harassment, violence and discriminatory treatment against Muslims from 2003…"

But these claims are inaccurate. According to a December 3, 2007 *Investor's Business Daily* report summarizing the results of an FBI study: " Last year's anti-Islamic hate crimes totaled 156 … a 68% drop from 2001….Moreover, in 2006, a whopping 66% of religiously motivated attacks were on Jews, while just 11% targeted Muslims, even though the Jewish and Muslim populations are similar in size."[96]

On March 4, 2004, MSA-UCSB members loudly and repeatedly disrupted a speech on the Santa Barbara campus by the Muslim Italian cleric Abdul Hadi Palazzi, a vocal critic of militant Islam who told the audience that terrorism was something all Muslims ought to reject. MSA members shouted insults at Palazzi and criticized him for not having begun his speech with the words, "In the name of Allah and his Prophet Mohamed"; they yelled, "we cannot live with Zionism"; and they used their own time at the microphone (during a question-and-answer period) to recite speeches of their own against the visiting cleric.[97]

MSA — Michigan

In October 2002, MSA-UM co-sponsored a conference that called for the United States to end its government aid to Israel. That same year, MSA-UM co-hosted the Palestine Solidarity Movement's Second National Student Conference, which featured the guest speaker Sami al-Arian,[98] who was then awaiting trial on terrorism-related charges for

his affiliation with Palestinian Islamic Jihad. At the event audience members chanted "Death to Israel."

In November 2003, MSA-UM co-sponsored the Palestine Solidarity Movement's Third National Student Conference at Ohio State University.[99] This event encouraged its attendees to pressure university administrations nationwide to withdraw any investments they may have held in companies that conducted business with the Israeli government or army. Among the event's co-sponsors were radical groups that included Al Awda, the Al-Bireh Palestine Society, the All-African People's Revolutionary Party, the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, BADIL, Code Pink, the Committee for Justice in Palestine, Duke Divest, Friends of Sabeel, the Institute for Policy Studies, and SUSTAIN.[100]

MSA — U Penn

In early October 2003, MSA-UPenn's annual "Islam Awareness Week" was keynoted by William W. Baker, founder/director of Christians and Muslims for Peace.[101] Baker had made headlines a year earlier when he was fired by the Reverend Robert Schuller of Crystal Cathedral Ministries**,** following an *Orange County Weekly* exposé of Baker's neo-Nazi ties and his anti-Semitic writings.[102] In a 1983 speech to the Christian Patriot Defense League in Missouri, Baker referred to the Reverend Jerry Falwell as "Jerry Jewry" (for his friendliness to Jews), and expressed his contempt for the "pushy, belligerent American Jews" of New York City. Baker's 1998 book, *More in Common Than You Think*, claims to map "the common ground between Islam and Christianity. Islam expert Stephen Schwartz described the book as being "intended to bring together fringe Christians and extremist Muslims."[103]

In his October 2003 address to MSA-UPenn, Baker said, "Terror, murder -- that's not what Islam teaches.… It wasn't Muslims crashing into the World Trade Center; it was haters

and extremists." In an obvious reference to Jews, he said: "Non-Christians and non-Muslims are fomenting hatred for political purposes." He condemned pro-Israel Christian preachers Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson and Franklin Graham for having criticized Muslims and the prophet Muhammad.[104]

When *Daily Pennsylvanian* reporter Margherita Ghiselli asked MSA UP President Muhammad Mekki about Baker's neo-Nazi connections, Mekki replied that "the speaker's alleged anti-Semitic position" was "irrelevant to the discussion.[105]

In September 2005, MSA-UPenn provided a forum for the British journalist and Muslim convert Yvonne Ridley, who supports the elimination of Israel and has expressed her admiration for Muslim terrorists, to address U Penn students on the topic of Islam.[106]

MSA-UPenn's Islam Awareness Week events included such presentations as:

- *Jihad, Terrorism and Reconciling Muslim Identity in the West*: MSA- UPenn explained that this forum would "discuss the issue of a collective Islamic identity, and the need for adaptation to the misconceptions about jihad and terrorism in Islam, with contrast to Western Society." The objective was to characterize jihad as chiefly an internal, spiritual battle that Muslims wage against their own unholy inclinations.
- *Don't Believe the Hype: How the Media and Hollywood Portray Muslims and their Faith*: Characterizing America as a nation rife with anti-Muslim bigotry and prejudice, this event was designed to "address the way Western media has created an unwarranted sense of fear towards Muslims"; "address the heavy-hitting issue of Islamophobia as a form of racism towards Muslims"; "reflect upon the many negative images painted about Islam in today's media"; "reach a stronger understanding of Islamophobia and how Americans can respond to counteract this negative force"; and "uncover the truth behind the misconceptions people have about the religion itself."[107]

MSA-UPenn opposes the Patriot Act anti-terrorism legislation. At one MSA rally on the University of Pennsylvania campus, the co-chair of Muslims for Justice declared, "The Patriot Act is sending us in a backwards spiral, where the destination is chaos."[108]

MSA — Wisconsin

In June 2006, Mir Babar Basir, a recent graduate of UW-Madison and a former President of MSA-UW, endorsed the ideas of Kevin Barrett, who co-founded the Muslim-Jewish-Christian Alliance for 9/11 Truth, an organization which believes that the 9/11 attacks were orchestrated not by Muslim extremists but by members of the Bush administration. "This is not just Kevin Barrett's idea," said Basir. "It's legitimate to think that the U.S. government was involved."[109]

In October 2007, MSA-UW opposed a campus appearance by the conservative social commentator David Horowitz, who spoke about the dangers of radical Islam. Horowitz's speech was part of the Terrorism Awareness Project's Islamo-Fascism Awareness Week, whose purpose was to educate American college students about the nature of the fanatical religious movement aiming to create a global Muslim empire.

In October 2007, MSA-UW collaborated with the organization In Your Hands (IYH) to launch a campaign called *"86" Gitmo—Shut It Down*, a protest against the U.S. government's alleged abuse and torture of Islamic detainees (mostly al-Qaeda and Taliban combatants captured by the

American military) who were being held in Guantanamo Bay.[110] MSA-UW and IYH jointly pledged to hold demonstrations for 86 days, through January 11, 2008 -- the sixth anniversary of the arrival of the first group of detainees in Guantanamo.

In November 2007, MSA-UW co-sponsored an appearance by guest lecturer Jamal Badawi, who, in an Islam Online Internet forum, justified Muslim suicide bombings as a legitimate tactic of jihad. Badawi is a member of the *Fiqh* Council of North America, the Islamic Society of North America, the Consultative Council of North America, and the Juristic Council of North America.[111]

He is also a Board member of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a former Board of Directors member of the Muslim Brotherhood in the United States, and a founding incorporator of the Muslim American Society, another Muslim Brotherhood front.[112]

In the aftermath of Badawi's appearance, MSA-UW President Sabih Khwaja protested a scheduled campus appearance by Walid Shoebat, a former PLO terrorist who had since renounced Islamo-fascism and its jihadist objectives. According to MMD Newswire, MSA-UW expressed concern that Muslims at the university would feel intimidated "by other Americans as a result of Mr. Shoebat's speech and presence."[113]

MSA — Virginia Commonwealth University

On April 8, 2002, MSA-VCU was the principal sponsor of a presentation titled "Struggling for Truth and Justice: The Legacy of Malcolm X." (Co-sponsors included VCU's Department of Religious Studies, Student Government Association, Black Caucus, African Students Union, Students for Political Awareness, and the campus chapter of the NAACP.)

The featured speaker at this Malcolm X tribute was Siraj Wahhaj, a New York imam described by MSA-VCU as a media personality, anti drug activist and "the first person to give an Islamic invocation to the United States Congress."[114] No mention was made of the fact that Wahhaj (an Advisory Board member of the Council on American-Islamic Relations) had been named by U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White as a possible co-conspirator in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center; had testified as a character witness for convicted terror mastermind Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman ("the blind sheikh"); had called Operation Desert Storm (the 1991 U.S.-led military mission to drive Saddam Hussein's invading forces out of Kuwait) "one of the most diabolical plots ever in the annals of history"; had predicted that America would fall unless it "accepts the Islamic agenda"; and had openly expressed his desire to see the U.S. government replaced with a Muslim caliphate.

In February 2005, MSA VCU presented a Black History Month event titled "The Pilgrimmage of Malcolm X." The featured guest speaker was Jihad Abdul-Mumit, a former Black Panther described by MSA-VCU as a "civil rights activist," and who is a supporter of convicted cop-killer and former Black Panther Mumia Abu Jamal.[115]

Another part of the event featured the screening of "The Pilgrimmage of Malcolm X," a documentary film showcasing the ideas of Zaid Shakir and Hamza Yusuf.[116] Both are Muslim extremists.

In November 2007, MSA-VCU promoted an event by the Muslim Students Association of the U.S. and Canada, titled "Maintaining Spirituality: Key Lessons for MSA Workers -- A Nationwide Conference Call with Imam Mohamed Magid." Magid is Vice President of the Muslim Brotherhood front, the Islamic Society of North America. According to Militant Islam Monitor, he is affiliated with

the All Dulles Area Muslims Society (ADAMS), which has longstanding ties to terrorism. ADAMS Chairman Ahmed Tontonji was named as a defendant in a $1 trillion lawsuit filed by more than 600 relatives of people who had died in the 9/11 attacks.[117] Tontonji also served as Vice President of the International Institute of Islamic Thought, which U.S. officials have linked to Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda.[118] In March 2002, federal agents raided ADAMS's facility in Herndon, Virginia, as part of an investigation into financial support for terrorism. Magid himself was present when the agents first arrived.

Harvard Islamic Society

Established in 1955, the Harvard Islamic Society (HIS) is a student organization whose mission is to "meet the social and religious needs of the Muslim community at Harvard University and to promote Islamic awareness on campus."

During his tenure as HIS president, Zayed Yasin (a 2002 Harvard graduate) held a charity dinner to raise funds for the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development (HLF). Also during his tenure, Yasin signed a divestment petition calling on Harvard to cut its financial ties to corporations that conducted business with Israel.[119]

In early 2002 Yasin was named by Harvard as one of three students who would speak at the University's June 6 commencement ceremony. He prepared a speech for this event titled "My American Jihad."When questioned about the rationale underlying his choice of title, he claimed the term jihad had no violent connotations.[120] To avoid controversy Harvard removed the words "My American Jihad" from the title as it appeared in the official commencement programs.

In March 2005, HIS held its annual Islam Awareness Week. Among the featured presentations was "*Islam, Hip-Hop & Black America*" in which the presenter, a hip-hop

journalist named Adisa Banjoko, delivered a 45-minute speech about Islam's influence on hip-hop cultures. "Most African-American males," he claimed, "do not relate to the Bible and do not trust the Bible," and described his introduction to former Black Panther Kiilu Nyasha as a watershed moment in his personal life, and as a motivating factor in his conversion to Islam at age 21.[121]

Another presentation was on sharia law by Suheil Laher, a Muslim chaplain at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and author of numerous articles extolling the virtues of jihad. Laher has frequently cited the declaration of Abdullah Azzam, mentor of Osama bin Laden: "Jihad and the rifle alone! No negotiations; No conferences; and No dialogues." Laher was once affiliated with Care International, the now-defunct Muslim charity that served as the Boston branch office of the New York-based al-Kifah Refugee Center, from which Islamic Group leader Omar Abdel-Rahman funded and planned the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.[122]

Johns Hopkins University Muslim Association

Each year, the Johns Hopkins Muslim Association sponsors what it terms "Islam Awareness Days," whose purpose is "to promote diversity and dispel misconceptions about Islam."[123]

In February 2005, the event featured a presentation by then-National MSA President Hadia Mubarak titled "Liberation and Incarceration? Women in Islam." Mubarak, a graduate student in Women's and Gender Studies at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, claimed that Americans had developed many misconceptions about the treatment of women in the Islamic world. Islam, she said, historically had a reputation for respecting women's rights and granting them equal status in the eyes of the law.[144]

The Johns Hopkins Muslim Association maintains close

ties to Dr. Ashraf Ismail, an instructor with the AlMaghrib Institute, which offers seminars on Islamic topics in fourteen U.S. and Canadian cities. In July 2006 Ismail wrote that Hamas and Hezbollah were not terrorist organizations, but agents of "grassroots rebellions."[125]

In November 2007, the Johns Hopkins University Muslim Association and Jimmy Carter's Habitat for Humanity (HFH) collaborated on an event to counter Islamo-Fascism Awareness Week which they called "Healing a Fractured World."[126] The event depicted Islamo-Fascism Awareness Week, whose theme was "the oppression of women in Islam," as an exercise in anti-Muslim bigotry.

MSA — George Washington University

MSA-GWU has participated numerous times in MSA National's "Ramadan Fast-a-Thon"along with nearly 280 fellow Muslim organizations (mostly chapters of MSA). The purpose of this event is to raise, through temporary fasting, public awareness of hunger and homelessness in Muslim communities. Recent endorsers of the Fast-a-Thon include[127]:

- Sheikh Muhammad Nur Abdullah, former President of the Islamic Society of North America, a Muslim Brotherhood front, and currently a member of the Shari'a Scholars Association of North America.[128]
- Sheikh Abdullah Idris Ali, former president of the Islamic Society of North America, a Muslim Brotherhood front, and currently a Board of Advisors member of the American Muslim Council.[129]
- Imam Zaid Shakir, Yale University's former Muslim chaplain who has expressed his desire to see the United States eventually become "a Muslim country ruled by Islamic law."[130]

- Sheikh Hamza Yusuf, who has supported the terrorist mastermind Omar Abdel Rahman and the convicted cop-killer Jamil Al-Amin (aka H. Rap Brown).[131]

MSA-GWU opposed the Terrorism Awareness Project's October 2007 Islamo-Fascism Awareness Week activities, whose purpose was to educate American college students about the nature of the fanatical religious movement aiming to create a global Muslim empire. In MSA-GWU's description, the event was an exercise in anti-Muslim bigotry. While giving a speech on the terrorists' agenda as part of Islamo-Fascism Awareness program, David Horowitz was challenged by an MSA-GWU member in attendance. When Horowitz publicly asked her whether she would be willing to denounce the terror group Hamas, she refused, claiming not to know what Hamas was.[132]

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Appendix I

The MSA and Civil Rights

Why demands for Muslim accommodation are not matters of civil rights.

By Robert Spencer

Muslim students at Australian universities have demanded that class schedules be changed to work around their prayer times, and that male and female students be provided with separate cafeterias and recreational areas.

This is in line with similar initiatives in the United States, where the Muslim Students Association carries, on the "Muslim Accomodations Task Force" page for its website, pdfs of pamphlets entitled "How to Achieve Islamic Holidays on Campus," "How to Establish a Prayer Room on Campus," and "How to Achieve Halal Food on Campus."

The MSA directs Muslim students to present these demands in the context of multiculturalism and civil rights. "Most campuses," explains the publication on getting recognition of Islamic holy "include respecting diversity as a part of their mission statement. They consider enrollment of diverse students an asset to the community, as they enhance the classroom learning experience and enrich student life. Try to find these statements specific to your campus, and explain that recognition of Islamic holidays would serve as a practical example of upholding these ideals."

Such recognition would also serve to right wrongs done to Muslims on campus: "If any cases of bias against Muslims took place on campus in the recent past, present the proposal as an opportunity to foster cooperation and increase understanding." It would be a simple matter of civil rights: "Additionally, if special holiday recognition is being offered to other faith communities (Jewish, Catholic, Protestant), Muslims have strong grounds to make a petition for equal consideration of their holiday requirements."

It's ironic that such calls for *equal* consideration would be made in service of an agenda that is so interested in being *separate*: the calls for separate eating and exercise facilities are a strange discordant note in a movement that claims for itself the mantle of the American civil rights movements. By the MSA's lights, the Muslim Rosa Parks would insist on sitting in a separate place on the bus, and Muslim students would demand the right not to have to eat at infidel lunch counters.

This is one of the primary reasons, but by no means the only reason, why the increasingly shrill demands in Western countries for accommodation of Muslim practices are not the latest manifestation of the push for equal rights for minorities, notwithstanding the posturings and protestations of Muslim leaders. Demanding a place at the table is not the same thing as demanding a separate table of one's own. In the civil rights movement, black Americans were working for full inclusion in the larger secular democratic culture, not trying to carve out their own enclave within it. If anything, they had that already, and that was the problem: if the Supreme Court could conclude in *Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka* could conclude that "in the field of public education, the doctrine of separate but equal has no place," because "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal," then they are still unequal.

And just as they were deemed unequal in 1954 because they abetted cultural attitudes that exalted one group as superior to the other, so also today: the demands of Muslim groups for separate facilities are in the service of a supremacist ideology that emanates from the Qur'anic assertions that Muslims are the "best of people" (3:110) while unbelievers are the "vilest of created beings" (98:6). Unbelievers are unclean (9:28) – which leads to the conclusion, reasonable to the pious, that Muslims should be chary of contact with them. Every Western capitulation made to demands for Muslim accommodation only feeds these supremacist notions, and works directly against the actual goals of the civil rights movement, which were equal justice and equal rights for all.

What's more, the MSA, the chief proponent of the growing Muslim accommodations movement in the United States, was listed as a "friend" of the Muslim Brotherhood in the infamous 1992 memorandum which spoke of the "grand Jihad" aimed at "eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and 'sabotaging' its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and Allah's religion is made victorious over all other religions." The victory of Allah's religion over other religions is a Qur'anic imperative: "And fight them until persecution is no more, and religion is all for Allah" (8:39), and it is an inherently supremacist imperative, in which non-Muslims pay a special tax from which Muslims are exempt, the jizya, "with willing submission and feel themselves subdued" (9:29).

Instead of capitulating to Muslim demands for separate facilities, university administrators and public officials ought to question those making the demands about their overall goals, and about the incongruity of claiming that creation of their own enclave is a matter of equality of rights for all. But when will we have university administrators and public

officials with that kind of courage and foresight?

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