

Muslim Brotherhood in America

By Robert Spencer

**"the Americans will come into
the bosom of Islam."**

**- Brotherhood Leader
Muhammad Mahdi Othman Akef**

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The upheavals in the Arab Muslim world known as the “Arab Spring” have turned into an Islamic supremacist winter, paving the way for the ascendancy of the Muslim Brotherhood and its jihadist ambitions as the dominant political force in the Middle East. The repercussions of this development extend far beyond Egypt and the other states where the Brotherhood is now the most powerful player on the political scene. The Brotherhood is a power not just in Muslim countries but around the world, reaching into the non-Muslim countries of Europe and finally into the United States.

On February 18, 2011, Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi, the spiritual leader of the Muslim Brotherhood and the most revered and influential Islamic cleric in the world, made a triumphant return to Egypt after decades of exile, to give his first public address in that country in thirty years. Addressing a massive throng in Cairo’s Tahrir Square, Qaradawi

exulted that the demonstrators who had previously occupied the square to protest the Mubarak regime were victorious not just over Mubarak, but also over “oppression, falsehood, control ... and selfishness. They established a new life by this revolution.”

This “new life,” however, was the ascendancy of the Muslim Brotherhood, an organization whose vision of a liberated society is one ruled by Islamic law (Sharia), institutionalizing the oppression of women, gays, Christians, Jews and all non-Muslims, beginning with a denial of the freedom of speech and the freedom of conscience.

The Muslim Brotherhood was founded in Egypt in 1928 by Hasan al-Banna, an admirer and supporter of Adolf Hitler who had *Mein Kampf* translated into Arabic in the 1930s. Al-Banna’s disciple, Haj Amin al-Husseini, the mufti of Jerusalem, was also a Muslim Nazi; he spent World War II in Berlin recruiting Muslims for Hitler’s legions and laying plans to open gas chambers in the Middle East. His plans were thwarted only by Rommel’s defeat at El-Alamein.

Hasan al-Banna’s ambition was to create a global Islamic superstate instituting Sharia as a univer-

sal law: “It is a duty incumbent on every Muslim to struggle towards the aim of making every people Muslim and the whole world Islamic, so that the banner of Islam can flutter over the earth and the call of the Muezzin can resound in all the corners of the world: God is greatest [Allahu akbar]!”¹ The motto of the Muslim Brotherhood encapsulates this mission: “Allah is our goal. The Prophet is our leader. The Qur’an is our law. Jihad is our way. Dying in the way of Allah is our highest aspiration.”

The jihad-terror group Hamas, now the government of Gaza, proclaims itself as a branch of the Brotherhood in its founding charter: “The Islamic Resistance Movement [Hamas] is one of the wings of the Muslim Brothers in Palestine. The Muslim Brotherhood Movement is a world organization, the largest Islamic Movement in the modern era.”² Al-Qaeda’s founders, Abdullah Azzam and Osama bin Laden, and its top leader Ayman al-Zawahiri were all members of the Muslim Brotherhood or trained by it.³

¹ Brynjar Lia, *The Society of the Muslim Brothers in Egypt* (Ithaca Press, 1998), p. 79.

² Hamas Charter (1988), <http://www.thejerusalemfund.org/www.thejerusalemfund.org/carryover/documents/charter.html>

³ “Washington’s Schizophrenic Approach Toward the Muslim Brotherhood,” IPT News, September 28, 2010.

The Stealth Jihad in America

The Muslim Brotherhood has been active in the United States for decades. It is the moving force behind the mainstream organizations of Islam in America, such as the Islamic Society of North America, the Islamic Circle of North America, the Muslim American Society, the Muslim Students Association, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, the International Institute for Islamic Thought, and many others.

“I have complete faith that Islam will invade Europe and America, because Islam has logic and a mission.” So said Brotherhood leader Muhammad Mahdi Othman Akef in 2004. He was referring not to a military invasion, but to an infiltration and conversion through propaganda: “The Europeans and the Americans,” he explained, “will come into the bosom of Islam out of conviction.”⁴

The strategy to implement this mission was described in a Muslim Brotherhood memorandum

⁴ “New Muslim Brotherhood Leader: Resistance in Iraq and Palestine Is Legitimate; America Is Satan; Islam Will Invade America and Europe,” Middle East Media Research Institute, Special Dispatch Series No. 655, February 4, 2004.

of 1991 titled “An Explanatory Memorandum on the General Strategic Goal for the Group in North America.” The author of the memorandum, a top Brotherhood operative in the United States, Mohamed Akram, explained that 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 Allah’s religion is made victorious over all other religions.”⁵

This document came to light during the 2007 trial of what had been the largest Islamic charity in the United States, the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development. The trial ended with the Holy Land Foundation being convicted for funneling charitable donations to the Brotherhood’s offshoot, Hamas.

In the 1991 memorandum, Akram lays out a plan to conquer and Islamize the United States by stealth – a stealth jihad. The Brotherhood’s success in America would be a momentous step in achieving

⁵ Mohamed Akram, “An Explanatory Memorandum on the General Strategic Goal for the Group in North America,” May 22, 1991, Government Exhibit 003-0085, U.S. vs. HLF, et al., p. 7 (21).

the larger goal of establishing “the global Islamic state.”⁶

To achieve its goal of submitting America to Islamic rule, the memorandum calls on Brotherhood members to establish front groups whose mission is not overtly one of conquest; they should be “firmly-rooted organizations on whose bases civilization, structure and testimony are built.” Creating these front organizations is touted as a sound strategy for the United States, in which freedom of assembly is a sacred right: “We must say that we are in a country which understands no language other than the language of the organizations, and one which does not respect or give weight to any group without effective, functional and strong organizations.” Akram notes that many organizations useful for this stealth jihad have already been established: “All we need is to tweak them, coordinate their work, collect their elements and merge their efforts with others and then connect them with the comprehensive plan we seek.”

The Brotherhood memorandum includes “a list of our organizations and the organizations of our

⁶ Ibid., pp. 7–8 (21–22).

friends,” with the appended note: “Imagine if they all march according to one plan!!!”

Deceptive “Moderates”

Among the organizations on Akram’s list are the principal mainstream Muslim organizations in the United States today, including the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), the Muslim Students Association (MSA), the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), the International Institute for Islamic Thought (IIIT), the North American Islamic Trust (NAIT), the Muslim Arab Youth Association (MAYA), and the Islamic Association for Palestine (IAP). Out of the latter emerged the most prominent Muslim group in the United States, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). And this is only a partial list.

For their roles in the transfer of charitable donations to Hamas, many of these groups were designated as unindicted co-conspirators during the Holy Land Foundation trial. Also named were numerous individuals, including the Muslim Brotherhood operative who was for a time the most powerful and

influential Muslim in the United States: Abdurahman Alamoudi.

Alamoudi's career is instructive. He immigrated to the United States from Yemen in 1979; in 1990 he founded the American Muslim Council, which soon became a key player in Washington politics. Alamoudi also founded the American Muslim Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs Council, which for a considerable period was one of only two Muslim groups authorized to approve Muslim chaplains for the U.S. military.

Although he was a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, Alamoudi was universally respected as a moderate Muslim, and was promoted by figures in both parties, including the conservative activist Grover Norquist.⁷ During the presidency of Bill Clinton, Alamoudi served as an Islamic-affairs advisor and a State Department “goodwill ambassador” to Muslim lands. His influence did not wane when the Republicans came to power. In June 2001, Alamoudi attended a White House briefing on George W. Bush's faith-based initiative program, and shortly

⁷ Michael Waller, Testimony before the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Terrorist Recruitment and Infiltration in the United States: Prisons and Military as an Operational Base, October 14, 2003.

after 9/11 he was present with Bush for a prayer service at the National Cathedral in Washington .

There were, however, sufficient indications of Alamoudi's allegiances, which were hostile to the United States. In 1994, he had declared his support for the jihad-terror group Hamas. Alamoudi has claimed that "Hamas is not a terrorist group" and that it did "good work." In 1996, Alamoudi defended the Hamas leader Mousa Abu Marzook, who was deported from the United States the following year because of his work with Hamas, and currently leads a branch of the terror group in Syria. "I really consider him to be from among the best people in the Islamic movement," said Alamoudi of Marzook. "Hamas ... and I work together with him." In January 2001, the year he was invited to the Bush White House, Alamoudi traveled to Beirut to attend a conference with leaders of al-Qaeda, Hamas, Hizballah, and Islamic Jihad.

In September 2003, Alamoudi was arrested in London's Heathrow Airport with \$340,000 in cash that he had received from Libya's president, Muammar Gaddafi, to finance an al-Qaeda plot to murder the Saudi crown prince, the future King Abdullah.

American officials arrested him on his return to the United States the next month. Indicted on numerous charges, Alamoudi was found to have funneled over a million dollars to al-Qaeda; he pleaded guilty to being a senior al-Qaeda financier, and was sentenced in October 2004 to twenty-three years in prison.

Alamoudi's conviction did nothing to halt the march of the Muslim Brotherhood through American institutions to influence in high places in Washington. In fact, that influence persisted and grew. In the summer of 2011, the Obama administration reduced Alamoudi's sentence by six years, without making public its reasons for doing so.⁸

Al-Awlaki: The Brotherhood's Most Lethal American Exponent

Anwar al-Awlaki was born in New Mexico in 1971. He attended Colorado State University, where he was president of the Muslim Students Association, a Brotherhood front. While still a student, Awlaki began preaching at the Islamic Center of Fort Collins. One congregant later recalled: "He was very

⁸ "Alamoudi Sentence Cut by Six Years," IPT News, July 25, 2011.

knowledgeable. He was an excellent person – very nice, dedicated to religion.” Later he became imam at the Denver Islamic Society, and later still at the Dar al-Hijrah mosque in northern Virginia, where he counseled two of the 9/11 hijackers.⁹

In the years following the September 11 attacks, Awlaki became one of the world’s leading ideologues of jihad, and abetted the plotting of numerous jihad attacks. He ultimately became internationally notorious for his role in 9/11, in the Fort Hood jihad massacre of 2009, in the Christmas Day underwear-bomber episode in an airplane over Detroit the same year, and in the attempted Times Square car bombing of 2010. The Muslim Brotherhood in Yemen gave him shelter.¹⁰

Like other jihadists in America, Awlaki cultivated a moderate image. He was so successful at doing so that shortly after 9/11, the *New York Times* held him up admiringly as “a new generation of Muslim leader capable of merging East and West,” and

⁹ Scott Shane and Souad Mekhennet, “Imam’s Path from Condemning Terror to Preaching Jihad,” *New York Times*, May 8, 2010.

¹⁰ “Yemeni Muslim Brotherhood Leaders Sheltered Anwar al-Awlaki,” *Global Muslim Brotherhood Daily Report*, October 10, 2011, <http://globalmbreport.org/?p=5136>

quoted him explaining how his community was now more careful to root out jihadist sentiments: “In the past we were oblivious. We didn’t really care much because we never expected things to happen. Now I think things are different. What we might have tolerated in the past, we won’t tolerate any more. There were some statements that were inflammatory, and were considered just talk, but now we realize that talk can be taken seriously and acted upon in a violent radical way.”¹¹

But that was just disinformation, as became clear in later years, when Awlaki emerged as one of the world’s most notorious jihad-terror leaders. In September 2011, he was targeted and killed by an American airstrike in Yemen.

Jamal Barzinji: Stealth Operative

Other Muslim Brotherhood activists have operated in organizations that present a moderate face, while being tied to jihad-terror groups. The Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy (CSID), a

¹¹ Laurie Goodstein, “A Nation Challenged: The American Muslims; Influential American Muslims Temper Their Tone,” *New York Times*, October 19, 2001.

nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., describes itself as “dedicated to studying Islamic and democratic political thought and merging them into a modern Islamic democratic discourse.”¹² Serving on the board of this apparently high-minded organization is one Jamal Barzinji, who is also vice president of the International Institute for Islamic Thought, a Muslim Brotherhood front.

Although Barzinji condemns the 9/11 attacks as “totally against Islam and Muslim teachings,” he also has links to seven organizations that federal agents have raided for their involvement in the financing of jihad terrorism, including the Institute for Islamic Thought.¹³ After 9/11, federal agents raided Barzinji’s office and home. An affidavit filed in federal court charges that “Barzinji is not only closely associated with PIJ [Palestinian Islamic Jihad] (as evidenced by ties to [Sami] al-Arian, including documents seized in Tampa), but also with Hamas.”¹⁴

¹² “Introduction to CSID,” Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, <https://www.csidonline.org/about-csid>

¹³ Steven C. Baker, “Who’s Protecting the President?” FrontPageMag.com, May 5, 2003.

¹⁴ “Muslims in fed terror probe making donations to Obama,” WorldNet-Daily, August 29, 2008.

The Muslim American Society

The Muslim American Society is the chief Muslim Brotherhood organization in the United States. Typically, the MAS describes itself as “a charitable, religious, social, cultural and educational, not-for-profit ... Islamic organization.”¹⁵ However, in a 2004 exposé, the *Chicago Tribune* reported that “in recent years, the U.S. Brotherhood operated under the name Muslim American Society, according to documents and interviews. One of the nation’s major Islamic groups, it was incorporated in Illinois in 1993 after a contentious debate among Brotherhood members.”¹⁶

The MAS, like other Muslim Brotherhood groups in the United States, openly recommends Islamic law as the solution to social ills, notwithstanding its denial of the freedom of speech, the freedom of conscience, and equality of rights for women and non-Muslims. Adjunct members of the MAS must read Fathi Yakun’s book *To Be a Muslim*, in which Yakun declares: “Until the nations of the world have functionally Islamic governments, every individual

¹⁵ The Muslim American Society, <http://masnet.org/aboutmas.asp>

¹⁶ Noreen S. Ahmed-Ullah, Sam Roe and Laurie Cohen, “A rare look at secretive Brotherhood in America,” *Chicago Tribune*, September 19, 2004.

who is careless or lazy in working for Islam is sinful.”

The website of MAS’s Minnesota chapter has featured anti-Semitic, pro-jihad quotations from the Islamic prophet Muhammad:

“If you gain victory over the men of Jews, kill them.”

“The Hour will not be established until you fight with the Jews, and the stone behind which a Jew will be hiding will say, ‘O Muslim! There is a Jew hiding behind me, so kill him.’”

“May Allah destroy the Jews, because they used the graves of their prophets as places of worship.”¹⁷

In December 2000, the president of the national MAS, Esam S. Omeish, was videotaped at a rally in Washington, D.C., saying: “We are here today ... to tell our brothers and sisters in Palestine that

¹⁷ “Muslim American Society (MAS),” Discover the Networks, <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/groupProfile.asp?grpId=6263>

you have learned the way; that you have known that the jihad way is the way to liberate your land. And we, by standing here today ... we are telling them that ‘we are with you, we are supporting you, and we will do everything that we can ... to help your cause.’”¹⁸

CAIR: The Brotherhood’s Most Prominent Advocacy Group

Civil rights, encompassing the inclusion of all groups as equals in society, is a core element of the American polity. Consequently, civil rights organizations are accorded a place of honor in American politics. As a culture of diverse groups, America is bound together to a crucial degree by respect for the principles of equal access and equal rights. The Muslim Brotherhood quickly recognized this aspect of the American social contract, and saw it as an avenue by which it could pursue its agenda.

From the Brotherhood’s point of view, the opportunities provided by the civil rights cause were much enhanced by the development known as

¹⁸ Ibid.

“multiculturalism.” Under this doctrine, the idea of separate institutions and separate cultures has been revived, and the Brotherhood and its organizations have been able to take it to new heights. Thanks to the ideology of Islamic supremacism, which holds unbelievers to be unworthy of casual contact with Muslims, separatist institutions and practices have flourished where the Brotherhood’s influence has spread. In the name of tolerance, Muslim Brotherhood groups in America seek a privileged position for Muslims – a primacy that is mandated by their faith, which also embodies intolerance of all dissent.

Chief among the Muslim Brotherhood groups pushing a radically intolerant agenda in the name of civil rights is the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR).¹⁹ It was founded in 1994 as a spinoff of the Islamic Association for Palestine (IAP), a terrorist organization listed as one of the Muslim Brotherhood’s allies in the 1991 memorandum. The IAP in turn had been established in 1981 by the Hamas operative Mousa Abu Marzook, and was shut down in 2005 by the U.S. government for funding terrorism. According to a report from the

¹⁹ For much more on CAIR and the Muslim Brotherhood in America, see my book *Stealth Jihad* (Regnery, 2008).

Immigration and Naturalization Services published on August 14, 2001, the IAP was dedicated to “publishing and distributing HAMAS communiqués printed on IAP letterhead, as well as other written documentation to include the HAMAS charter and glory records, which are tributes to HAMAS’ violent ‘successes.’” The same report also stated that the IAP had received “approximately \$490,000 from [Mousa Abu] Marzook during the period in which Marzook held his admitted role as a HAMAS leader.”²⁰

Steven Emerson, a researcher on terrorism, referred to the IAP as Hamas’s “primary voice in the United States.” Oliver Revell, a former chief of the FBI’s counterterrorism department, called the IAP “a front organization for Hamas that engages in propaganda for Islamic militants.”²¹ CAIR’s cofounders, Nihad Awad and Omar Ahmad, served as the IAP’s president and public relations director, respectively.²²

Several CAIR officials have already been con-

²⁰ “Islamic Association for Palestine (IAP),” Discover the Networks, <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/printgroupProfile.asp?grpId=6215>

²¹ Ibid.

²² Ibid.

victed of participating in violent jihad activities. Randall Todd (“Ismail”) Royer began working with CAIR in 1997 and served as communications specialist and civil rights coordinator for the organization. He was part of the “Virginia jihad group,” which was indicted on forty-one counts of “conspiracy to train for and participate in a violent jihad overseas.” They were accused of association with Lashkar-e-Taiba, a jihad terrorist group.²³ Royer is now serving a twenty-year prison sentence after a plea bargain that had him pleading guilty to lesser charges.²⁴

Another CAIR official arrested for jihad activity is Ghassan Elashi, the founder of CAIR’s Texas chapter. He was charged in July 2004 with giving Hamas more than \$12 million while he was running the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, the charity that earned CAIR the designation of unindicted co-conspirator. In July 2004, Elashi was convicted of shipping computers illegally to two state sponsors of terrorism, Libya and Syria. Then in April 2005 he was convicted of knowingly

²³ Daniel Pipes and Sharon Chadha, “CAIR: Islamists Fooling the Establishment,” *Middle East Quarterly*, Spring 2006.

²⁴ *Ibid.*

doing business with Marzook. Elashi was convicted on a number of charges, including conspiracy and money laundering.²⁵

Another disgraced CAIR official, Bassem K. Khafagi, was deported on charges of bank fraud. News reports identified him as the community affairs director for CAIR's national office in Washington, although CAIR stated that he was "never an employee of CAIR." They acknowledged, however, that he was "an independent contractor for CAIR, effective November 2, 2001."²⁶ An organization he helped found, the Islamic Assembly of North America (IANA), was suspected of providing websites for two radical sheikhs with ties to Osama bin Laden.²⁷ Prosecutors charged that the IANA was dedicated to spreading the "radical Islamic ideology, the purpose of which was indoctrination, recruitment of members, and the instigation of acts of violence and terrorism."²⁸

²⁵ Ibid.

²⁶ "Urban Legends," Council on American-Islamic Relations, January 19, 2007.

²⁷ Nicholas K. Geranios, "Second man with ties to University of Idaho arrested," Associated Press, March 14, 2003. For Khafagi's position with CAIR, see Carol Eisenberg, "A Troubling Year for Muslims in America," *Newsday*, September 2, 2002.

²⁸ Pipes and Chadha, "CAIR: Islamists Fooling the Establishment."

Yet despite these connections to the Muslim Brotherhood and the terror group Hamas, CAIR has been treated by government and law enforcement officials as a legitimate civil rights organization for the Muslim community in America. Because of this positioning, CAIR has acquired tremendous influence. The organization’s website features testimonials from congressmen and senators of both parties, as well as security and military officials:²⁹

“This outstanding event offers an opportunity to gather and recognize the true value of the contributions CAIR provides to its members and the entire community.” – Sen. John Warner (R-VA)

“I applaud CAIR’s mission to enhance understanding and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.” – Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D-MD)

“Since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the Los Angeles FBI has worked closely with CAIR, and a multitude of

²⁹ “What They Say About CAIR: Interfaith, Law Enforcement, Elected Officials and Others,” Council on American-Islamic Relations, www.cair.com[FILL IN URL]

other community based organizations, to develop and foster relationships that encourage an open exchange of ideas and concerns relative to the FBI's mission.”
– J. Stephen Tidwell, Assistant Director in Charge, Los Angeles, California Field Office of the FBI

“[CAIR-Chicago's] commitment to maintaining a dialogue leading to the frank and honest exchange of ideas, concerns and recommendations on issues affecting the communities we mutually serve is laudable.” – Weysan Dunn, Special Agent in Charge, Springfield, Illinois Office of the FBI

“The efforts of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) in improving cross cultural communications is commendable.” – Brigadier General Mark Wheeler, Chairman Senior National Representatives Coordination Group, United States Central Command.

In July 2010, the State Department sent the exec-

utive director of CAIR’s Michigan chapter, Dawud Walid, to Bamako, Mali, to try to foster “sustained interaction” between that country and the United States. While in Mali, Walid sounded CAIR’s familiar notes of Muslim victimhood, claiming that “American Muslims have been subjected to increased discrimination from racial and religious profiling by law enforcement.”³⁰

Walid was by no means the only operative from a Brotherhood-linked group to travel on U.S. government junkets at taxpayer expense: Zahid H. Bukhari, president of another Brotherhood group, the Islamic Circle of North America, enjoyed a speaking tour of India, Pakistan, Portugal, Latvia, Russia, and Bosnia that cost taxpayers \$60,000.³¹

CAIR advances its aggressive agenda by deploying allegations of bigotry and racism in order to silence its own critics as well as those who speak out against Muslim terrorism. As far back as 2001, when Tom Clancy’s novel *The Sum of All Fears* was being made into a movie, CAIR launched a successful campaign to pressure the filmmakers to change

³⁰ “The State Department’s Poor Choices of Muslim Outreach Emissaries,” IPT News, August 27, 2010.

³¹ Ibid.

the Islamic terrorists who were the villains of the novel into some other group. (Ultimately they became neo-Nazis.) The director of the film, Phil Alden Robinson, wrote abjectly to CAIR, “I hope you will be reassured that I have no intention of promoting negative images of Muslims or Arabs, and I wish you the best in your continuing efforts to combat discrimination.”³² When CAIR’s intimidation fails, critics of Islam have been silenced by more direct methods, as when terrorist threats against the TV series *South Park* caused its producers to drop references to Muhammad, although the show had featured equally irreverent depictions of Jesus.

CAIR officials have even been granted access to airport security procedures. In June 2006, U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents gave CAIR officials a tour of security operations at Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport. According to CAIR’s Chicago office, “the group walked through Customs and Borders operations beginning at the point of entry for passenger arrival to customs stations, agricultural screening, and the interview rooms. The agents described the ‘Passenger Lookout Override’ system that was implemented two months ago, in

³² Reihan Salam, “The Sum of All PC: Hollywood’s reverse racial profiling,” *Slate*, May 28, 2002.

which a passenger who has the same or a similar name as a person with a suspicious record can be distinguished from the actual suspected person.”³³ (Similarly, Kifah Mustapha, a Muslim Brotherhood operative linked to Hamas, received an extensive tour of FBI headquarters and the National Counterterrorism Center in 2010.)³⁴

CAIR’s moderate façade suffered what should have been a tremendous blow on June 4, 2007: the Justice Department named the organization an unindicted co-conspirator in the Holy Land Foundation jihad terror funding case. Identifying CAIR as a present or past member of “the U.S. Muslim Brotherhood’s Palestine Committee and/or its organizations,” federal prosecutors stated that CAIR was a participant in a criminal conspiracy on behalf of the jihad terror group Hamas, which was ultimately proven to have received funding from the Holy Land Foundation.³⁵

³³ “CAIR-Chicago, Muslims, Meet With U.S. Customs & Border Protection at O’Hare Airport,” CAIR-Illinois, June 26, 2006, http://www.cairchicago.org/ournews.php?file=on_airportvisit06262006

³⁴ Erick Stakelbeck, “Muslim Brotherhood Gaining Foothold in U.S. Gov’t?,” CBN News, October 12, 2011.

³⁵ Josh Gerstein, “Islamic Groups Named in Hamas Funding Case,” *New York Sun*, June 4, 2007.

CAIR not only facilitated donations to the Holy Land Foundation, but also received half a million dollars from it. When Steven Emerson confronted CAIR cofounder Nihad Awad with this fact, Awad vehemently denied it: “This is an outright lie. Our organization did not receive any seed money from the Holy Land Foundation. CAIR raises its own funds and we challenge Mr. Emerson to provide even a shred of evidence to support his ridiculous claim.” Emerson then published an image of the canceled check.³⁶

CAIR also has financial ties to the Islamic supremacist Wahhabi sect promoted by Saudi Arabia. Its Form 990 filings for 2003 reveal that CAIR invested \$325,000 from its California offices with yet another Muslim Brotherhood front, the North American Islamic Trust (NAIT). According to a September 2002 *Newsweek* report, “NAIT money has helped the Saudi Arabian sect of Wahhabism – or Salafism, as the broader, pan-Islamic movement is called – to seize control of hundreds of mosques in U.S. Muslim communities.”³⁷

³⁶ “HLF’s Financial Support of CAIR Garners New Scrutiny,” The Investigative Project on Terrorism, October 12, 2007.

³⁷ Sarah Downey and Michael Hirsh, “A Safe Haven?” *Newsweek*, September 30, 2002; cited in Pipes and Chadha, “CAIR: Islamists Fooling the Establishment.”

ISNA: A Stealthier Jihad

The Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) was founded in 1981 by operatives from the MSA. One of its founders, Sami al-Arian, later pleaded guilty to playing a leadership role in the terror group Palestinian Islamic Jihad while holding down a job as a computer science professor at the University of South Florida.³⁸

In summer 2008, federal prosecutors rejected claims that ISNA was unfairly named as an unindicted co-conspirator in the Holy Land Foundation terror funding case.³⁹ ISNA has even admitted ties to the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas, although it disingenuously insists that those ties are a thing of the past.⁴⁰

ISNA is affiliated with still another Muslim Brotherhood group, the North American Islamic Trust, an organization that has Saudi government backing. NAIT reportedly holds mortgages on be-

³⁸ "Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)," Discover the Networks, <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/groupProfile.asp?grpId=6178>

³⁹ Josh Gerstein, "U.S.: Facts Tie Muslim Groups to Hamas Front Case," *New York Sun*, July 11, 2008.

⁴⁰ "ISNA Admits Hamas Ties," IPT News, July 25, 2008.

tween 50 and 80 percent of all mosques in the United States – which means that they will inevitably favor the Saudi/Muslim Brotherhood perspective on Islam, which is political, authoritarian, and supremacist.⁴¹ An Islamic supremacist writer who opposes Saudi influence on Muslims in America, Kaukab Siddique, notes that “ISNA controls most mosques in America and thus also controls who will speak at every Friday prayer, and which literature will be distributed there.”⁴²

According to Emerson, ISNA “is a radical group hiding under a false veneer of moderation.” It “convenes annual conferences where Islamist militants have been given a platform to incite violence and promote hatred,” and even held a fundraiser for the defense of Hamas leader Mousa Abu Marzook when he was arrested in 1997.⁴³ And the Indianapolis TV station WTHR, which is located near ISNA’s headquarters, reported that “about a dozen charities, organizations and individuals” were “under federal scrutiny for possible ties to terrorism that are in

⁴¹ “Islamic Society of North America (ISNA),” Discover the Networks.

⁴² Stephen Brown, “Polishing an Image – Islamic-Style,” FrontPageMag.com, September 29, 2006.

⁴³ “Islamic Society of North America (ISNA),” Discover the Networks.

some way linked to ISNA.”⁴⁴

Nonetheless, ISNA enjoys widespread mainstream acceptance. In November 2007, Mohamed Magid, who was then ISNA’s vice president and is now its president, went on a speaking tour of the Middle East under the auspices of the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. State Department.⁴⁵ In September 2008, Daniel Sutherland, officer for civil rights and civil liberties at the Department of Homeland Security, addressed ISNA’s annual convention.⁴⁶

Late in January 2010, the DHS secretary, Janet Napolitano, held a meeting with “Muslim, Arab, Sikh and South Asian American community leaders,” in which Muslim leaders and others called for a relaxation of security procedures and less scrutiny of the Muslim community. “Although it is not confirmed,” noted the Global Muslim Brotherhood Daily Report, “the press release contains a list of media contacts including leaders from ISNA, the

⁴⁴ Brown, “Polishing An Image – Islamic-Style.”

⁴⁵ “The State Department’s Poor Choices of Muslim Outreach Emissaries,” IPT News, August 27, 2010.

⁴⁶ “DHS official Daniel Sutherland spoke at recent ISNA conference,” Militant Islam Monitor, September 23, 2008.

Muslim Public Affair Council (MPAC) and the Muslim American Society (MAS) suggesting that the Muslim ‘community leaders’ were in fact representatives of the U.S. Muslim Brotherhood.”⁴⁷

Just over two weeks later, ISNA officials met with John Brennan, assistant to the president for homeland security and counterterrorism. At this meeting, ISNA officials downplayed the terror threat from the Muslim community in America and attempted to portray Muslims as victims of hyper-vigilant law enforcement. In response, Brennan assured them that the Obama administration would protect the civil rights of Muslims in the United States, which is all to the good – but he did not call upon them to back up their words about being opposed to jihad terror with effective action.⁴⁸

ISNA’s mainstream acceptance obscures the fact that it adheres to the same ideology as other U.S.-based Muslim Brotherhood groups, such as the International Institute of Islamic Thought. All

⁴⁷ “ISNA Approves of Meeting with DHS Secretary; U.S. Muslim Brotherhood Likely in Attendance,” Global Muslim Brotherhood Daily Report, February 4, 2010.

⁴⁸ “ISNA President Opens Townhall Meeting on the Nation’s Security with John Brennan,” Islamic Society of North America, February 16, 2010.

are dedicated to carrying out a “grand jihad” against “Western civilization.”

The International Institute of Islamic Thought

The IIIT describes itself as “a private, non-profit, academic and cultural institution, concerned with general issues of Islamic thought.”⁴⁹ However, its cofounder, Anwar Ibrahim, is an Islamic supremacist who calls for the implementation of Islamic law in America and other secular societies as the cure for their social ills: “It is our conviction that if all parties concerned are sincere and serious about understanding Islam, its concepts and principles, they will accept Islam as the only practicable and viable alternative to the present order.”⁵⁰ The IIIT has listed as one of its stated goals nothing less than the “Islamization of knowledge.”⁵¹

The IIIT’s main contribution to the “Islamiza-

⁴⁹ “International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT),” Discover the Networks, <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/groupProfile.asp?gpid=6180>

⁵⁰ “Anwar Ibrahim,” Discover the Networks, <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/individualProfile.asp?indid=2519>

⁵¹ “International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT),” Discover the Networks.

tion of knowledge” in the United States could be its creation of the concept of “Islamophobia,” a coinage designed to portray Muslims as victims of irrational prejudice, thereby to deflect attention away from jihad terror and Islamic supremacism. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation is working to make sure of that. The OIC is a body of fifty-six nations (plus the Palestinian Authority) that has constituted the largest voting bloc at the United Nations since the demise of the Soviet Union. It has been working for years to compel the UN to criminalize “Islamophobia.” Secretary of State Hillary Clinton held a closed-door meeting with the OIC in December 2011 to facilitate just that, and to figure out ways to circumvent the First Amendment’s protection of freedom of speech.⁵² Her contribution to these discussions was not disclosed.

Abdur-Rahman Muhammad, a former IIIT member, was an eyewitness to the creation of the word Islamophobia. “This loathsome term,” he wrote, “is nothing more than a thought-terminating cliché conceived in the bowels of Muslim think tanks for

⁵² Patrick Goodenough, “Obama Administration Welcoming Islamic Group to Washington for Discussion on ‘Tolerance,’” CNS News, December 9, 2011.

the purpose of beating down critics.”⁵³

The Muslim Students Association

Members of the Muslim Brotherhood established the Muslim Students Association of the United States and Canada in January 1963 at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Operating on over seven hundred American and Canadian campuses, the MSA functions as a recruiting organization, while presenting a front as a nonpolitical cultural and religious group in order to lure in Muslim students and gain the support of credulous university officials.

On its website, the MSA lists a set of “Guiding Principles” that paint a picture of an earnest and high-minded religious organization working in cooperation with the Islamic Society of North America. The MSA has also been linked to the Muslim World League, a group that has financed the jihad terror group Hamas. Furthermore, it sought donations for the Holy Land Foundation, whose assets were seized by the U.S. government in December

⁵³ Claire Berlinski, “Moderate Muslim Watch: How the Term ‘Islamophobia’ Got Shoved Down Your Throat,” Ricochet, November 24, 2010.

2001 to prevent it from funding Hamas.⁵⁴

The al-Qaeda terrorist Anwar al-Awlaki was an MSA chapter president. But as the journalist Daniel Greenfield observes, he was not the only MSA president to have al-Qaeda ties: Ziyad Khaleel “was MSA president at Columbia College before he became Al-Qaeda’s procurement agent in the United States. Abu Mansoor al-Amriki, onetime MSA president at the University of South Alabama, is now the spokesman for the Al-Qaeda affiliate in Somalia. Wa’el Hamza Julaidan was MSA president at the University of Arizona before he became a co-founder of Al-Qaeda.”⁵⁵ Given the MSA’s ties to the Muslim Brotherhood, these facts should not be surprising.

Despite the MSA’s efforts to present itself as a religious and cultural organization, the jihadist sentiments of its leaders and speakers have been on display for many years. On October 22, 2000, Arif Shaikh and Ahmed Shama of the MSA chapter at

⁵⁴ “The Muslim Students Association and the Jihad Network,” Terrorism Awareness Project, David Horowitz Freedom Center, 2008, pp. 4–5.

⁵⁵ Daniel Greenfield, *Muslim Hate Groups on Campus*, David Horowitz Freedom Center, 2011, p. 6.

UCLA led a demonstration at the Israeli consulate in Los Angeles. Shama shouted, “Victory to Islam! Death to the Jews!” and told the crowd: “Our solution is simple.... Our solution is the establishment of justice by Islamic means. That is the only solution to this Israeli apartheid.”

“Justice by Islamic means” refers to warfare against unbelievers and their subjugation under Islamic law. Even worse, as Shama burned the Israeli flag, the crowd chanted, “Khaibar, Khaibar, O Jews, the army of Mohammed is coming for you,” and “Death to Israel, victory to Islam.”⁵⁶ In October 2002, when MSA members at the University of Michigan sponsored a speech by Sami al-Arian (who later pleaded guilty to charges of aiding Palestinian Islamic Jihad), the crowd chanted “Death to Israel.”⁵⁷ In January 2001, Abdul-Alim Musa, imam of Masjid al-Islam in Washington, D.C., spoke at an event hosted by the MSA at UCLA and declared, “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?... We saw the fall of one so-called superpower, Old Uncle Sam is next.”⁵⁸

⁵⁶ “The Muslim Students Association and the Jihad Network,” p. 7.

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 31.

⁵⁸ “The Muslim Students Association and the Jihad Network,” pp. 7–8.

The MSA chapter at UCLA publishes a news magazine, *Al-Talib*, which for a time in the late 1990s boasted as its editor Edina Lekovic, who later when to work for the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC). The MSA prints 20,000 copies of each issue, and *Al-Talib* has 56,000 readers in thirty-seven states. In July 1999, *Al-Talib* featured Osama bin Laden on its cover. The story on him declared, “When we hear someone refer to the great Mujahid ... Osama bin Laden, as a ‘terrorist,’ we should defend our brother and refer to him as a freedom fighter.”⁵⁹ In November 2000, *Al-Talib* said this of Abdullah Azzam, who cofounded al-Qaeda with Osama bin Laden: “We pray that Sheik Azzam’s dream of a true Islamic state comes true.” After September 11, *Al-Talib* carried advertisements for three Islamic charities that were later shut down for funneling money to jihad terror groups: the Global Relief Foundation and the Benevolence International Foundation, as well as the Holy Land Foundation.⁶⁰

The UCLA chapter of the MSA is no anomaly. The Muslim Student Union (MSU) at the University of California, Irvine – that is, the local MSA chapter

⁵⁹ “The Spirit of Jihad,” *Al-Talib*, July 1999.

⁶⁰ “The Muslim Students Association and the Jihad Network,” p. 9.

– has sponsored several talks by Imam Abdel Malik-Ali, a black racist convert to Islam. At an MSU event on October 5, 2006, as students cheered, Ali shouted, “They [sic] Jews think they are superman, but we, the Muslims, are kryptonite. They Jews know that their days are numbered.”⁶¹ Ominous in a different way was the February 2006 declaration of the MSA at Columbia University denouncing the Danish Muhammad cartoons. “We are protesting the newspapers’ insult to Islam.... Freedom of expression is not absolute.”⁶²

Despite all this and more, the MSA enjoys official university approval and privilege. In many public colleges and universities, pressure from the MSA has led to the establishment of separate “Muslim-only” prayer rooms – often at public expense. Nine public universities now have Muslim-only prayer rooms, including Stanford, Emory, and the University of Virginia.⁶³ Were these privately funded, they might arguably have the same status as Newman Centers or Hillel Houses on campus, but the involvement of the MSA also makes them

⁶¹ Ibid., p. 14.

⁶² Ibid., p. 19.

⁶³ “Some say schools giving Muslims special treatment,” *USA Today*, July 25, 2007.

something quite different from simple gatherings of pious students.

Some MSA chapters have campaigned for restrictions on free speech. In April 2006, MSA members at Michigan State University staged a protest against the Danish Muhammad cartoons, which they declared to be “hate speech.”

At the same time, the national MSA has sent Sheikh Khalid Yasin to more than half a dozen universities to spread his doctrines of hate. An American convert to Islam, Yasin has said that Islam calls for the execution of homosexuals and has shown his support for Islamic supremacism: “If you don’t have a people that is governed by Sharia, then you have a lawless people.”⁶⁴ The MSA is also a sponsor of the national “Israeli Apartheid Weeks,” which demonize Israel as a racist state that illegally occupies every inch of its national territory and therefore should be destroyed.

⁶⁴ “The Muslim Students Association and the Jihad Network,” p. 24.

The Muslim Brotherhood and Its Friends in the Democratic Party

Barack Obama made sure that Muslim Brotherhood members were in the audience when he gave his celebrated address to the Islamic world at Cairo in June 2009.⁶⁵ He came out in favor of the Egyptian uprising against Hosni Mubarak in 2011, even when it became clear that the Brotherhood stood to be its chief beneficiary. The Brotherhood front group ISNA enjoys tremendous mainstream acceptance in the Obama administration; Ingrid Mattson, then president of ISNA, was invited to offer a prayer at the National Cathedral during Obama's inaugural festivities on January 20, 2009. Valerie Jarrett, Obama's senior advisor for public engagement and international affairs, and a longtime close Obama aide, asked Mattson to join the White House Council on Women and Girls, which is dedicated to "advancing women's leadership in all communities and sectors – up to the U.S. presidency...."⁶⁶

⁶⁵ Marc Ambinder, "'Brotherhood' Invited to Obama Speech by U.S.," *The Atlantic*, June 3, 2009.

⁶⁶ "Valerie Jarrett, Ingrid Mattson: White House Opens Wider to Islam," Maggie's Notebook, July 23, 2009, <http://maggiesnotebook.blogspot.com/2009/07/valerie-jarrett-ingrid-matton-white.html>

The Muslim Brotherhood's infiltration of the Washington establishment is remarkable by any standard. Former FBI Special Agent John Guandolo noted in October 2011: "What we're seeing not just inside the White House, but inside the government entities, the national security entities, the State Department – is a strong push by the Muslim Brotherhood to get their people not just into operational positions, but policy positions – deeper, long term, bureaucratic positions."⁶⁷

The Obama administration appears to be aware of the political damage that its warm stance toward the Muslim Brotherhood could cause. At a White House Iftar dinner late in 2011, Mattson's successor as head of ISNA, Mohammed Majid, was seated just a few feet away from Obama. However, the official guest list did not contain Majid's name.⁶⁸

On September 25, 2011, the Arab-American Candidates' Night Dinner in Virginia attracted forty-six candidates from both parties, including the former governor and Democratic Senate candidate, Tim Kaine. The dinner that these candidates ea-

⁶⁷ Erick Stakelbeck, "Muslim Brotherhood Gaining Foothold in U.S. Gov't?" CBN News, October 12, 2011.

⁶⁸ Ibid.

gerly attended was being held to present a Lifetime Achievement Award to Jamal Barzinji, a Brotherhood operative who also has ties to Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Hamas. In addition to serving as president of the Muslim Students Association (a Brotherhood front group), Barzinji was a founder of NAIT, a top ISNA official, and vice president of the IIIT. He was also a founder of the notorious Dar al-Hijrah mosque in Falls Church, Virginia, where Anwar al-Awlaki served as imam from January 2001 to March 2002 and counseled two of the 9/11 hijackers.

Tim Kaine's coziness with Barzinji was no surprise. In 2007, Kaine appointed Esam Omeish, president of the national MSA, to the Virginia Commission on Immigration, despite the fact that Omeish is on the Dar al-Hijrah mosque's board of directors and has praised the bloody Hamas leader Ahmed Yassin, who was killed in 2004, as "our beloved Sheikh Ahmed Yassin."⁶⁹

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's closest personal assistant and advisor is Huma Abedin, an observant Muslim who lived in Saudi

⁶⁹ Ryan Mauro, "Virginia Senate Candidate Honors Hamas Associate," FrontPageMag.com, October 25, 2011.

Arabia as a child. Abedin's brother Hassan works as "a fellow and partner with a number of Muslim Brotherhood members." Her mother, Saleha Mahmoud Abedin, is a professor in Saudi Arabia and a member of the Brotherhood's woman's division, the Muslim Sisterhood.⁷⁰

The Republicans: Grover Norquist and the Muslim Brotherhood

Brotherhood influence within the Republican Party may be even more extensive, due primarily to one man: Grover Norquist, the head of Americans for Tax Reform. Norquist has so much clout in the party that virtually every Republican presidential candidate for 2012 has had some contact with him, and few Republican candidates have succeeded without his support. For years, Norquist has been enabling Brotherhood access to the highest levels of power in Washington. Shortly after 9/11, he set up a meeting for fifteen Muslim leaders with President Bush. One was Muzammil Siddiqi, then president of ISNA.

⁷⁰ Eileen F. Toplansky, "The Muslim Brotherhood and Weiner," *American Thinker*, June 19, 2011.

Norquist was close to the now-jailed Brotherhood operative Abdurahman Alamoudi. The al-Qaeda financier Alamoudi contributed \$50,000 to a lobbying group that Norquist founded, Janus-Merritt Strategies. Alamoudi also gave Norquist a \$10,000 loan and a \$10,000 gift for his organization for Muslims, the Islamic Institute. Norquist introduced Bush to Nihad Awad, cofounder and executive director of Hamas-linked CAIR.

These alliances have shown their influence in Norquist's public positions. Former Reagan administration official Frank Gaffney revealed that "Norquist was also a prime-mover behind efforts to secure one of the Islamists' top pre-9/11 agenda items: the abolition of a section of the 1996 Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act that permits authorities to use what critics call 'secret evidence.' ... Norquist was an honoree at an event held by Sami Al-Arian's National Coalition to Protect Political Freedom in July 2001, two months before 9/11. The award was for being a 'champion of the abolishment movement against secret evidence.'" Al-Arian in 2006 pleaded guilty to "conspiracy to make or receive contributions of funds to or for the

benefit of Palestinian Islamic Jihad.”⁷¹

One of Norquist’s Islamic supremacist protégés, Imad “David” Ramadan, was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates by a margin of fifty votes in November 2011. Displaying a fine talent for deception, Ramadan joined Norquist and another one of his protégés, Suhail Khan, in denouncing opposition to the proposed sixteen-story mosque at Ground Zero; then he denied having done so.⁷² Khan was one of the few high-profile Republicans (along with Norquist himself) to register support for the Ground Zero mosque. Thanks to Norquist’s sponsorship, Khan is a board member of the American Conservative Union, which holds the popular annual Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, attended by thousands of conservatives.

Khan was a close associate of Abdurahman Alamoudi, who presented him with an award in 2001. “I’m really proud to be with Suhail Khan,” Alamoudi said on that occasion. “Some of you saw him today in the White House, but inshallah [Al-

⁷¹ Pamela Geller, “Grover Norquist’s Jihad,” *American Thinker*, March 4, 2010.

⁷² Kenneth R. Timmerman, “Grover Norquist’s New Muslim Protégé,” *FrontPageMag.com*, September 26, 2011.

lah willing], you will see him in better places in the White House, inshallah.” Also in 2001, just before the 9/11 attacks, Khan spoke at ISNA’s annual convention, where he was introduced by Jamal Barzinji. Mahboob Khan, Suhail’s father, was one of ISNA’s founders. Suhail Khan had also addressed ISNA’s 1999 convention, declaring: “The early Muslims loved death, dying for the sake of almighty Allah, more than the oppressors loved life. This must be the case when we are fighting.... What are our oppressors going to do with a people like us? We are prepared to give our lives for the cause of Islam.” Khan has also collaborated with CAIR.⁷³

A Posture of Submission

“We believe, given the changing political landscape in Egypt,” said Secretary of State Clinton in July 2011, “that it is in the interests of the United States to engage with all parties that are peaceful and committed to nonviolence, that intend to compete for the parliament and the presidency. And we welcome, therefore, dialogue with those Muslim Brotherhood members who wish to talk with us.”

⁷³ Paul Sperry, “A GOP ‘moderate Muslim’ – or not,” *New York Post*, January 9, 2011.

Around the same time, the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood leader Mohammed Badie was displaying the true face of the Brotherhood when he said: “Allah has warned us the tricks of the Jews, and their role in igniting the fire of wars ... and they labor hard to spread corruption on Earth. And Allah does not love the spreaders of corruption.” Not long before that, Kamal Helbawy, a former Brotherhood spokesman in the West, declared: “Our thinking and our affiliation are to the exalted Allah. Our affiliation is to Islam. The global state of Islam is our ideal.... How will countries like Bahrain or Qatar defend themselves? Why shouldn’t we have a country called ‘The United States of Islam’?”⁷⁴

It takes a stratospherically high degree of separation from reality to think that the Muslim Brotherhood has any interest in democracy except as a means to an end, and that end is radically opposed to the freedoms that the Western world enjoys. The stance toward the Brotherhood that is now being adopted by the United States (and also the European Union) puts all free people in danger.

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Robert Spencer, “The West Courts the Muslim Brotherhood – and Its Own Destruction,” *Human Events*, July 12, 2011.

The West is courting its own destruction, but this is in line with Barack Obama's consistent position. He has said repeatedly that "as Americans, we are not and never will be at war with Islam" – even though a large part of Islam has declared war on us. He has cultivated ties with Muslim individuals and groups deemed "moderate," including the Brotherhood itself.⁷⁵ In his Cairo speech in 2009, Obama echoed the Brotherhood's anti-free-speech agenda: "I consider it part of my responsibility as President of the United States to fight against negative stereotypes of Islam wherever they appear."⁷⁶

It should have come as no surprise, then, that Obama warmly endorsed the uprisings in North Africa and the Middle East, described as the "Arab Spring," despite the fact that they established the Muslim Brotherhood as the majority political force in Egypt, along with regimes of a similar orientation in Libya, Tunisia, Yemen and elsewhere.

In December 2011, the Obama administration unveiled a new anti-terror strategy that refused to

⁷⁵ Barack Obama, "Remarks by the President at the Pentagon Memorial," September 11, 2010, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2010/09/11/remarks-president-pentagon-memorial>

⁷⁶ *Ibid.*

link Islam to terrorism in any way – a strategy in line with the Brotherhood’s agenda to stamp out “Islamophobia.” When Rep. Dan Lungren (R.-Calif.) asked Paul Stockton, assistant defense secretary for homeland defense, whether “we are at war with violent Islamist extremism,” Stockton did his best to dodge the question and finally answered, “I don’t believe it’s helpful to frame our adversary as Islamic with any set of qualifiers that we might add, because we are not at war with Islam.”⁷⁷

What linguistic gymnastics would Stockton and his colleagues employ to avoid framing our adversary as Islamic when the adversary frames himself as Islamic? How will they refer to Palestinian Islamic Jihad? What about Hamas, which is an acronym for Islamic Resistance Movement? Or Hizballah, the Party of Allah?

The new plan entailed still more absurdities. Quintan Wiktorowicz of the National Security Council explained that “the new program will focus on behavior, not religion or appearances.” Yet he explained, “There are potential behavioral signals.... For example, has someone in the commu-

⁷⁷ Robert Spencer, “Obama’s Anti-Terror Plan Protects the Threat’s Identity,” *Human Events*, December 13, 2011.

nity seen them watching violent extremist videos? Are they publicly coming out in defense of Osama Bin Laden? Are they talking about the kuffar [unbelievers]?”

“Talking about the kuffar” is a “behavioral signal” for terrorism? That is what Muslims do. The Qur’an is full of imprecations against, appeals to, warnings about, and exhortations to warfare against the kuffar. But it would be politically incorrect – in fact, Islamophobic – to make that connection.

Nothing epitomizes more perfectly the Obama administration’s failure to come to grips with the reality of the global jihad and a rapidly shifting international situation than the embarrassing tenure of James Clapper as director of national intelligence. At the height of the Egyptian uprising, he claimed that the Muslim Brotherhood was “largely secular,” a notion that is simply absurd. Instead of firing Clapper for incompetence, Obama made excuses for him, explaining away his ignorant remarks and running interference for him with the international media.⁷⁸

⁷⁸ Robert Spencer, “Obama’s Anti-Terror Plan Protects the Threat’s Identity,” *Human Events*, December 13, 2011.

Clapper is hardly an isolated figure. According to Obama administration officials, the Fort Hood massacre of thirteen American soldiers on an Army base, by a disciple of Anwar Awlaki who shouted “Allahu akbar” as he fired his gun, is best designated as “workplace violence.”

The problem is obviously systemic. At present, the Muslim Brotherhood is apparently in control of the narrative regarding the United States’ response to the Islamic jihad. When your enemy shapes your agenda, no good can come of it.

