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One of the biggest of the Left's Big Lies is that conservative political groups and movements are universally motivated by hatred--of blacks, Hispanics and other ethnic groups; of homosexuals, transsexuals and other gender minorities; of immigrants, Muslims and others who are "marginalized" and therefore vulnerable.

This Big Lie is also an exercise in what Freud called "projection." There are indeed haters on the right, but for the most part they are on its fringe—demented individuals or tiny groups with little more than a post office box and a toxic website. For the left, however, the politics of hatred is fundamental. It is in its bloodstream and has been since the French Revolution. Unlike the fringe hatred of the right, left hate groups swim successfully in the American mainstream. Because of the leftist bias in our culture and media, their followers can posture as idealists and protectors of the downtrodden. For them, hatred is no fault.

Left Wing Hate Groups, ten portraits adapted

from Discover The Networks, the leading digital encyclopedia of the left, shows this hatred in action. The Southern Poverty Law Center, for instance, spews hate while enriching itself through a direct mail campaign that fabricates a vision of conservative hate groups. The same savage irony is apparent in another leading hate group of the left, Black Lives Matter, which justifies the racist murder of police while claiming to oppose racist violence against black males. Code Pink protests U.S. military activities abroad in the name of humanity and gleefully mocks wounded and disabled U.S. military personnel here at home.

Among left wing hate groups are well regarded lobbying organizations such as the Council on American-Islamic Relations, which claims only to advance the interests of Muslims while covertly supporting terror groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah who target Jews. Given standing in the left wing hegemony of the university, powerful campus groups like Students for Justice in Palestine and the Muslim Student Association do not need to be covert in their support for terror, but rather can shamelessly function as apologists for the Hamas terrorists and promote Jew hatred without fear of censure.

An Islamicist hate group such as the Islamic Society of North America, offspring of the Muslim Brotherhood, might not appear to be a group of the left, given its devotion to the principles of fundamentalist Wahhabism, the guiding light of al Qaeda. But such groups have been given cover in the U.S. by the leftwing fantasy that “Islamophobia” is a form of American racism and make a marriage of convenience with the left because of its hatred, similar to their own, of the state of Israel.

Left wing hate groups have always seen race and ethnicity as particularly attractive targets of opportunity. Organizations such as the New Black Panther Party spread a gospel of racial hatred and yet bask in the same radical chic as their 1960s predecessors. The hate group MEChA pretends to represent the hopes of Hispanics although its existence is based on an apocalyptic vision of ethnic conflict in which the western states of the U.S. are to be violently appropriated into a dystopia called Aztlan.

As these ten portraits show, for the left political hatred is never having to say you’re sorry; a crime that has no punishment; a disease that is constantly spreading. Class warfare and racial hatred are

he intellectual homeland of the left. Hatred and fantasies of violence—against Jews, conservatives, and most of all against America itself—is its reason for being.

The Southern Poverty Law Center

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) was founded in 1971 by two Alabama attorneys, Morris Dees¹ and Joseph Levin Jr. The latter served as the Center’s legal director from 1971-76,² but it was Dees, who views the U.S. as an irredeemably racist nation, who would emerge as the long-term “face” of the organization. SPLC first gained widespread national recognition in 1987, when it won a \$7 million verdict in a high-profile civil lawsuit against the United Klans of America (UKA).³ By the time that lawsuit was filed, UKA was already a destitute, impotent, disintegrating entity that virtually all white Americans emphatically rejected; the SPLC lawsuit merely drove the final nail into the UKA coffin. SPLC boasts that it has likewise won “crushing jury verdicts” that effectively shut

¹ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/individualProfile.asp?indid=1809>

² http://en.metapedia.org/wiki/Joseph_J._Levin_Jr.

³ http://archive.adl.org/issue_combating_hate/uka/decline.html

down groups like the White Aryan Resistance, the White Patriot Party militia, and the Aryan Nations.⁴

This has been SPLC's *modus operandi* since its inception: to initiate lawsuits against prominent hate groups for crimes that their individual members commit. In these suits, declares Morris Dees proudly: "We absolutely take no prisoners. When we get into a legal fight we go all the way."⁵ The leftist writer Ken Silverstein, who in 2000 wrote a penetrating exposé of SPLC for *Harper's* magazine, notes that the targets of these lawsuits tend to be "mediagenic villains" who are "eager to show off their swastikas for the news cameras."⁶ As Dees and SPLC well understand, such figures stand the best chance of triggering an emotional public response that translates, in turn, into financial contributions from donors eager to combat the perceived threat.

Since its profitable heyday opposing the KKK, the SPLC has transitioned its efforts into monitoring the "hate groups" it believes are spawned by American

⁴ <https://www.splcenter.org/issues/hate-and-extremism>

⁵ <http://cis.org/immigration-splc>

⁶ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/Articles/The%20Church%20of%20Morris%20Dees.html>

life and society. Identifying itself as a “nonprofit civil rights organization” committed to “fighting hate and bigotry,” the SPLC says, “Hate in America is a dreadful, daily constant.” Violent crimes against members of minority groups like blacks, Latinos, homosexuals, and Arabs/Muslims, are, in its view, “not ‘isolated incidents,’” but rather, constitute “eruptions of a nation’s intolerance.” To combat the nation’s deep-seated “bigotry,” SPLC dedicates itself to “tracking and exposing the activities of “hate groups and other domestic extremists” throughout the United States.”⁷ Specifically, the Center’s “Hate & Extremism” initiative publishes its findings in the SPLC Hatewatch Blog and in its quarterly journal, the *Intelligence Report*.⁸

SPLC claims that there are currently 892 active “hate groups” in the U.S.⁹ Asserting that the vast majority of such organizations are “right wing,” the Center says they include “the Ku Klux Klan,” “the neo-Nazi movement,” “neo-Confederates,” “racist skinheads,” “antigovernment

⁷ <https://www.splcenter.org/what-we-do>; <https://www.splcenter.org/about>;
<https://www.splcenter.org/20100216/ten-ways-fight-hate-community-response-guide>

⁸ <https://www.splcenter.org/issues/hate-and-extremism>

⁹ <https://www.splcenter.org/hate-map>

militias,” “Christian Identity adherents,” and a variety of “anti-immigrant,” “anti-LGBT,” “anti-Muslim,” and “alternative Right” organizations.

SPLC contends that from 2000 to 2012, the number of hate groups in the United States increased by 67%—a surge allegedly “fueled by anger and fear over the nation’s ailing economy, an influx of non-white immigrants, and the diminishing white majority, as symbolized by the election of the nation’s first African-American president”—i.e., Barack Obama.¹⁰ And America’s racists, by SPLC’s calculus, are almost unanimously conservatives.

But what SPLC classifies as “hate groups” are often figments of its imagination—fringe figures with a Post Office box and a website. Laird Wilcox—a researcher specializing in the study of political fringe movements—reports that many SPLC-designated “hate groups” are untraceable, due either to their inactivity or nonexistence. In 2005, Wilcox reported: “Several years ago with minimal effort I went through a list of 800-plus ‘hate groups’ published by the SPLC and determined that over half of them were either non-

¹⁰ [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/kenneth-robinson/hate-the-
elephant-in-the-_b_3094855.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/kenneth-robinson/hate-the-
elephant-in-the-_b_3094855.html)

existent, existed in name only, or were inactive.”¹¹

Dees, who made himself a millionaire in the 1970s selling products ranging from doormats to cookbooks, has made “hate” a growth industry for SPLC. A master of the fundraising letter, he more than doubled the organization’s net assets from \$52 million in the mid-1990s to \$120 million in 2000, and then more than doubled them again to \$256 million in 2011. According to Charity Watch, a watchdog organization tracking nonprofits, SPLC spends only about 60% of its huge annual income on program-related activities, the rest going to salaries and fundraising activities to keep the funds flowing smoothly. According to writer Charlotte Allen, SPLC’s “donation generating machine [is] powered by Dees’ mastery of the use of ‘hate’ to coax dollars from the highly educated and highly gullible.”¹²

The *Weekly Standard* says that SPLC has “de-evolved from an organization that once combatted real hate groups such as the KKK, to a racket that trades on its former reputation to smear people

¹¹ http://www.thesocialcontract.com/artman2/publish/tsc_20_3/tsc_20_3_vinson.shtml

¹² <http://www.weeklystandard.com/king-fearmongers/article/714573?nopager=1>

such as Ben Carson as ‘extremists.’”¹³ But it is not only conservative commentators that have rung the alarm bell about SPLC. JoAnn Wypijewski, who writes for the far-left *Nation* magazine, has said: “No one has been more assiduous in inflating the profile of [hate] groups than [SPLC’s] millionaire huckster, Morris Dees, who in 1999 began a begging [i.e., fundraising] letter [by stating that] ‘the danger presented by the Klan is greater now than at any time in the past ten years.’” To put Dees’s claim in perspective, the Ku Klux Klan, by that time, consisted of no more than 3,000 people nationwide—a far cry from the 4 million members it had boasted in the 1920s.” Nonetheless, notes Wypijewski, “Dees would have his donors believe” that cadres of “militia nuts” are “lurking around every corner.”¹⁴

In a similar vein, the late left-wing journalist Alexander Cockburn in 2009 called Dees the “arch-salesman of hate-mongering,” a man who profited by “selling the notion [that] there’s

¹³ <http://www.weeklystandard.com/north-carolina-killer-a-fan-of-the-southern-poverty-law-center/article/848477>

¹⁴ <https://www.thenation.com/article/you-cant-get-there-here/>;
<https://capitalresearch.org/article/the-southern-poverty-law-center-a-twisted-definition-of-hate/>

a right resurgence out there in the hinterland with massed legions of haters, ready to march down Main Street draped in Klan robes, a copy of *Mein Kampf* tucked under one arm and a Bible under the other.” “Ever since 1971,” added Cockburn, “U.S. Postal Service mailbags have bulged with [Dees’s] fundraising letters, scaring dollars out of the pockets of trembling liberals aghast at his lurid depictions of hate-sodden America.”¹⁵

Regardless of how dramatically SPLC overstates their numbers, white racists like neo-Nazis, Klansmen, and skinheads indisputably deserve to be categorized as “hate groups.” But the Center irresponsibly extends that designation also to numerous conservative and libertarian organizations. One such organization that SPLC has placed in its cross hairs is the well-regarded American Enterprise Institute (AEI), which the Center, in a 2003 report authored by researcher/writer Chip Berlet,¹⁶ identified as part of “an array of right-wing foundations and think tanks [that] support efforts to make

¹⁵ <http://www.counterpunch.org/2009/05/15/king-of-the-hate-business/>

¹⁶ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/individualProfile.asp?indid=1243>

bigoted and discredited ideas respectable.”¹⁷

Indicting a variety of conservatives ranging from Charles Murray to Dinesh D’Souza and David Horowitz as “racists,” Berlet’s gross misrepresentations of their work are consistent with his own track record of extremism. For instance, in the mid-1970s Berlet volunteered to work on *Counterspy* magazine, an anti-CIA periodical founded by Philip Agee, the onetime CIA officer who subsequently turned against the agency and spent years exposing the identity of undercover American spies who were stationed overseas.¹⁸ During the Cold War, Berlet was a supporter of Communist police states—most notably Albania, one of the most backward and repressive. In 1983 he was a founding member of the Chicago Area Friends of Albania, a Communist front group that supported the People’s Socialist Republic of Albania and the repressive political rule of the Marxist-Leninist dictator Enver Hoxha.¹⁹

¹⁷ <http://humanevents.com/2006/12/11/southern-poverty-law-center-pushes-twisted-definition-of-hate/>

¹⁸ http://www.publiceye.org/berlet/berlet_civlib.html

¹⁹ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=15883>

Another of SPLC's bedrock beliefs is its conviction that the U.S., in addition to being inherently racist, is also a homophobic nation that countenances all manner of injustice against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people. Dees's group tars any organization questioning the transformative cultural changes resulting from movements such as gay marriage, as "hate" mongers on a continuum with a neo-Nazi cell. Thus SPLC's list of hate groups includes organizations such as the conservative Family Research Council, which promotes traditional family arrangements but expresses no malice toward gays, and the Traditional Values Coalition, a conservative organization that opposes homosexuality on religious grounds and rejects the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, a bill that would designate transgendered people (cross-dressers) as a "protected class" whom employers would not be free to eliminate from job-applicant pools.²⁰

SPLC sees "Islamophobia"—hatred and fear based on religious faith—as yet another major dark spot in the American character. The June 2012 edition of *Intelligence Report*, for instance, featured

²⁰ <https://capitalresearch.org/article/southern-poverty-law-center-wellspring-of-manufactured-hate/>;

a hit-piece titled “30 New Activists Heading Up the Radical Right,” which claimed that “an anti-Muslim movement, almost entirely ginned up by political opportunists and hard-line Islamophobes, has grown enormously since taking off in 2010, when reported anti-Muslim hate crimes went up by 50%.”²¹ That seemingly ominous statistic seems less foreboding when placed against FBI data which states that the number of “reported anti-Muslim hate crimes” nationwide increased from 107 in 2009 to 160 in 2010 and 157 in 2011²²—hardly an epidemic in a nation of more than 300 million people.

In 2016, the SPLC published a *Field Guide to Anti Muslim Extremists* indicting Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Steven Emerson, Robert Spencer and other writers and thinkers who have warned of the violence intrinsic in Wahhabism and other aspects of Islam.²³ In an interview with the *Tablet* after this “Field Guide” was published, Maajid

²¹ <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/intelligence-report/2012/30-new-activists-heading-radical-right>

²² <https://ucr.fbi.gov/hate-crime/2010/tables/table-1-incidents-offenses-victims-and-known-offenders-by-bias-motivation-2010.xls>; <https://ucr.fbi.gov/hate-crime/2011/tables/table-1>

²³ <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/intelligence-report/2012/30-new-activists-heading-radical-right>

Nawaz—British intellectual, candidate for Parliament as a Liberal Democrat, and one of those attacked in this publication—stated that its authors were “a bunch of first-world, comfortable liberal Americans who are not Muslims [and] have decided from their comfortable perch to label me, an activist who is working within his Muslim community to push back against extremism, an anti-Muslim extremist.” Emphasizing that because SPLC’s blacklist had “put a target on my head,” Nawaz said he believed that his own life was now in danger: “This is what putting people on lists does. When Theo Van Gogh was killed in the Netherlands, a list was stuck to his body that included Ayaan Hirsi Ali’s name. It was a hit list. When Bangladeshi reformers were hacked to death by jihadist terrorists, they were working off lists.”²⁴

Nawaz was pointing out an irony noticed by others—that in its constant exaggerations and outright fabrications about “hate,” the SPLC had itself created exactly what it claimed to be fighting. On the morning of August 15, 2012, for instance, a domestic terrorist named Floyd Corkins walked into the Washington, DC headquarters of the

²⁴ <http://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-news-and-politics/216494/southern-poverty-law-center-blacklist>

Family Research Council, an organization indicted by SPLC as homophobic, carrying a pistol and 100 rounds of ammunition with the intention of “kill[ing] people in the building.” His plan was thwarted by an operations manager who physically tackled him to the ground. When an FBI agent subsequently asked Corkins why he had chosen to target FRC, the would-be killer replied: “It was a, uh, Southern Poverty Law lists, uh, anti-gay groups. I found them online. I did a little bit of research, went to the website. Stuff like that.”²⁵

Then, in 2015, three Muslim students were killed in North Carolina by an “anti-religious activist” whose Facebook “likes” included the SPLC, along with other leftist groups and individuals.²⁶

As is typical of organizations on the Left, SPLC is ever-prepared to label its political and ideological adversaries as purveyors of “hate” and “intolerance.” But in reality, that is nothing more than psychological projection. Hatred and intolerance for the opinions and values of others

²⁵ <http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/domestic-terrorist-says-he-targeted-frc-after-finding-it-southern-poverty-law-center>

²⁶ <http://www.weeklystandard.com/north-carolina-killer-a-fan-of-the-southern-poverty-law-center/article/848477>

are prime components in the very lifeblood of SPLC. More than any other organization in America, the Southern Poverty Law Center has turned hate-based identity politics and grievance mongering into a highly profitable scam.

Media Matters

Established in May 2004, Media Matters for America describes itself as a “web-based, not-for-profit ... progressive research and information center dedicated to comprehensively monitoring, analyzing, and correcting conservative misinformation” in print, broadcast, cable, radio, and Internet media outlets across the United States. Through its website, MediaMatters.org, the organization posts rapid-response items as well as longer research and analytical reports “documenting conservative misinformation throughout the media”

In addition to its website postings, Media Matters “works daily to notify activists, journalists, pundits, and the general public about instances of misinformation, providing them with the resources to rebut false claims and to take direct action against

offending media institutions.”²⁷ As the Capital Research Center puts it, Media Matters “works in conjunction with liberal blogs, using sympathetic reporters and pundits to promote far-left messages to the mainstream media and to attempt to force right-leaning media figures out of the public debate.”²⁸

In February 2012 Media Matters was the subject of a damning exposé by Tucker Carlson’s *Daily Caller*, which revealed the extent to which the organization had become successful in dictating the content of left-liberal media reports. As documented by the *Caller*, newspapers like the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times* all took their editorial cues from Media Matters’ talking points.²⁹

Although aggressively pushing the envelope of “the politics of personal destruction,” Media Matters had traction in the mainstream media. The *Caller* further reported that by 2008, “Media

²⁷ Ibid.

²⁸ <https://capitalresearch.org/article/inside-the-disinformation-machine-a-look-at-the-lefts-new-media-operation/>

²⁹ <http://dailycaller.com/2012/02/12/inside-media-matters-sources-memos-reveal-erratic-behavior-close-coordination-with-white-house-and-news-organizations/#ixzz1mN91fjWg>

Matters staff had the direct line of MSNBC president Phil Griffin, and used it.” According to one Media Matters source: “If we published something [derogatory] about Fox [News] in the morning, they’d [MSNBC] have it on the air that night verbatim.” “We were pretty much writing their [MSNBC’s] prime time, added another former Media Matters employee. “But then, virtually all the mainstream media was using our stuff.”³⁰

Media Matters has cultivated a well-earned reputation for portraying honest differences of opinion by conservatives as lies, smears, and even evidence of “racism.” According to highly regarded pollster Frank Luntz, “They are vicious. They only understand one thing: attack, attack, attack.”³¹ National Public Radio reporter David Folkenflik has said: “They’re looking at every dangling participle, every dependent clause, every semicolon, every quotation to see if there’s some way it unfairly frames a cause, a party, a candidate that they may have some feelings for.”³² And a Capital Research Center analysis states that Media

³⁰ Ibid.

³¹ <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/11/01/washington/01media.html>

³² Ibid.

Matters, in its effort to “stigmatize and marginalize conservative ideas,” “will typically isolate a small facet of a media story that can be twisted in such a way that suggests that the reporter or commentator is a liar or hypocrite. That tidbit is then used to suggest that everything the original source says must be false and deserving of censure.”³³

In launching its aggressive attacks against conservatives, Media Matters takes its cues from its founder and CEO, the self-described former “right-wing hit man” turned leftist, David Brock.³⁴ Convinced that the mainstream media had fallen under the sway of conservative ideology, Brock created Media Matters “to combat” the efforts of conservative media outlets.³⁵ The sense of urgency with which he approached this task was amplified by his low regard for conservatives, whom he describes as people who “are simply willing to lie.”³⁶

³³ <https://capitalresearch.org/article/media-matters-for-the-left-david-brocks-mission-to-boost-hillary-clinton-and-smear-non-leftist-sources-of-news-and-commentary/>

³⁴ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/individualProfile.asp?indid=2039>

³⁵ <http://www.nytimes.com/2004/05/03/us/new-internet-site-turns-critical-eyes-and-ears-to-the-right.html>

³⁶ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=7186>

Prior to founding Media Matters, Brock consulted with a number of leading Democratic Party figures, including Hillary Clinton, Tom Daschle, and Al Gore. He also pitched his idea to a number of potential liberal-left funders, some of whom promptly lined up to bankroll his cause to the tune of more than \$2 million in seed donations. Also standing behind Brock was John Podesta, a former chief of staff in the Clinton administration and the head of the progressive think tank, the Center for American Progress. Hillary Clinton played a key supporting role as well; she would later (in 2007) tell a Yearly Kos convention of left-wing bloggers that she personally had “helped to start and support” Media Matters.³⁷

From its earliest days, Media Matters aggressively targeted individuals and groups that did not share its left-wing political orientation. For instance, in 2004 the organization tried to persuade chain book retailers to ban sales of *Unfit for Command*—a book critical of Democratic presidential candidate John

³⁷ *The Shadow Party*, by David Horowitz and Richard Poe (2006), p. 190; <http://www.newsbusters.org/blogs/nb/noel-sheppard/2007/10/01/hillary-clinton-told-yearlykos-convention-she-helped-start-media>

Kerry.³⁸ In 2007, veteran broadcaster Don Imus also felt the wrath of Media Matters. Though not a conservative by any means, Imus had long been in Media Matters' crosshairs because of his repeated, harsh criticisms of David Brock's beloved Hillary Clinton. On April 4, 2007, Ryan Chiachiere—a young, Washington-based researcher whom Media Matters had assigned to monitor Imus's program on a daily basis—heard the shock-jock refer to black players on the Rutgers University women's basketball team as “nappy-headed hoes” and promptly posted a 775-word blog exposing the offending comments on the Media Matters website. The *Daily Caller* reports what happened next: “Over the course of a week, Media Matters mobilized more than 50 people to work full-time adding fuel to the Imus story. Researchers searched the massive Media Matters database for controversial statements Imus had made over the years. The group issued press release after press release. Brock personally called the heads of various liberal activist groups to coordinate a

³⁸ <http://mediamatters.org/research/2004/08/20/mmfa-sends-letter-to-wal-mart-amazoncom-and-bar/131696>

message. By the end of the week, Imus was fired.”³⁹

When Sharyl Attkisson of CBS News distinguished herself as one of the few mainstream media reporters willing to investigate the Obama administration’s false claims regarding the genesis of the infamous September 11, 2012 terrorist attacks against a U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Media Matters condemned Attkisson for her “shoddy reporting” and launched a campaign against her.⁴⁰

During its early years, Media Matters was careful to obscure the financial ties it had to the controversial billionaire financier/philanthropist George Soros, who poured millions of dollars into the coffers of groups like the Center for American Progress, the Democracy Alliance, MoveOn, and the New Democratic Network, which in turn funneled some of that money to Media

³⁹ <http://dailycaller.com/2012/02/12/inside-media-matters-sources-memos-reveal-erratic-behavior-close-coordination-with-white-house-and-news-organizations/?print=1>

⁴⁰ <https://capitalresearch.org/article/media-matters-for-the-left-david-brocks-mission-to-boost-hillary-clinton-and-smear-non-leftist-sources-of-news-and-commentary/>

Matters.⁴¹ But in October 2010 Soros decided to stop concealing his links to Media Matters, when he openly announced that he was giving the organization \$1 million to spend on a campaign designed to discredit the Fox News Channel.⁴²

As the presidential election season was gearing up in early 2012, Media Matters was planning to spend some \$20 million—double the organization’s reported \$10 million annual budget—on efforts to influence media coverage in behalf of the candidates and the key issues.⁴³ On September 18, 2012, the *Daily Caller* reported that dozens of pages of internal Department of Justice (DOJ) emails (obtained via the Freedom of Information Act) showed that Media Matters had been secretly collaborating with the communications staff of Attorney General Eric Holder in an effort to discredit and suppress news stories about scandals that were plaguing Holder

⁴¹ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/individualProfile.asp?indid=977>

⁴² <http://www.newsmax.com/Headline/george-soros-fox-glenn/2010/10/20/id/374340/>

⁴³ <http://dailycaller.com/2012/02/12/inside-media-matters-sources-memos-reveal-erratic-behavior-close-coordination-with-white-house-and-news-organizations/#ixzz1mN91fjWg>;

and his agency. Among those scandals were DOJ's infamous dismissal of voter-intimidation charges against the New Black Panther Party, and the role Holder and other DOJ officials may have played in Operation Fast and Furious. The latter was a program in which the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms—an agency of the DOJ—had intentionally put some 2,500 high-powered guns into the hands of Mexican drug cartel leaders.⁴⁴

Media Matters' collaboration with DOJ is significant because the former enjoys tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This not only exempts Media Matters from paying federal tax on its income, but also permits its donors to claim income-tax deductions for their contributions to the organization. However, 501(c)(3) status is typically reserved for groups that do not engage in partisan politicking, a criterion that Media Matters clearly does not meet.⁴⁵

⁴⁴ <http://dailycaller.com/2012/09/18/emails-reveal-justice-dept-regularly-enlists-media-matters-to-spin-press/?print=1>

⁴⁵ <http://dailycaller.com/2012/09/22/rep-trey-gowdy-%E2%80%98i-promise-you-we-are-going-to-have-a-nice-full-public-hearing%E2%80%99-on-media-matters-doj-collusion/>

Black Lives Matter

An organization that has had significant success in infiltrating the entertainment industry and even had strategy meetings at the Obama White House, Black Lives Matter (BLM) was founded in 2013 by black radicals who believe that the U.S. is irredeemably racist and must be radically, even violently, reformed. It postures as a continuation of the civil rights movement of the 1960s led by Martin Luther King, but its rhetoric is brutal and hostile to reconciliation. It is committed to violent deeds as well as words, particularly in the case of white police officers. Demonstrators at BLM events routinely taunt, direct obscenities at, and sometimes attack uniformed police officers. They have celebrated in the streets after a police officer has been killed.⁴⁶

At a December 2014 BLM rally in New York City, marchers chanted in unison: “What do we

⁴⁶ <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2016/07/08/video-drunk-protesters-loot-convenience-store-taunt-officers-dallas-police-massacre/>; <http://www.theamericanmirror.com/agitators-hurl-rocks-phoenix-police-chant-shoot/>

want? Dead cops. When do we want it? Now.”⁴⁷ At a BLM march in August 2015, protesters chanted: “Pigs in a blanket, fry ’em like bacon.” (“Pigs” was a reference to police officers, and “blanket” was a reference to body bags.)⁴⁸ On a BLM-affiliated radio program the following month, the hosts laughed at the recent assassination of a white Texas deputy; boasted that blacks were like invincible lions who would emerge victorious in a “race war” against whites; happily predicted that “we will witness more executions and killing of white people and cops than we ever have before”; and declared that “it’s open season on killing white people and crackas.”⁴⁹

At all BLM events, demonstrators invoke the organization’s patron saint—the Marxist revolutionary, former Black Panther, convicted cop-killer, and longtime fugitive Assata Shakur (given exile in Castro’s Cuba). Shakur has described

⁴⁷ <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Eric-Garner-Manhattan-Dead-Cops-Video-Millions-March-Protest-285805731.html>

⁴⁸ <http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/08/30/black-lives-matter-chant-called-disgusting-by-police-leader/>

⁴⁹ <http://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2015/09/breaking-video-blacklivesmatter-radio-show-its-open-season-on-killing-whites-and-cops/>

herself as a “Black revolutionary” who “declared war on the rich who prosper on our poverty, the politicians who lie to us with smiling faces, and all the mindless, heart-less robots [police] who protect them and their property.”⁵⁰

Another figure greatly admired by BLM is Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, formerly known as H. Rap Brown, who in the 1960s was renowned for threatening that blacks would “burn America down,” and for urging blacks to murder “honkies.” In the spring of 2000, Al-Amin shot two law-enforcement officers in downtown Atlanta, killing one of them.⁵¹

BLM first appeared as an online platform in 2013. Its creators were the radical activists Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi. Their objective was to stoke black rage and galvanize a protest movement in response to the acquittal of George Zimmerman, the “white Hispanic” who

⁵⁰ <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2015/07/23/blacklivesmatter-pays-homage-to-marxist-cop-killer-at-every-event-it-holds/>

⁵¹ <http://www.frontpagemag.com/fpm/263766/black-lives-matters-support-killers-black-cops-daniel-greenfield;>
<http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/individualProfile.asp?indid=1308>

was tried and acquitted for the murder of a black Florida teenager named Trayvon Martin in a highly publicized February 2012 altercation. Before long, “Black Lives Matter” became a rallying cry for writers, public speakers, celebrities, demonstrators, and rioters.⁵²

In 2014, BLM gained critical mass after the death of Michael Brown, a young black man in Ferguson, Missouri who was killed by a white police officer after he had tried to take the officer’s handgun during a violent confrontation. In the aftermath of Ferguson, BLM had significant success in spreading its message that blacks in the U.S. are routinely “de-humaniz[ed],” rendered “powerless at the hands of the state,” and targeted for “extrajudicial killings ... by police and vigilantes.”⁵³

In 2013 and beyond, a number of black criminal suspects who died during confrontations with police officers joined Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown as the martyrs of of the BLM movement. Prominent among these were Eric Garner (New York), Tamir Rice (Cleveland), Timothy Russell

⁵² <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/groupProfile.asp?grpid=7876>;

⁵³ <http://blacklivesmatter.com/about/>

(Cleveland), Malissa Williams (Cleveland), and Freddie Gray (Baltimore). High-profile political leaders including then-Attorney General Eric Holder and President Barack Obama himself issued statements friendly to the BLM “line” on these deaths, with the result that law-enforcement personnel suddenly found themselves with targets on their backs.

In New York, Baltimore, and elsewhere in urban America, police officers, now fearing for their own safety, became less aggressive in apprehending criminals, particularly for low-level offenses. This, in turn, led to a dramatic rise in crime rates in a number of U.S. cities. For 2015 as a whole, America’s 56 largest cities experienced a 17% rise in homicides; in 10 heavily black cities, murders increased by more than 60%.⁵⁴

Moreover, some criminals deliberately made police officers the targets of their violence. Less than three weeks after New York Mayor Bill de Blasio’s condemnation of police in his city, for instance, a black gunman named Ismaaiyl Brinsley shot and killed two uniformed NYPD officers, execution-

⁵⁴ <http://nypost.com/2016/05/24/the-ferguson-effect-is-fueling-a-growing-crime-wave/>

style, as they sat in their marked police car. In a Facebook message he had posted just prior to carrying out his double murder, Brinsley made it explicitly clear that his motive was to avenge the recent deaths of Eric Garner and Michael Brown.⁵⁵

Of the nineteen police officers nationwide who were killed in the line of duty during the first five months of 2015, ten were killed in the month of May alone—i.e., the month following the Freddie Gray riots in Baltimore.⁵⁶

The spike in urban violence across the United States continued into 2016. During the first quarter of that year, homicides in the nation's 63 largest cities increased by 9%, while nonfatal shootings were up 21%.⁵⁷

In the years since its founding, BLM has expanded its writ to include, particularly, the Mideast “conflict.”

⁵⁵ <http://nypost.com/2014/12/20/2-nypd-cops-shot-execution-style-in-brooklyn/>

⁵⁶ <https://www.odmp.org/search/year?year=2015>

⁵⁷ https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2016/05/14/we-have-a-problem-homicides-are-up-again-this-year-in-more-than-two-dozen-major-u-s-cities/?utm_term=.a63273be310e

In January 2015, BLM co-founder Patrisse Cullors joined a number of likeminded anti-police protesters in taking a ten-day trip to the Palestinian Territories in the West Bank. Their objective was to publicly draw a parallel between what they defined as Israeli oppression of the Palestinians in the Middle East, and police violence against blacks in the United States.⁵⁸

Shortly after the death of Cuban dictator Fidel Castro on November 25, 2016, BLM published an article in defense of “El Comandante,” claiming that Castro’s death was causing many people to experience “an overwhelming sense of loss, complicated by fear and anxiety.” The article praised Castro for having taught people “that to be a revolutionary, you must strive to live in integrity”; for having given safe haven to cop-killer and BLM hero Assata Shakur, “who continues to inspire us”; for having likewise “provided a home” for cop killers/airplane hijackers Michael Finney, Ralph Goodwin, and Charles Hill; and for having given “sanctuary [to] so many other Black revolutionaries who were being persecuted by the American government during the Black Power

⁵⁸ <https://www.jihadwatch.org/2016/07/2015-black-lives-matter-visits-palestine-links-jihad-against-israel-to-race-war-in-us>

era.”

Students for Justice in Palestine

Founded at UC Berkeley in October of 2000, Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) is a highly influential campus organization with chapters based at approximately 200 American colleges and universities, where it has become the chief organizer and sponsor of anti-Israel hate fests.⁵⁹ SJP claims to “promote the cause of justice“ for Palestinians, but in fact its violent propaganda is an echo chamber repeating what is said by the Hamas terrorists who seek to permanently end Israel’s existence as a sovereign Jewish state. The coalition of interests is no accident: SJP was in essence formed to help spread anti-Semitism through the halls of American academia; to wage a campus war against Israel by providing rhetorical support for the Jew-hatred undergirding the Second Palestinian Intifada which Hamas and allied terrorists had recently launched in late September 2000.⁶⁰

⁵⁹ http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/case_docs/1709.pdf; <http://www.amchainitiative.org/sjp-chapters>

⁶⁰ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/Articles/sjpstand4facts25.html>; <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/Articles/Muslin%20Hate%20Groups.pdf>

SJP's principal founder, Hatem Bazian,⁶¹ a professor at UC Berkeley, has quoted approvingly from a famous Islamic hadith which calls for the violent slaughter of Jews and which appears in Hamas's founding charter.⁶² He once spoke at a fundraising dinner for a Hamas front group that the U.S. government later shut down because of the organization's ties to Islamic terrorism.⁶³ Bazian has portrayed the Hamas terror organization as "a classical anti-colonial nationalist and religious guerrilla movement," and he described Hamas's victory in the 2006 Gaza elections as "a monumental event."⁶⁴

Ignoring Hamas's calls for the mass murder and genocide of Jews,⁶⁵ the website of SJP's UC Berkeley chapter describes Hamas in anodyne

⁶¹ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/individualProfile.asp?indid=2173>

⁶² <http://www.wnd.com/2014/02/u-s-muslim-prof-teaches-islamophobia-course/>

⁶³ http://www.ngo-monitor.org/reports/university_of_southampton_s_symposium_on_israel_s_right_to_exist_speaker_profiles_and_ngo_connections/

⁶⁴ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/Articles/Muslin%20Hate%20Groups.pdf>

⁶⁵ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/viewSubCategory.asp?id=1398>

terms as “a vast social organization” that “provides schools, medical care, and day care for a number of Palestinians who otherwise live difficult lives”; a group with a “clean record as far as domestic corruption in governance [is] concerned”; and an entity whose “officials have often stated that they are ready for a long-term truce with Israel during which time final status negotiations can occur.”⁶⁶

In 2002, SJP’s national convention was sponsored by the, Illinois-based front group for Hamas. The conference featured keynote speaker Sami Al-Arian, a former University of South Florida professor who served as the North American leader of Palestinian Islamic Jihad, a terrorist organization whose objectives include the destruction of Israel, the elimination of all Western influences in the Middle East by means of armed warfare, and the convergence of all Muslim countries into a single Islamic caliphate.⁶⁷

New York City’s SJP created posters lauding the Palestinian terrorist Leila Khaled—who in

⁶⁶ <http://www.frontpagemag.com/fpm/265477/jew-hatred-dressed-justice-john-perazzo>

⁶⁷ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/Printable.aspx?ArtId=20854>

September 1970 had participated in the multiple hijacking of five jetliners—for “committing her life to be a freedom fighter in the struggle for Palestinian liberation.”⁶⁸ In a similar spirit, a number of SJP chapters hold annual commemorations in honor of the late Hassan al-Banna, founder of the Muslim Brotherhood, godfather organization to al Qaeda, and an inveterate Jew-hater who firmly opposed the creation of Israel in 1948 and strove to forge a formal alliance with Hitler and Mussolini when World War II broke out.⁶⁹

In 2012, Cornell University’s SJP issued a publication featuring a logo of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a terrorist organization that embraces “a revolutionary understanding of Marxism” and views the “liberation” of Palestine as a key component

⁶⁸ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/Articles/Muslin%20Hate%20Groups.pdf>; <https://nycsjp.wordpress.com/>

⁶⁹ <http://campus.zoa.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2015/08/FACT-SHEET-Jewish-Voice-for-Peace---s-Partner-Organizations-Anti-Semites-and-Terrorist-Sympathizers-1.pdf>; <http://canadafreepress.com/images/uploads/StudentsforJusticeInPalestine.pdf>

of Communism's worldwide ascendancy.⁷⁰

SJP is also the leading campus promoter of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement, a Hamas-inspired initiative that aims to use various forms of public protest and economic pressure to advance the Hamas agenda of Israel's destruction through: coordinated boycotts that aim to intimidate and coerce corporations, universities, and individuals into breaking off their business relationships with Israel; campaigns that coerce banks, pension funds, corporations, and other entities to withdraw any financial investments which they may have made in the state of Israel or in companies that operate there; and the imposition of sanctions that lead to the severing of diplomatic ties with Israel.⁷¹

Projecting its own violent fantasies onto Israel, SJP and its campus allies depict the Jewish State as a habitual human-rights violator guilty of subjecting

⁷⁰ <http://campus.zoa.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2015/08/FACT-SHEET-SJP---s-Connections-to-Terrorism.pdf>; <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/popular-front-for-the-liberation-of-palestine-pflp>

⁷¹ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/viewSubCategory.asp?id=250>

its Palestinian neighbors to brutal campaigns of “apartheid,” “ethnic cleansing,” “war crimes,” “crimes against humanity,” and “genocide.” Moreover, they liken Israeli public officials and soldiers to “Nazis.”⁷²

New Black Panther Party

Founded in 1990, the New Black Panther Party for Self-Defense (NBPP) is a militant black separatist organization that promotes racial violence against Jews and whites. NBPP preaches a “Ten-Point Platform” similar to its namesake’s that demands such things as: “full employment for our [black] people,” in light of the fact that “the white man has ... used every dirty trick in the book to stand in the way of our freedom and independence”; “the overdue debt of reparations” from “this wicked racist government [that] has robbed us”; exemption for blacks “from all taxation”; and “education for our people that exposes the true nature of

⁷² <http://www.ngo-monitor.org/nm/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/BDS-English.pdf>; <http://www.ngo-monitor.org/key-issues/bds/bds-and-antisemitism/>

this devilish and decadent American society.”⁷³

Khalid Abdul Muhammad, a onetime spokesman for Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, joined NBPP in the mid-1990s and by 1998 had become NBPP’s chairman. He earned a reputation as an inveterate racist and anti-Semite by characterizing Jews as “slumlords in the black community” who were busy “sucking our [blacks’] blood on a daily and consistent basis”; asserting that Jews had provoked Adolf Hitler when they “went in there, in Germany, the way they do everywhere they go, and they supplanted, they usurped”; telling a San Francisco State University audience that “the white man is *the Devil*”; declaring that blacks, in retribution against South African whites of the apartheid era, should “kill them all”; and praising a black man who had shot some twenty white and Asian commuters in a racially motivated shooting spree aboard a New York commuter train as a hero who possessed the courage to “just kill every goddamn cracker that he saw.” Muhammad also advised blacks that “[t]here are no good crackers,

⁷³ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/groupProfile.asp?grpId=7556>

and if you find one, kill him before he changes.”⁷⁴

When Muhammad died in February 2001, he was succeeded as NBPP chairman by his longtime protégé, Malik Zulu Shabazz. At a rally the previous summer, Shabazz had openly called for a race war in which black young people would unite against the “common enemy” so that “we will see caskets and funerals in the[ir] community.”⁷⁵

In the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, NBPP promoted numerous conspiracy theories alleging Jewish complicity. NBPP officer Amir Muhammad, for instance, suggested that Jews had been forewarned about the terror plot and thus had stayed away from the attack sites on 9/11: “There are reports that as many as 3,000 to 5,000 so-called Jews did not go to work [at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon] that day, and we need to take a serious look at that.”⁷⁶

⁷⁴ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/individualProfile.asp?indid=2045>

⁷⁵ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/individualProfile.asp?indid=2044>

⁷⁶ <http://www.adl.org/assets/pdf/anti-semitism/New-Black-Panther-Party.pdf>

In yet another false claim, NBPP has consistently maintained that Jews were “sig-nificantly and substantially” involved in the transatlantic slave trade.⁷⁷

In March 2012, NBPP weighed in on the explosive case of Trayvon Martin, a black teenager who had recently been shot and killed under disputed circumstances by a “white Hispanic” named George Zimmerman in Sanford, Florida. Declaring that “White America” would no longer be permitted to “kill black children and get away with it,” the Panthers initially offered a \$10,000 bounty for the “capture” of Zimmerman, “DEAD or ALIVE.” Soon thereafter, the Panthers upped the ante to \$1 million, a sum which they expected to collect in donations “from the black community.”⁷⁸

On April 6, 2012, three NBPP leaders conducted a group phone conference to discuss a scheduled rally that was to be held in memory of Trayvon Martin. During the course of that conversation, they called on black people to get

⁷⁷ Ibid.

⁷⁸ https://spectator.org/29268_black-panthers-offer-bounty-zimmerman/; <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/black-panther-rage-10g-capture-trayvon-killer-article-1.1050370#ixzz1q12aVkXd>

“suited, booted, and armed up for this race war” against “these honkies, these crackers, these pigs, these people, these motherfu**er[s],” and they demanded “the destruction” of “that blonde-haired, blue-eyed, sometimes brown-eyed, Caucasian walkin’ around with a mindset, a demonistic mindset, and a nature to do evil and brutality.”⁷⁹

In May 2012, NBPP’s national field marshal, King Samir Shabazz, made a number of racially charged statements, including the following:

- “I love white-on white-crime, because that is the best crime, and we’re going say ‘black power’ to that.”
- “I love black people, and I hate the g*ddamn white man, woman, and child, grandma, aunt, uncle, Pappa Billy Bob, and whoever else.... I hate the very look of white people. I hate the sound of white people. G*ddamnit, I hate the smell of white people.”
- “You should be thankful we’re not running around here hanging crackers by nooses

⁷⁹ http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2012/04/new_black_panthers_booted_suited_and_armed_for_coming_race_war.html;
<http://www.theblaze.com/news/2012/04/08/suited-booted-and-armed-unbelievable-audio-from-the-new-black-panthers/>

and all that kind of stuff, yet, yet, yet.”⁸⁰

In a June 2012 segment on NBPP Radio, an NBPP member known as “General TACO” (acronym for “Taking All Capitalists Out”) warned that his organization would “hunt” white people’s “pink asses down” and kill them because of their “history” of pushing “crack, AIDS and unemployment” on black people in order to “exterminate” them. “Once [white people] die,” he added, “we should dig ‘em up, and kill ‘em again, bury ‘em, dig ‘em up, and kill ‘em again, and again, and again!”⁸¹

In October 2013, Malik Zulu Shabazz announced that he was stepping down from his position as NBPP’s national chairman in order to focus on his career as an attorney with Black Lawyers for Justice, though he pledged to continue serving NBPP as a “spiritual guide.” His replacement as NBPP’s national chairman was Hashim Nzinga, who had previously

⁸⁰ <http://www.theblaze.com/news/2012/05/21/new-black-panther-field-marshal-whites-should-be-thankful-were-not-hanging-crackers-by-nooses-yet-yet-yet/>

⁸¹ <http://www.theblaze.com/news/2012/06/27/new-black-panther-declares-we-will-hunt-pink-aes-down-kill-em-dig-em-up-kill-em-again-again-again/>

served as the organization's chief of staff.⁸²

Council on American-Islamic Relations

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) likes to present itself, according to its spokesman Ibrahim Hooper, “as similar to a Muslim NAACP.”⁸³ But its origins tell a different story. CAIR was co-founded in 1994 by Nihad Awad, Omar Ahmad, and Rafeeq Jaber, all of whom had close ties to the Islamic Association for Palestine (IAP), which was established by senior Hamas operative Mousa Abu Marzook and functioned as Hamas's public-relations and recruitment arm in the United States. Awad and Ahmad previously had served, respectively, as IAP's public-relations director and president.⁸⁴

CAIR opened its first office in Washington, DC, with the help of a \$5,000 donation from the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and

⁸² <http://blog.adl.org/anti-semitism/new-black-panther-party-announces-new-chairman-same-hateful-message>

⁸³ <http://www.meforum.org/916/cair-islamists-fooling-the-establishment>

⁸⁴ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/groupProfile.asp?grpId=6215>

Development (HLF), a “charity” founded by Mousa Abu Marzook.⁸⁵ In May 1996, CAIR coordinated a press conference to condemn—as “anti-Islamic” and “anti-American—the U.S. government’s decision to extradite Marzook for his connection to terrorist acts performed by Hamas.

Evan McCormick of the Center for Security Policy has described CAIR’s intentions as follows: “By convincing moderate Muslims that they are being targeted unfairly by the Bush administration’s [anti-terror] policies, CAIR incites fear in members of that demographic. If innocent Muslims are then convinced that they will be the target of government action, then they have no incentive to reject an extremist ideology that resists the government’s anti-terror policies. ... This is the essence of CAIR’s strategy: shock moderate Muslims about the motivations of the U.S. Government, turn them into post-[9/11] victims, and then recruit them as supporters for your political agenda when they are ripe for the taking.”⁸⁶

Along the same lines, a civil suit filed by

⁸⁵ <https://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/110.pdf>

⁸⁶ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/Printable.aspx?ArtId=16968>

the estate of 9/11 victim and former high-ranking FBI counter-terrorism agent John O'Neill Sr. asserted that CAIR's goal "is to create as much self-doubt, hesitation, fear of name-calling, and litigation within police departments and intelligence agencies as possible so as to render such authorities ineffective in pursuing international and domestic terrorist entities."⁸⁷

Islam scholar Stephen Schwartz writes that despite its success in making itself into the "official" representative of Islam in the U.S., "CAIR should be considered a foreign-based subversive organization, comparable in the Islamist field to the Soviet-controlled Communist Party USA, and the Cuban-controlled front groups that infiltrated 'Latin American solidarity' organizations in the U.S. during the 1980s."⁸⁸

CAIR's connections to Islamic extremism have been hidden in plain sight since the organization's founding:

- Co-founder Nihad Awad asserted at a

⁸⁷ <http://www.danielpipes.org/blog/2004/12/cair-named-as-a-defendant-in-911-terror>

⁸⁸ <http://www.meforum.org/916/cair-islamists-fooling-the-establishment>

1994 meeting at Barry University, “I am a supporter of the Hamas movement.”⁸⁹ On another occasion, he wrote that the 1994 trial which had resulted in the conviction of four Islamic terrorists responsible for the previous year’s World Trade Center bombing was “a travesty of justice.”⁹⁰

- In 1998, CAIR co-hosted a rally at Brooklyn College where Islamic militants called for “jihad” and described Jews as “descendants of the apes.”⁹¹
- In July 2004, Ghassan Elashi, a founding board member of CAIR’s Texas chapter, was charged with having helped funnel more than \$12.4 million to Hamas terrorists.⁹²
- In the 2007 Holy Land Foundation trial after the indictment of that organization

⁸⁹ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=16240>

⁹⁰ <http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/292.pdf>

⁹¹ <http://www.danielpipes.org/cair.php>; <http://www.investigativeproject.org/activities/575/iap-conference-at-brooklyn-college>

⁹² <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/federal-judge-hands-down-sentences-holy-land-foundation-case>

by the Department of Justice, CAIR and its co-founder/chairman emeritus, Omar Ahmad, were both named as unindicted co-conspirators with HLF.⁹³ In the same trial, it was learned that CAIR's parent organization, the Islamic Association for Palestine, had been named in a May 1991 Muslim Brotherhood memorandum as an ally that shared the Brotherhood's goal of conducting "a kind of grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within."⁹⁴

- Abdurahman Alamoudi, one of CAIR's former directors, is a supporter of both Hamas and Hezbollah, and is currently serving a 23-year prison sentence for terrorism-related convictions.⁹⁵
- One of CAIR's founding directors, Rafeeq Jaber, is presently a supporter of Hezbollah and served as the longtime president of

⁹³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J34Ub8q2niE>

⁹⁴ <http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/20.pdf>

⁹⁵ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/individualProfile.asp?indid=1311>

the Islamic Association for Palestine.⁹⁶

CAIR consistently portrays American Muslims as the frequent victims of widespread hostility, discrimination, and even violence. In October 2010, the organization announced that it was forming a new “Islamophobia” department that would produce an annual report tracking “trends in rhetorical attacks on Islam and Muslims” while striving to promote “tolerance and mutual understanding.”⁹⁷

More than once, CAIR has advised Muslims not to cooperate with law-enforcement officials investigating potential terrorism cases. In January 2011, for instance, CAIR’s San Francisco chapter featured on its website a poster that read, “Build A Wall of Resistance / Don’t Talk to the FBI.”⁹⁸ In November 2014, CAIR-Florida distributed pamphlets entitled “What to do if the FBI comes for you” and featuring a picture of a man

⁹⁶ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/individualProfile.asp?indid=677>

⁹⁷ <http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/council-american-islamic-relations-launches-islamophobia-division>

⁹⁸ <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/01/13/cair-says-anti-fbi-poster-misinterpreted.html>

holding a finger to his lips to indicate silence.⁹⁹

When the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) in November 2012 began striking Hamas targets in retaliation for a relentless campaign of missile attacks that the Gaza-based terror group had been launching against southern Israel, Cyrus McGoldrick, CAIR's civil rights manager in New York, denounced the Jewish state for killing Hamas's "resistance leaders." He also prayed that God would "protect them [Hamas] and grant them victory" as they sought to "defend themselves."¹⁰⁰

The U.S. government may have bought CAIR's claim to be nothing more than a civil rights organization, but in mid-November 2014, the government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) designated CAIR as a terrorist group.¹⁰¹

⁹⁹ <http://www.frontpagemag.com/fpm/263170/finally-realistic-plan-fighting-jihad-and-robert-spencer>

¹⁰⁰ <http://www.frontpagemag.com/point/165559/cair-civil-rights-manager-endorses-hamas-terrorism-daniel-greenfield>

¹⁰¹ <http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2014/11/16/shocking-and-bizarre-cair-listed-as-a-terrorist-group-alongside-al-qaeda-and-the-islamic-state/>

Islamic Society of North America

The Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) was established in July 1981 by U.S.-based members of the Muslim Brotherhood who also had been leaders of the Muslim Students Association (MSA). Muslim Brothers would dominate ISNA's leadership throughout the Society's early years, when it was highly dependent upon Saudi funding. ISNA's founding mission was "to advance the cause of Islam and serve Muslims in North America so as to enable them to adopt Islam as a complete way of life." Today ISNA is the largest Muslim organization on the continent. Its annual conferences routinely draw 30,000 to 40,000 attendees.¹⁰²

When ISNA was incorporated on July 14, 1981, its headquarters were located at the same address as those of the MSA.¹⁰³ Eventually, the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development (HLF)—the U.S.-based financing wing of Hamas—would share the address as well.

¹⁰² <http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/275.pdf>;
http://www.strategycenter.net/docLib/20080127_Extremism_and_ISNA.pdf

¹⁰³ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=31500>; http://www.strategycenter.net/docLib/20080127_Extremism_and_ISNA.pdf

One of ISNA's key founders in 1981 was Sami Al-Arian, who subsequently became the North American leader of the terrorist organization Palestinian Islamic Jihad. He was indicted by the Justice Department in 2003, was held under house arrest for several years, and finally was deported in 2015.¹⁰⁴

Another ISNA co-founder was Muzammil Siddiqi, who went on to serve two terms (1997-2001) as ISNA president and continues to sit on the organization's governing board. Siddiqi has praised Islamic suicide bombers as "those who die on the part of justice" and consequently reside "with the Lord" in a place of "the highest honor." Moreover, he has defined jihad as "the path" and "the way [for Muslims] to receive the honor."¹⁰⁵

Yet another prominent founding member of ISNA was Mahboob Khan, who, in 1983, helped establish the California-based Muslim Community Association, which at least twice hosted and raised

¹⁰⁴ <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/islamic-society-north-america-isna>; <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=29670>

¹⁰⁵ <http://www.investigativeproject.org/1078/isnas-reform-hasnt-shed-it-of-radical-ideologues>; <http://www.investigativeproject.org/profile/171/muzammil-siddiqi>

money for Ayman al-Zawahiri, who would later go on to become al Qaeda's second-in-command.¹⁰⁶

In November 1987, ISNA established its own Political Awareness Committee headed by Abdurahman Alamoudi, a Muslim Brotherhood operative who in 2004 would be convicted on terrorism-related charges and sentenced to 23 years in prison.¹⁰⁷

Declassified FBI memos indicate that ISNA was identified as a Muslim Brotherhood front as early as 1987, and a 1988 U.S. Muslim Brotherhood document bluntly identified ISNA as part of the "apparatus of the Brotherhood."¹⁰⁸ Further, ISNA was explicitly named in a May 1991 memorandum as an ally that shared the Brotherhood's goal of destroying America and turning it into a Muslim nation by means of a "grand Jihad."¹⁰⁹

¹⁰⁶ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/individualProfile.asp?indid=2509>

¹⁰⁷ <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/islamic-society-north-america-isna>

¹⁰⁸ Ibid.

¹⁰⁹ <http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/20.pdf>

ISNA leadership rejects all practices and social mores that fail to comport with the Wahhabist vision of Islam propagated by Saudi Arabia and the Muslim Brotherhood. For instance, Muzzamil Siddiqi calls homosexuality “a moral disorder,” “a moral disease,” “a sin,” and a “corruption” that merits the death penalty.¹¹⁰

ISNA plays a major role in providing Wahhabi theological indoctrination materials to a large percentage of the mosques in North America. As such, it is able to influence the tone and content of the sermons given in those mosques, the selection of books and periodicals that may be read in mosque libraries or sold in mosque bookshops, and the policies governing the exclusion or suppression of dissenters from the congregations.¹¹¹ Kaukab Siddique, a Lincoln University professor who has called for the destruction of Israel, avers that “ISNA controls most mosques in America and thus also controls who will speak at every Friday prayer,

¹¹⁰ http://www.strategycenter.net/docLib/20080127_Extremism_and_ISNA.pdf

¹¹¹ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=18058>

and which literature will be distributed there.”¹¹²

ISNA’s central tenet is Jew hatred. On May 24, 1998, ISNA was one of 11 organizations that sponsored a Brooklyn College event where the Egyptian cleric Wagdy Ghoniem spoke about the “infidelity,” “stealth,” and “deceit” of the Jews, and referred to Jews as “descendants of the apes.” Three years later, when the U.S. government designated the Holy Land Foundation (HLF) as a terrorist organization, ISNA, which had raised money for the group, complained that HLF was being unfairly “targeted” by “pro-Israel organizations and individuals.”¹¹³ In December 2003, U.S. Senators Charles Grassley and Max Baucus of the Senate Committee on Finance listed ISNA as one of 25 American Muslim organizations that “finance terrorism and perpetuate violence.”¹¹⁴

Nor does ISNA make any secret of its support for terror groups. During its 2006

¹¹² <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=2321>

¹¹³ http://www.strategycenter.net/docLib/20080127_Extremism_and_ISNA.pdf

¹¹⁴ <http://www.danielpipes.org/blog/2004/01/that-list-of-islamist-organizations-under-us>

national convention, guest speaker Kamran Memon rationalized al Qaeda's terrorist activities as understandable reactions to provocative American policies overseas: "Some Muslims in the Muslim world decided that they were just not going to take it anymore. They were angry at our ongoing support from their enemies, so they began to attack American targets to pressure our government to change its foreign policy."¹¹⁵

At ISNA's convention a year later in Illinois, Parvez Ahmed of the Council on American-Islamic Relations defended the jihadist activities and agendas of Hamas and Hezbollah as "legitimate."¹¹⁶ At ISNA's 2008 convention, a guest speaker lauded the "amazing work" that Hamas was doing to promote education and health care in the West Bank.¹¹⁷

Steven Emerson, director of the Investigative Project on Terrorism, assesses ISNA as follows:

"ISNA ... officials refuse to

¹¹⁵ <http://www.investigativeproject.org/1078/isnas-reform-hasnt-shed-it-of-radical-ideologues>

¹¹⁶ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=28042>; <http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/275.pdf>

¹¹⁷ <http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/275.pdf>

condemn both [Hamas and Hezbollah], will not label either as terrorist organizations, but instead refer to Hamas favorably as the ‘democratically-elected Palestinian government.’ ISNA studiously ignores the Hamas Charter, a virulently anti-Semitic tract which states that, ‘Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it’ and the fact that violent jihad is a core principal of Hamas and Hezbollah.... ISNA’s support of Hamas is not merely financial, but the group was also a vocal supporter of Hamas leader Mousa Abu Marzook, using the pages of its magazine, *Islamic Horizons*, to both whitewash Hamas’ bloody history and engage in thinly veiled anti-Semitism.”¹¹⁸

¹¹⁸ <http://www.investigativeproject.org/731/more-perils-of-interfaith-dialogue>

MeChA

The *Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán* (MEChA), or “Chicano Student Movement,” describes itself as an organization that urges young Chicanos (people of Mexican ancestry living in the United States) to use “higher education” and “political involvement” to promote “cultural and historical pride,” “liberation,” and “self-determination” among their people.¹¹⁹

MEChA’s roots can be traced back to the Chicano Movement of the late 1960s, which emphasized “brown pride” while rejecting “acculturation and assimilation” into the American mainstream. In that milieu, the first National Chicano Youth Liberation Conference, organized by an entity called Crusade for Justice, was held in Denver, Colorado in March 1969.¹²⁰ Participants in this conference drafted the basic premises for the “Chicana/Chicano Movement” in a seminal document titled *El Plan Espiritual de Aztlán* (EPEA), which today is required reading

¹¹⁹ <http://www.nationalmecha.org/about.html>; <http://www.nationalmecha.org/philosophy.html>

¹²⁰ <http://www.nationalmecha.org/philosophy.html>

for all members of MEChA's various chapters.¹²¹

The term “Aztlán” refers to the territory in the Southwestern United States—including California, Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, as well as parts of Nevada, Utah, and Colorado—that Mexico ceded to the United States in 1848 via the Treaty of Guadalupe de Hidalgo. But Mexican separatists consider this region to be part of a mythical Aztec homeland that was stolen from its rightful owners. Proceeding from that premise, MEChA rejects the notion that any Chicano can be considered an illegal immigrant.¹²² A popular slogan that surfaces at many MEChA rallies is: “We didn’t cross the border. The border crossed us.”¹²³

Claiming that “Aztlán belongs to those who plant the seeds, water the fields, and gather the crops and not to the foreign Europeans,” *EPEA* stipulates that the “Chicanas and Chicanos of Aztlán” are a “sovereign” and “indigenous people” who are “not subject to a foreign culture,” and are now “reclaiming

¹²¹ <http://jewishworldreview.com/0506/bjohnson.php3>

¹²² <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=16269>

¹²³ http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/opinion/editorials/2006-05-02-immigration-rhetoric_x.htm?csp=34

the land of our birth (Chicana/Chicano Nation).” It sees the “bronze (Chicana/Chicano) Nation” as “a union of free pueblos” whose “cultural values strengthen our identity as La Familia de La Raza.”¹²⁴

Following the tenets of *EPEA*, MEChA denounces “the brutal gringo invasion of our territories,” and it vows to “struggl[e] against the foreigner ‘gabacho’ [a pejorative term for an English-speaking, non-Hispanic] who exploits our riches and destroys our culture.”¹²⁵ MEChA’s exclusionary racial attitudes are summarized in the organization’s slogan: “*Por la Raza, todo. Fuera de La Raza, nada.*” (“For the race, everything. Outside of the race, nothing.”)¹²⁶

MEChA today espouses what it calls an ideology of “Chicanismo,”¹²⁷ wherein Chicano purity is held up as a supreme virtue that reflects “self-

¹²⁴ <http://www.nationalmecha.org/philosophy.html>

¹²⁵ <http://humanevents.com/2006/04/07/emexclusive-emthe-truth-about-la-raza/>; <http://clubs.arizona.edu/~mecha/pages/EIPlanDeAtzlan.html>

¹²⁶ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=16269>

¹²⁷ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=3832>

respect and pride [in] one's ethnic and cultural background."¹²⁸ The organization seeks to advance a radical ideology by promoting "Chicanismo within the community, politicizing our Raza with an emphasis on indigenous consciousness to continue the struggle for the self-determination of the Chicano people for the purpose of liberating Aztlán."¹²⁹

MEChA condemns, as race traitors, those Latinos who fail to adhere to its ideological platform. In 1995, for example, *Voz Fronteriza*, the official publication of UC San Diego's MEChA chapter, ran an editorial excoriating a recently deceased Latino INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service) agent as one such traitor. The piece stated that "all the *migra* [a pejorative term for the INS] pigs should be killed, every single one."¹³⁰

By supporting continued high levels of Mexican immigration to the United States, MEChA hopes to flood the Southwestern U.S. with enough immigrants to establish a numerical majority and thereby achieve the "reconquista" which would represent

¹²⁸ <http://www.nationalmecha.org/about.html>

¹²⁹ <http://www.umich.edu/~mechaum/Natconst.html>

¹³⁰ <http://www.nationalreview.com/article/396561/open-borders-mau-mauers-michelle-malkin>

the fulfillment of *EPEA*'s credo: "Where we are a majority we will control; where we are a minority we will represent a pressure group; nationally, we represent one party: *La Familia de Raza*."¹³¹

Such a "reconquista" represents only the first phase of MEChA's agenda. The next phase involves the ethnic cleansing, or expulsion, of Americans of European, African, and Asian descent out of "Aztlán."¹³²

Today MEChA is a leading campus advocacy group for illegal immigrants. The organization supports open borders; government benefits (including the right to vote) for non-citizens; state recognition of Spanish as an official language of the U.S.; racial preferences and set-asides for Hispanics in education and corporate hiring; taxpayer-funded welfare outlays and public education for illegal aliens; and ultimately, amnesty or a path-to-citizenship for illegals.

MEChA attributes most of the problems presently afflicting Chicanos in America to the

¹³¹ <http://humanevents.com/2006/04/07/emexclusive-emthe-truth-about-la-raza/>

¹³² Ibid.

nation's allegedly ubiquitous racism. For example, the organization says: "Overall, Chicana/Chicano junior high, high school and college pushout rates have risen since 1969, forcing many Chicanas and Chicanos to a life of poverty. These factors along with a growing right wing trend in the nation are combining to work greater hardships on Chicanas and Chicanos. New repressive and racist immigration laws are continuously directed at our Gente [People]." To address these trends, MEChA is "committed to ending the cultural tyranny suffered at the hands of institutional and systematic discrimination that holds our Gente captive," and to put an "end to oppression and exploitation of the Chicano/Chicana community."¹³³

Its violent language about America's alleged anti Hispanic bigotry has made MEChA a potent force on school campuses nationwide: the organization boasts hundreds of chapters in universities across the U.S.¹³⁴ It has also established a number of chapters in public high schools, encouraging its young supporters to participate in protests and

¹³³ <http://www.nationalmecha.org/philosophy.html>

¹³⁴ <http://www.mexica.net/mecha/faq.php>

marches.¹³⁵ MEChA has been a supporter and co-sponsor of the Academia Semillas del Pueblo Charter School, a Hispanic K-8 facility based in Los Angeles.¹³⁶ Marcos Aguilar, the school's founder and principal, who served as MEChA's education committee coordinator from 1989-91, expressed the organization's racist worldview when he said: "We don't want to drink from a white water fountain; we have our own wells and our natural reservoirs and our way of collecting rain in our aqueducts.... The white way, the American way, the neo liberal, capitalist way of life will eventually lead to our own destruction."¹³⁷

Muslim Students Association

The Muslim Students Association in (MSA) presents itself as an apolitical, religious and cultural organization promoting the cultural and theological interests of Muslims in America. In reality it is a radical political organization advancing the notion that America is an imperialist power and Israel an

¹³⁵ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=16269>

¹³⁶ <http://jewishworldreview.com/julia/gorin062106.php3>

¹³⁷ <http://michellemalkin.com/2006/07/12/aztlan-academy-coming-to-your-neighborhood/>

oppressor nation. MSA speakers routinely spew anti-Semitic libels and justify the mass murder of Jews which is promoted by Islamic terrorist organizations like Hamas and Hezbollah.¹³⁸ As Alex Alexiev, scholar at the Center for Security Policy, puts it: “The majority of Muslim Student Associations at U.S. colleges are dominated by Islamist and anti-American agendas.”¹³⁹

The MSA was established in January 1963 at the University of Illinois. The three most significant founders of the group—Hisham al Talib, Jamal Barzinji, and Ahmed Totanji—were all Muslim Brotherhood leaders of Iraqi descent. The creation of the organization resulted from Saudi-backed efforts to establish Islamic groups internationally for the purpose of spreading Wahhabist ideology across the globe. According to Alex Alexiev: “The Saudis over the years set up a number of large front organizations ... and a great number of Islamic ‘charities.’ While invariably claiming that they were private, all of these groups were tightly controlled and financed

¹³⁸ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sF4lgwVFrqo>; <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/groupProfile.asp?grpId=6175>

¹³⁹ <http://www.meforum.org/603/islamisms-campus-club-the-muslim-students>

by the Saudi government and the Wahhabi clergy.” The Saudis’ first foray into the United States came in the form of the MSA, which received its major funding and direction from Riyadh.¹⁴⁰

UC Berkeley professor Hamid Algar, the biographer of the late Ayatollah Khomeini and one of the world’s leading historians of Islamic spirituality, has likewise acknowledged MSA’s historical ties to radical Islam: “The organization has, in fact, consistently advocated theological and political positions derived from radical Islamist organizations, including the Muslim Brotherhood and Jamaati Islam.”¹⁴¹

Since its founding, MSA has grown into the most influential Islamic student organization in North America. It currently has chapters on nearly 600 college campuses.¹⁴² In 2007, a

¹⁴⁰ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=12798>; <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/21/education/21muslim.html?pagewanted=print&mtref=undefined&gwh=3B0A61EB6097ACB00E559A010DA5CF09&gwt=pay>

¹⁴¹ <http://www.meforum.org/603/islamisms-campus-club-the-muslim-students>

¹⁴² <http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/84.pdf>;
<http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/31.pdf>

New York Police Department report characterized MSA as an “incubator” for Islamic radicalism. That assessment was echoed by former FBI Special Agent John Guandolo, who described the group as “a recruitment tool to bring Muslims into the Brotherhood....[and] to implement Islamic government here in the United States.”¹⁴³

The objectives of the Muslim Students Association are spelled out clearly in its *MSA Starter’s Guide: A Guide on How to Run a Successful MSA*, which states: “It should be the long-term goal of every MSA to Islamicize the politics of their respective university ... the politicization of the MSA means to make the MSA more of a force on internal campus politics. The MSA needs to be a more ‘In-your-face’ association ... For example, the student body must be convinced that there is such a thing as a Muslim-bloc.”¹⁴⁴

¹⁴³ <http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2011/march/muslim-student-group-a-gateway-to-jihad/?mobile=false>; <http://www.frontpagemag.com/fpm/249541/duke-reverses-muslim-call-prayer-decision-arnold-ahlert>

¹⁴⁴ <http://www.meforum.org/603/islamisms-campus-club-the-muslim-students>; <http://www.meforum.org/603/islamisms-campus-club-the-muslim-students>

The organization's central objective is to make Muslim students and traditions more prominent on college and university campuses. According to MSA's Muslim Accommodations Task Force, campus chapters can achieve this goal by demanding that their universities become more "Muslim-friendly," and by claiming that a school's failure to do so would make Muslim students feel like outcasts.¹⁴⁵ The Task Force has prepared and published guides for MSA student leaders on such topics as "How to Establish a Prayer Room on Campus," "How to Achieve Islamic Holidays on Campus," and "How to Achieve Halal Food on Campus." These guides direct Muslim students to present their demands in the context of multiculturalism and civil rights.¹⁴⁶

Such tactics are part of a stealth jihad campaign by MSA to incorporate Sharia law into the legal and social systems of the United States. Such a gradualist strategy which was outlined in a 1991 Muslim Brotherhood memorandum that named MSA as a key ally that shared the Brotherhood's goal of

¹⁴⁵ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=12798>

¹⁴⁶ <http://humanevents.com/2011/12/06/stealth-jihad-makes-inroads-in-australia/>

waging a “grand Jihad” aimed at “eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within.”¹⁴⁷

MSA’s ties to the Muslim Brotherhood have continued, unabated, ever since. In January 2011, for example, keynote speaker Amir Abdel Malik-Ali recited the organization’s “pledge of allegiance” at an MSA Regional Conference: “Allah is my lord. Islam is my life. The Koran is my guide. The Sunna is my practice. Jihad is my spirit. Righteousness is my character. Paradise is my goal. I enjoin what is right. I forbid what is wrong. I will fight against oppression. And I will die to establish Islam.”¹⁴⁸

The MSA’s identity as a nonviolent cultural pride organization is also repudiated by events at which its unabashed Jew hatred is on proud display. On October 22, 2000, for instance, Ahmed Shama, then-president of the group’s UCLA chapter, led a crowd of demonstrators at the Israeli consulate in chants of “Death to Israel!”

¹⁴⁷ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/viewSubCategory.asp?id=815>; <http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/20.pdf>

¹⁴⁸ <https://pjmedia.com/blog/video-muslim-student-association-pledges-allegiance-to-the-muslim-brotherhood>

and “Death to the Jews!”¹⁴⁹ Three years later, University of Idaho MSA president Sami Omar Al-Hussayen was ordered deported because he worked for the al Qaeda-tied Islamic Assembly of North America.¹⁵⁰ The same year, 2003, Muammad Faheed told an MSA meeting at Queensborough Community College, “The only relationship you should have with America is to topple it!”¹⁵¹

At an MSA conference in April 2007, MSA West president Amir Mertaban delivered a speech in which he extolled jihad as “the tightest thing in Islam” and urged fellow Muslims to “defend [all] Muslim brothers”—including Osama bin Laden—“to the end.”¹⁵²

A particularly popular guest speaker at MSA events is Sheikh Khalid Yasin, a U.S.-born Muslim convert who has said that homosexuals should be killed because the Koran mandates

¹⁴⁹ <http://www.clarionproject.org/category/tags/muslim-student-association>

¹⁵⁰ <http://articles.latimes.com/2004/jul/22/nation/na-briefs22.2>

¹⁵¹ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=16027>

¹⁵² <http://www.investigativeproject.org/251/msas-mertaban-on-bin-laden>

it.¹⁵³ Another speaker in high demand at MSA conferences is Amir-Abdel Malik-Ali, a Jew-hating imam who has characterized Israel as “the 4th Reich” and has told Jews, whom he calls “the new Nazis,” that “we will fight you until we are either martyred or until we are victorious.”¹⁵⁴

Patrick Poole, an anti-terrorism consultant to American law-enforcement and the military, observes that “one of the darkest secrets of the MSA, certainly never advertised by the organization or mentioned in their publications, is a rather lengthy list of top MSA leaders who have been arrested and convicted on a wide array of terrorism charges, ranging from material support of terrorist groups to being actively involved in terrorist plots.” “It is important to stress,” adds Poole, “that these are not fringe figures in the MSA organization, but some of its top leaders.” Poole’s list includes individuals with close ties to such groups as al Qaeda, the Taliban, Hamas, the Somali terrorist group al-Shabaab, the Pakistani jihadist groups Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Muhammed, the Rabita Trust (a

¹⁵³ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/individualProfile.asp?indid=2319>

¹⁵⁴ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/individualProfile.asp?indid=2102>

terrorist finance entity that supported al Qaeda), and the SAAR network (which had financing ties to al Qaeda, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and Hamas).¹⁵⁵

Code Pink

When Code Pink was launched on November 17, 2002, the organization was clear about its mission: “to end the war in Iraq, stop new wars, and redirect our resources into healthcare, education and other life-affirming activities.” The name “Code Pink” was selected to stress its female leadership and to parody the Bush administration’s color-coded security alerts regarding terrorist threats—alerts that Code Pink said “were based on fear and were used to justify violence” by the U.S. government.¹⁵⁶

Code Pink was founded principally by a small group of radical feminists including Jodie Evans Medea Benjamin, Diane Wilson Gael Murphy, and a Wiccan spiritualist calling herself Starhawk. Evans was, and remains, the nominal leader

¹⁵⁵ <https://pjmedia.com/blog/the-muslim-student-associations-terror-problem/>

¹⁵⁶ <http://www.codepink.org/about>

of the group; Benjamin is its public “face.”¹⁵⁷

From its first days, Code Pink tried to portray itself as a nonpartisan organization composed of ordinary, peace-loving women. In fact, the group’s founders and leading members had long histories of radical left-wing activities and were united by their deep hatred of America and its policies.

A number of them had been ardent supporters of the Communist Sandinista regime of Nicaragua during the 1980s. Both Medea Benjamin and Code Pink organizer Kirsten Moller worked during that time with the Institute for Food and Development Policy, which aided the Sandinistas.¹⁵⁸

Other early Code Pink members had previously helped organize anti-free-trade protests around the world, targeting large corporations with negative-publicity campaigns and multi-million-dollar lawsuits in the 1990s.¹⁵⁹ According to Professor of International Relations John J. Tierney, Code Pink members “subscribe in varying degrees to strands

¹⁵⁷ Ibid.

¹⁵⁸ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=19074>

¹⁵⁹ Ibid.

of Marxist, neo-Marxist, and progressive left-wing thought, and their ideas belong to a long and complex history of radical politics going back to the early Bolsheviks.”¹⁶⁰

One of Code Pink’s principal means of disseminating its message has been street theater. During its first 100 days, the organization staged daily antiwar vigils in front of the White House. It initiated a campaign to present pink slips (women’s lingerie)—a pun on the termination notices given to employees—to President Bush and other pro-Iraq War officials.¹⁶¹

Yet such tongue-in-cheek actions are cosmetics for a loathing of the United States that has led Code Pink to routinely align itself with America’s enemies overseas. Arguing, for instance, that the Iraqi resistance against U.S. troops in 2003 was well-justified, Jodie Evans that year told the Revolutionary Communist Party publication *Revolutionary Worker*: “What’s cool about the

¹⁶⁰ <http://humanevents.com/2007/01/29/code-pink-undermines-war-on-terror/>

¹⁶¹ *Ibid.*; <http://www.codepink.org/about>

resistance is that the Iraqis don't back down."¹⁶² The organization put its money where its mouth was. In late December 2004, Medea Benjamin and Jodie Evans were part of a delegation that delivered more than \$600,000 in cash and medical supplies to the families of the insurgents who at that very moment were fighting and killing American troops in Fallujah, Iraq.¹⁶³

The hatred burning in the heart of Code Pink has led the group to target particularly families of U.S. soldiers killed or wounded during the War on Terror. During much of 2005, for example, Code Pink staged weekly demonstrations outside of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where many wounded U.S. soldiers were being treated. The protesters displayed signs bearing slogans like "Maimed for Lies" (by the Bush administration) and "Enlist Here and Die for Halliburton." At one of these rallies, Gold Star Families for Peace founder Cindy Sheehan, who began to work closely with Code Pink as her public persona grew, told the five-year-old son of a United States Navy Corpsman who had recently been

¹⁶² <http://revcom.us/a/1210/codepink-iraq.htm>

¹⁶³ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=10017>

killed in Iraq: “Your daddy died for a lie.”¹⁶⁴

In August 2006, Code Pink’s Jodie Evans and Medea Benjamin were part of a 12-person delegation of American radicals who traveled to Jordan to meet with, among others, Sheikh Ahmad al-Kubaysi, a Baghdad-based cleric affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood. Kubaysi had previously lauded the “very brave” young jihadists who were fighting against U.S. forces, and he had helped raise some \$50 million in aid for the infamous Muqtada al-Sadr and his terrorist forces.¹⁶⁵

By the time they had finished meeting with supporters of the insurgents and with opponents of the American presence in the Iraqi parliament, the Code Pink delegates had accepted virtually the entire platform of the jihadists.¹⁶⁶

¹⁶⁴ <http://www.crosswalk.com/1347570/>; <http://humanevents.com/2007/09/04/code-pink-the-castro-and-chavez-fan-club/>

¹⁶⁵ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=2806>; <http://web.archive.org/web/20031223085920/http://www.usip.org/pubs/specialreports/sr108.html>; <https://www.memri.org/reports/arab-and-muslim-jihad-fighters-iraq>; <http://www.crosswalk.com/1347570/>; <http://humanevents.com/2007/09/04/code-pink-the-castro-and-chavez-fan-club/>

¹⁶⁶ <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=2806>

Another U.S. enemy that gained the sympathy of Code Pink was Hugo Chavez, the late Communist dictator of Venezuela. In 2006, after traveling to Venezuela for a meeting with him, Code Pink leader Jodie Evans said of the dictator: “He was a doll. Generous, open, passionate, excited, stimulated by the requests and happy to be planning with us.” Benjamin praised Chavez’s brutal policies and stated that George W. Bush “could learn a thing or two from Hugo Chavez about winning the hearts and minds of the people.”¹⁶⁷

In September 2008, Evans and Benjamin met with yet another mortal enemy of the United States, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, while the latter was in New York City for a United Nations conference. During their sit-down with Ahmadinejad, Evans and Benjamin offered to invest money in Iranian businesses “that produce green and sustainable products, such as bicycles.”¹⁶⁸ The Code Pink founders were subsequently invited to meet with Ahmadinejad again, two months later, in Iran. There, Benjamin marveled at the low prices

¹⁶⁷ <http://humanevents.com/2007/09/04/code-pink-the-castro-and-chavez-fan-club/>

¹⁶⁸ http://townhall.com/columnists/amandacarpenter/2008/09/25/obamas_code_pink_fundraiser_met_with_ahmadinejad

of public transportation and said she was “struck by how much more open Iran is than I had thought.”¹⁶⁹

Code Pink’s hatred for the U.S. is reflected not only in its alliances with regimes that are hostile to this country, but also in its deep contempt for America’s strongest ally in the Middle East, Israel. The organization is an avid supporter¹⁷⁰ of the Free Gaza Movement,¹⁷¹ which has deep ties to Hamas and to that organization’s effort to end Israel’s “blockade” of Gaza—a measure by which Israel sought to prevent the Hamas terrorists who rule the area from importing deadly weaponry from allies like Iran and Syria.

In December 2009 Code Pink led an international delegation of anti-Israel leftists to Gaza, where they delivered “tens of thousands of dollars in humanitarian aid” as a symbol of defiance

¹⁶⁹ <http://www.commondreams.org/views/2008/11/23/us-citizen-diplomats-arrive-iran-invited-ahmadinejad>; <http://www.frontpagemag.com/fpm/46595/code-pinks-support-enemy-ryan-mauro>

¹⁷⁰ <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2011/06/06/progressive-democrats-of-america-endorses-new-flotilla-against-israel/>

¹⁷¹ <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/groupProfile.asp?grpId=7457>

against the “blockade.” Hamas protected the Code Pink delegates during their two-day stay in Gaza by tightly controlling their movements and contacts, and by having them stay in a Hamas-owned, Five-Star hotel.¹⁷² Hamas ‘Prime Minister’ Ismail Haniyeh enthusiastically told the delegates: “We will surely meet at the al-Aqsa Mosque and in Jerusalem, which will remain Arab and Islamic.”¹⁷³

On March 1, 2015, Code Pink participated in an anti-Israel protest at the site of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) conference in Washington, DC. The demonstration featured a Hezbollah flag flying overhead; chants that “The State of Israel’s Got to Go”; a banner bearing a Star of David and the slogan, “The Blood Is On Your Hands”; and a sign likening Israel to the terrorist organization ISIS.¹⁷⁴

¹⁷² <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2010/01/12/hamas-terrorists-guaranteed-code-pinks-safety-in-gaza/>

¹⁷³ <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2009/12/31/obama-funder-jodie-evans-provokes-crisis-in-egypt-over-hamas-aid-event-obama-pals-ayers-and-dohrn-in-cairo-with-code-pink/>

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