



ISNA Convention Offers Two Views of Islam That Manufactured Public Persona and the Truth

OVERVIEW IN BRIEF:

The Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) is the largest Muslim Brotherhood (MB or *Ikhwan*) affiliate in the North America, created specifically to be the nucleus of the terror organizations political front according to 2004 documents seized by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) in a bunker dug into the basement of an Annandale, Virginia home.

ISNA's remains an unindicted co-conspirator due to their involvement with the Holy Land Foundation and the funneling of financial resources to the Islamist terror group HAMAS.

Though ISNA attempted to have this stricken from the record, the three-member appellate court in 2008 cited ample evidence to the contrary, and unanimously refused this request.

The 2012 ISNA Convention in Washington, D.C. was notable not only for the topics covered and the defensive posture taken by the conference itself, but for the participants invited to speak on ISNA's behalf. Some of these individuals are known HAMAS sympathizers, unindicted co-conspirators connected to the Holy Land Foundation investigation, or those who have openly stated their desire to see America become a Muslim country governed by *shariah*.

The Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) 2012 annual convention offered some stark contrasts between the Islam portrayed in CAIR press releases and speeches and the unavoidable facts about Islam's size and objectives.

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QUICK FACTS:

- The Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) is a multi-million dollar, 400,000 member strong Islamist front group -- the largest in North America
- ISNA is based in a \$21 million facility in Plainfield, Indiana, funded primarily by the Emir of Qatar.
- In 2004, the FBI obtained documentation in a Annandale, Virginia raid that directly connects the ISNA as a front group for the Muslim Brotherhood.
- In 2008, ISNA was an unindicted co-conspirator in connection to the Holy Land Foundation, a front group used to funnel financial resources to terrorist organizations such as HAMAS.
- **ISNA continues to advise their allies and supporters to refrain from co-operating with FBI anti-terrorist operations, police officers, and encourages high profile opposition against concerned citizens, pro-Israel advocates and Christians.**

monitored several key briefings and presentations at the convention.

Sessions ran the gamut from "Islamic Finance" to Islam's Response to Domestic Violence in the Muslim Community to If You Care About Your Future-I Spy With My NYPD Eye.

Some speakers criticized President Barack Obama for “letting down” Islam and not doing enough to advance its cause in America. One official, Council for American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Founder and long-time HAMAS/Muslim Brotherhood operative Nihad Awad, complained that the White House treats him and other activists like an ugly step-child.

Awad said that Muslim names are not published on the official White House visitor’s log.

“Even those who go to the White House and have a reception that’s great. But their names are not published on the official list. Why? Because Muslim money and votes are radioactive.”

Nihad Awad,
Panel on Forming a More Perfect Union
ISNA Annual Convention
September 1, 2012

The general rule established in many presentations was “Don’t Talk to the FBI”, don’t allow any law enforcement to enter your home or business without a search warrant and never talk with any police without a lawyer present.

Substantial portions of the convention program were devoted to vilifying three law enforcement agencies – the Intelligence Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the New York City Police Department (NYPD), and the Joint Taskforce on Terrorism.

Deceptively named, the panel on *“Working with Law Enforcement to Uphold our Civil Liberties”* was anything but that. All three panelists attacked law enforcement for using various techniques to monitor individuals believed to be a threat to our nation’s security. Additionally, each speaker cautioned that law enforcement agencies have had too much access to the Muslim community with disastrous results.

Mike German, former FBI agent and now ACLU Policy Counsel on National Security, Immigration and Privacy repeatedly warned against speaking to the FBI and other law enforcement. German advised ISNA members and allies that when approached by the FBI

ask which division they are in. If they are from the FBI’s Office of Community Outreach or Office of Public Affairs, German suggested it was probably ok to speak with them. However, if they were from the FBI Intelligence Division or the Joint Taskforce on Terrorism – German warned that they were not to be trusted and advised that individuals needed a lawyer present when speaking to them.

Ms. Rabia Chaudry also warned the Muslim community not to speak with law enforcement without a lawyer, stating that there needed to be some new “rules of engagement.” Like many other speakers at the convention, she expressed outrage that government officials would dare monitor any Muslims or suggest their involvement in terrorism.

Not one panelist, in various sessions, acknowledged the reality of “home-grown terrorism.” Rather, speakers and attendees alike mocked both the idea and Congressman Peter King of New York for holding Congressional hearings.

Chaudry repeatedly made it clear that the FBI, NYPD -who she called the “Big Bad Wolf”- and other agencies were not to be trusted.

Chaudry works with the Saudi-funded front group Center for Muslim Christian Understanding, serves as an immigration lawyer, as well as a board member of the Connecticut ACLU and is President of the Safe Nation Collaborative. As President of the collaborative, Chaudry is working with the Obama Administration to rewrite the training manuals used to teach law enforcement personnel about the Islamist threat to America. She and others also want to ensure the new training manuals are “culturally sensitive”.

James Zogby, President of the Arab American Institute and co-founder and chairman of the Palestine Human Rights Campaign continued the rant against law enforcement and the Obama Administration, complaining that things are “seen through the lens of Israel.”

Zogby encouraged the Muslim community to use “old fashioned guilt” tactics to extract what they want from the White House, Obama Administration and law enforcement as a result of law enforcement monitoring

the Muslim community. He referenced a tough letter he had sent to the White House as an “ultimatum.

Referring to law enforcement, Zogby stated, you are “screwing up the world because you don’t talk to us” and then boldly proclaimed that:

“This is no longer a white world. This world is dominated by us, people of color.”

Zogby, a delegate to the Democrat National Convention, opposed reinstating language in the party platform recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel because he said it was pandering to the Jewish vote. Zogby is the brother of pollster John Zogby.

Conference speakers estimated the Muslim population of America as either “2-3 million” or “7 million”, depending on which version suited the argument they were making at the moment.

Many speakers including Suhail Kahn focused on the work of Pamela Geller, Robert Spencer and lawyer David Yerushalmi. An extensive campaign was outlined to stop what speakers said was a growing public sentiment against Shariah and challenge Geller/Spencer’s media presence and busy schedule of public speeches in strategic states.

Of course, ISNA also included an angry rant about the dominance of Israel on the American political scene and set a legislative priority of eliminating all U.S. foreign aid to the state of Israel.

The focus of the convention’s program was on three key messages:

1. **Refining Islam’s public image** and presenting an apologetics course on what to do when confronted about the facts concerning Islam’s campaign to dominate the West.
2. **Continue the barrage of attacks on the most effective law enforcement agencies** (FBI, NYPD, etc.) and challenge their efforts to stop the use of non-profit front groups to launder American dollars on their way to arming and supplying front-line terrorists here and in other countries. (Increasing regulation and scrutiny of electronic fund transfers is a grave concern to the ISNA attendees.)

3. **Continuing efforts to affect officials in Washington** while recognizing that local police and government officials may be a more fertile ground for winning greater control.

Memorable ISNA Moments

CAIR’s Nihad Awad was a convention favorite appearing on a number of panels.

Awad outlined an elaborate explanation of Islam’s strategy for neutralizing Christian opposition to the spread of Shariah in America but concluded by stating “Of course, we won’t say any of this to the public.”...

“When they [Muslims and Arabs] speak up on campuses they have opposition. I assure you this opposition is moving. You know why? Cause it does not make sense any more. It makes sense with only one group of people. Extremists. Right wing Christians. Misguided. They believe that god ordains them to support Israel for the next coming of Jesus.

No God - neither God nor Jesus believed in injustice against Palestinians. We have to remind them it is very Christian, very ungodly, very un-American to support the State of Israel. We should test their faith. We should test their faith. But of course, in a way that is more convincing.”

Nihad Awad,
Panel on US Foreign Policy, Palestine and the ‘New’
Middle East
ISNA Annual Convention,
September 2, 2012

“Islam is a wonderful contribution to America. The Constitution and Islam are intertwined. America and Islam the joint venture, the integration, the constitutionality, the history, laws and institution. The best story in the making is Islam in America.”

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