

Willful Blindness: Consequences of Agency Efforts To Deemphasize Radical Islam in Combating Terrorism

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Between these two January 2008 and June 2016 documents, the following things happened:

[October 15, 2009](#) The **First Great Purge** begins, when I am ordered by DHS HQ to 'modify' linking information in ~820 TECS subject records (most related to the Muslim Brotherhood network in the U.S.), i.e., to remove 'unauthorized references to terrorism.' *No more MOIR's, no more TECS records, no more research, and no more 'special treatment' from the Agency.'*

At the exact same time that this was going on, a controversial 'Inaugural Meeting' occurred on [January 27-28, 2010](#) between American Muslim leaders and DHS Secretary [Janet Napolitano](#) was hosted by DHS-CRCL. The *Inaugural Meeting* was [controversial](#) because several of the individuals who attended the invitation-only two-day conference in Washington, DC were known affiliates of two of the same MB front groups that were named as *Unindicted Co-Conspirators* in the 2008 HLF Trial (i.e., [ISNA](#) and [MPAC](#)), while a third invited group, the Muslim American Society ([MAS](#)), is also a known MB affiliate.

Then, in the Spring of [2010](#), at least six individuals with known affiliations to MB front groups, including [Omar Alomari](#) (MAS and several other MB-linked organizations), [Mohamed Magid](#) (ISNA), [Mohamed Elibiary](#) (HLF leaders), [Dahlia Mogahed](#) (CAIR, ISNA, MAS & MPAC), [Nadia Roumani](#) (American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute [AMCLI](#)), and Los Angeles [Deputy Mayor](#) Arif Alikhan ([MPAC](#) & the Islamic [Shura Council](#) of Southern California [ISCSC](#)), were appointed to the *Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Working Group*, which was convened under the [authority](#) of the Homeland Security Advisory Council ([HSAC](#)).

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By the Spring of 2010, we had come to the point that a CBP Officer was literally removing linking information (the 'dots') on MB-linked individuals from TECS, while the Administration was bringing the same individuals into positions of influence, to help create and implement our CT Policy, both in the domestic arena, and in the foreign policy arena (as evidenced in our overt support of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, Libya, Algeria and Syria).

[August 30, 2011](#) The Tablighi Jamaat Project is approved by the DHS Chief Council

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November 15, 2011 I begin a TDY assignment at the National Targeting Center (NTC). A short time later, I am assigned to the Advanced Targeting Team (ATT), where I work exclusively on the TJ Project, which is quickly upgraded to an 'Initiative,' (i.e., a global level case).

March 15, 2012 Seven lawyers and three SES administrators meet with management personnel at the NTC, to express concern for our focus on Tablighi Jamaat, which is not a designated terrorist group, because we may be

discriminating against them, simply because they are Muslims, and thus violating their civil rights & civil liberties (as per FOIA).

June-July, 2012 The TJ Initiative is 'taken in another direction,' (a government-speak euphemism for being shut down). This was done despite the fact that [1] in 9 months, we had conducted 1,200 law enforcement actions, [2] I was formally commended for finding 300 individuals with possible connections to terrorism, and [3] 25% of the individuals in Guantanamo Bay had known links to Tablighi Jamaat.

[August 22, 2012](#) The Institute of Islamic Education (IIE) case is entered into TECS. This is the case that links directly to both the San Bernardino mosque, and to the Fort Pierce mosque.

September 21, 2012 **The Second Great Purge** - All 67 records in the IIE case are completely deleted (not just 'modified') from TECS; I am also investigated for the sixth time in my career.

September 21, 2014 I am relieved of my service weapon, all access to TECS and other programs is suspended, my Secret Clearance is revoked, and I am sequestered for the last 11 months of my career with no assigned duties.

[December 02, 2015](#) The San Bernardino shootings occur, and I immediately link the Darul Uloom Al-Islamiya mosque in San Bernardino to the IIE case (with the 67 deleted records), and to the Tablighi Jamaat case (which was shut down).

[June 12, 2016](#) The shootings in Orlando occur, and I link Omar Mateen's mosque in Fort Pierce, FL to the IIE & TJ case.

CONCLUSION

The threat of Islamic terrorism does not just come from a network of armed organizations such as Hamas and ISIS, who are operating 'over there' in the Middle East. In fact, branches of the same global network have been established here in America, and they are operating in plain sight (at least to those of us who have been charged with the duty of protecting our country from threats, both foreign and domestic).

The goal (**Strategy**) of the [Global Islamic Movement](#), which is based on Quran [2.191-193](#), is actually very simple: to establish **Sharia Law** everywhere in the world...including here in America.

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What is more complicated (kaleidoscopic), are the methods (**Tactics**) used to achieve that goal. These tactics cover a spectrum of Quranically authorized methods, ranging from peaceful dialogue and persuasion (*Dawaa*), all the way to the violent methods (including *Jihad*) that we have seen in the news more than 28,000 times since 9-11. In fact, there are at least two other 'operative verbs' in the Quran that occur four times more frequently than the verb *Jihad*, and both are several dimensions more violent than the strictly literal meaning of *Jihad* (i.e., to Struggle).

The threat we face today - that continues growing, despite the Willful Blindness of those who insist on pretending otherwise - are not the tactical methods of violent extremism, terrorism, or even operative verbs such as *Jihad*, but rather, the historical and universally recognized Islamic strategic goal of implementing Shariah law everywhere in the world, so that no other form of government (including the U.S. Constitution) is able to oppose its influence over the lives of those who must either submit to its authority, become second-class citizens, or perish.

Known as the Mercy to Mankind in the Islamic world, Shariah Law is seen by every member of the global Islamic community (*Ummah*) as the only acceptable antidote to the chaos and violence that swirls all around us today. From the Islamic perspective, it is the gravitational force that keeps every planet in the solar system in orbit, and it is the highest aspiration of every Muslim to strive to his or her utmost to bring Shariah to the part of the world they live in...including not only every non-Islamic country in the West, but the United States as well.

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TERMINOLOGY TO DEFINE THE TERRORISTS: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AMERICAN MUSLIMS

Words matter. The terminology that senior government officials use must accurately identify the nature of the challenges that face our generation. It is critical that all Americans properly understand the gravity of the threats we face, and prepare themselves to take the steps necessary to build a secure future. We are facing an enemy that holds a totalitarian ideology, and seeks to impose that ideology through force across the globe. We must resist complacency. The language that senior government officials use can help to rally Americans to vigilance.

At the same time, the terminology should also be strategic – it should avoid helping the terrorists by inflating the religious bases and glamorous appeal of their ideology. One of the most common concerns expressed by Muslims in America, and indeed the West, is that senior government officials and commentators in the mass media regularly indict all Muslims for the acts of a few. They argue that terminology can create either a negative climate, in which acts of harassment or discrimination occur, or, by contrast, a positive climate, such as President Bush's remarks while visiting a mosque in the days after 9/11.

If senior government officials carefully select strategic terminology, the government's public statements will encourage vigilance without unintentionally undermining security objectives. That is, the terminology we use must be accurate with respect to the very real threat we face. At the same time, our terminology must be properly calibrated to diminish the recruitment efforts of extremists who argue that the West is at war with Islam.

This memorandum outlines recommendations from a wide variety of American Muslim leaders regarding the difficult terrain of terminology. This memorandum does not state official Department of Homeland Security (DHS) policy nor does it address legal definitions. Rather, it outlines recommendations compiled by the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) from its discussions with a broad range of Muslim American community leaders and scholars.

Background

On May 8, 2007, Secretary Chertoff met with a group of influential Muslim Americans to discuss ways the Department can work with their communities to protect the country, promote civic engagement, and prevent violent radicalization from taking root in the United States. Part of the discussion involved the terminology U.S. Government (USG) officials use to describe

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