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04/13/2005	We	On April 13, 2005, Ghassan Elashi, founder of the Council on American-Islamic Relations - Texas (CAIR - Texas) chapter, long-time associate of CAIR's top leadership, and beneficiary of CAIR fund-raising support, was convicted on Islamic terrorism related charges in Dallas, Texas..." Source: <a href="http://www.militantislammonitor.org/article/id/587">http://www.militantislammonitor.org/article/id/587</a> ( <a href="http://www.foxnews.com/story/0%2c2933%2c153402%2c00.html">http://www.foxnews.com/story/0%2c2933%2c153402%2c00.html</a> ) ( <a href="http://news.findlaw.com/hdocs/docs/infocom/uselashi121702sind.pdf">http://news.findlaw.com/hdocs/docs/infocom/uselashi121702sind.pdf</a> )
06/16/2005	Th	The cartoon appeared in 5 Heritage newspapers between 06/16 and 06/19
06/20/2005	Mo	Cartoonist Mangold was “fired” from all Heritage Newspapers on 06/20
06/22/2005	We	Heritage Newspaper president, Jim Williams, said that employees felt intimidated at a meeting, on June 22, with advocacy groups in Dearborn.
06/25/2005	Sa	First Protest against cartoon
07/02/2005	Sa	Second Protest against cartoon. Heritage President James K. Williams Jr apologizes for allowing the comic to be published in Saturday edition of Dearborn Press and Guide.
07/07/2005	Th	July 7 bombings in London kill 56 people, including four suicide attackers. This was the first simultaneous suicide bombing in London’s history. It raises the real fear that similar events may occur in the US, with the help of embedded “sleeper cells.”
07/28/2005	Th	Read Free Press article, called writer Niraj Warikoo requesting additional information. Later I find that similar reports were aired on Channel 4 and Channel 7. “30 different groups – African-American, Latino, Arab-

		American, Jewish and Muslim groups from across metro Detroit – met on the 12th floor of the Fisher Building (10:00 AM), calling for a boycott of the paper” according to one article. The meeting was held in the office of “New Detroit.”
07/31/2005	Su	I sent Warikoo an email reiterating what I was requesting since I didn’t find the mail in my PO Box on 07/30.
08/03/2005	We	This is the day I began my investigation: I made multiple attempts to contact Warikoo on both his cell phone and office phone. But he made no attempt to call me back. I made multiple attempts to contact Warikoo on both his cell phone and office phone. But he made no attempt to call me back. He had still not sent the info he had promised a week earlier. I then talked to both Denise Sharp and Jim Williams. Both were curt and said “no comment.” Williams did admit that the Heritage Paper had severed its ties with Mangold and Williams said that a reply would appear in a future edition of the Dearborn Press and Guide. As I would find later, he had already published an apology on 07/03/2005 in the Dearborn Press and Guide.
08/04/2005	Th	Al-Qaida's No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri, threatened more destruction in London, and in the United States. "As for you, the Americans, what you have seen in New York and Washington, what losses that you see in Afghanistan and Iraq, despite the media blackout, is merely the losses of the initial clashes," he said. "If you go on with the same policy of aggression against Muslims, you will see, with God's will, what will make you forget the horrible things in Vietnam and Afghanistan." [Source: Thousands of Military Deaths Vowed Unless U.S. Withdraws From Iraq By MAAMOUN YOUSSEF, AP]
08/06/2005	Sa	9 days since I first requested information from Warikoo. I check my PO Box and still his letter has not arrived, nor has he returned any of my phone calls or emails.

## The (AIC) Immigration Fact Sheet – Source for Mangold’s statistic in cartoon

### IMMIGRATION FACT SHEET

In 1965, President Johnson quietly signed into law the "Immigration Reform Act" which overturned America's traditional immigration policy and replaced it with the most liberal, "easy-access" immigration policy in our history. As a result, nearly one million immigrants now legally enter our country each year, plus unknown, but large, numbers of illegal aliens. Opinions differ as to whether this is good for America. But all agree that, this massive influx of unrestricted immigration is radically changing America in almost every way. Yet the politicians have yet to seriously address the issue of immigration policy and its ramifications for the future of this country.

Americans for Immigration Control, Inc., (AIC) is widely recognized as the leading organization in the country working to make the politicians face honestly and openly the full impact and consequences of their "open immigration" policy - some of which include:

Ethnic Balance: U.S. Census projections indicate that if we stay on our current course, -within 50 years our population will nearly double [1]; non-Hispanic whites will account for less than half of all residents[2]; and English will no longer be our clear, predominant language.

Illegal Aliens: The 2000 Census revealed as many as 8.7 million illegal aliens now live in our country - far more than ever disclosed previously [3].

Taxes: Services for immigrants, legal and illegal, cost taxpayers a record \$68 billion per year [4]  
/\* This was Mangold's source for the statistic he included in he cartoon caption \*/

Schools: Bilingual education for immigrants' children adds at least \$8 billion per year to the cost of education [5]. And classes are swollen to where, in some parts of the country, they would need to build a new school a day just to keep up with the influx of immigrants [6].

English language: The use of English as America's primary language is under assault -with everything from drivers' licenses, voting ballots and even citizenship ceremonies now being offered in dozens of foreign languages.

Cultural identity: Our pride in America's heroes, history and achievements is being undermined and replaced with an ethic of political correctness, self-criticism and the view of America as an "oppressor nation".

Social Security and Medicare: 400,000 foreigners now collect SSI benefits from the Social Security Administration without having to work one day in America [7]. And immigrants get Medicaid benefits 61% more often than native Americans [8].

**Jobs:** Cuban-born economics professor George Borjas shows that immigration costs U.S.-born workers \$133 BILLION a year in job losses [9].

**Terrorism:** In just one day (9-11-01) legal and illegal Muslim immigrant terrorists took the lives of approximately 3,000 people in New York, Washington, DC and Pennsylvania and destroyed tens of billions of dollars of property.

**Crime:** Over 25% of today's Federal prisoners are immigrants [10]. And in some areas, 12% of felonies [11] 25% of burglaries and 34% of auto thefts are committed by illegal aliens.

**Welfare:** Immigrants are 50% more likely to get welfare than natives [12] - with a full 70% being more likely to get food stamps at a cost of \$3.7 billion a year [13].

**Overcrowding:** Two-thirds-of our population growth is due-to immigration [14]. And our cities, schools, highways, national parks, beaches, natural resources, even our water supply are all already straining under the mounting pressure.

How many of these problems have yet to manifest themselves in your community? How concerned are you that your area will be adversely affected by the decisions the politicians are making - without your knowledge and approval - regarding this highly controversial issue?

Our generous immigration policy encourages foreigners to exploit every loophole to get in. For example, more and more pregnant women sneak across the border so their babies will be legal citizens and open the door to their families and welfare. Some even "rent" children as passports into America. And elderly relatives of immigrants are brought in to take advantage of our Social Security, literally using America as a free deluxe retirement plan for the Third World.

Most of the policies that have allowed for these practices have been put in place behind closed doors with little if any public debate or exposure

If you would like to participate in this campaign to openly debate and reform our nations' immigration policy, participate in the enclosed Immigration Impact Survey and return it immediately to:

Americans for Immigration Control, Inc. PO Box 1845  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8045  
(540) 468-2023

- 1 "Cost of Immigration to American Taxpayers in 1997," Carrying Capacity Network
- 2 "Bluning Boundaries," Newsday
- 3 "Census Report Finds Illegals Threat to U.S. Security," The Washington Times, January 23, 2002
- 4 "Despite Welfare Cuts Immigration's Welfare Costs Keep Rising, New Study Reports," Carrying Capacity Network News Release
- 5 American Legislative Exchange Council

- 6 "U.S. Immigration Policy Means Ethnic Cleansing of Euro Americans," Canada First Website
- 7 "Clinton-Gore Accomplishments: Reforming Welfare," U.S. Department of Health and Human Services OR "Messy Realities," Boston Review, October/November 1998
- 8 Bureau of Census Survey of Income and Program Participation
- 9 "The Price of Immigration," The Atlantic Monthly, November 1996
- 10 "Janet Cooke Award," MediaWatch by Media Research Center, August 1997 OR "Between the Lines: Taxpayers Pay Plenty for Welfare Abuse related to Immigration," The Valley News, October 28, 2000
- 11 "Immigrant Crime as an Underestimated Problem: Evidence and Practical Considerations," Center for Immigration Studies
- 12 "Immigration to the United States: 1996 Update," Population Resource Center
- 13 "Public Costs of Immigration," Dr. Donald Huddle, 1997
- 14 "Immigration to the United States: 1996 Update," Population Resource Center

## Media articles that deemed Bill Mangold's Cartoon as racist

### Political Cartoon Causes Outrage [Channel 7: WXYZ]

By Peggy Agar Web produced by Christine Lasek  
July 28, 2005

[http://www1.wxyz.com/wxyz/nw\\_local\\_news/article/0,2132,WXYZ\\_15924\\_3960478,00.html](http://www1.wxyz.com/wxyz/nw_local_news/article/0,2132,WXYZ_15924_3960478,00.html)

Comment: Another example of a biased article. This one doesn't even acknowledge that the cartoon makes reference to a statistic stating that legal/illegal immigration costs Americans 68 billion dollars each year.

A controversial cartoon in a local newspaper has minority groups outraged. Now the paper is apologizing.

The cartoon, although small, created a huge impact. 30 different groups met on the 12th floor of the Fisher Building, calling for a boycott of the paper.

Political cartoons are meant to be harsh, but one that ran in the Dearborn Press and Guide, has upset many groups, and not just Hispanics.

The cartoon portrays a Hispanic man, saying, "No, amigo. I'm not interested in the Immigration Office, just the Welfare Office."

According to Maria Elena Rodriguez, who was upset by the cartoon, "It wasn't funny, considering the climate we live."

Hispanic groups were joined by Freedom House, Catholic Archdiocese, Arab-American Institute, American Jewish Committee, and others Thursday. The groups are calling for an outright boycott of the paper.

Ismaeel Ahmed, who spoke to the groups gathered, said, "No matter what your nationality, no matter what your background... join us in this activity."

Rodriguez explained, "We're asking that they boycott and send letters to the advertisers to boycott, in terms of, if you do have a subscription, to please cancel it during this period."

Heritage Newspapers president said that ties have been cut with the cartoonist, and an editorial process has been set up so something like this won't happen again. He has also apologized.

"It's not enough just to pull a cartoon, or to fire a cartoonist," Rodriguez explained. "That's not enough."

The different groups gathered Thursday said they would like Hispanic interns to be hired at the paper to act as consultants. They would also like the newspaper to run a series of articles on immigration.

They also said their next step would be picketing the paper.

## **Rights groups fight immigrant's image [Detroit Free Press]**

July 28, 2005 BY NIRAJ WARIKOO

FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

[http://www.freep.com/news/metro/toons28e\\_20050728.htm](http://www.freep.com/news/metro/toons28e_20050728.htm)

<http://www.21stcenturynewspapers.com/execpaper.asp?entity=hn>

/\* Link to Dearborn Press and Guide Staff \*/

Google search: billion immigrant

An anti-immigrant cartoon published in a local newspaper has riled civil rights and minority groups, who are expected to meet today in protest.

They are also upset by what they say has been a weak response from the paper's management.

But the publisher and president of Southgate-based Heritage Newspapers said Wednesday the company has severed ties with the cartoonist, repeatedly published apologies and established new editorial guidelines to prevent such a thing from happening again.

"We don't condone racism," said James Williams, the publisher.

In the Dearborn-based Press & Guide newspaper, published by Heritage, a cartoon last month showed a sombrero-wearing man after he illegally entered the United States by slicing through a wire fence. He says to a U.S. taxpayer:

"No amigo, I'm not interested in the immigrations office. Just the welfare office!"

The bottom of the cartoon read:

"Services for legal and illegal immigrants cost taxpayers over \$68 billion per year."

It was written by Bill Mangold, a Michigander who has drawn cartoons before for Heritage. He could not be reached Wednesday. Both the editor and the publisher of the Press & Guide said Wednesday they couldn't comment.

/\* Note: Conversation with Bill Mangold: "No one from the Free Press made any attempt to contact me for comment. \*/

The dispute had flared up again Friday when Williams walked out of a meeting about the cartoon with immigrant and minority groups. Williams said the meeting had too many people. He said he had been told there would be a much smaller number of participants.

He said he was concerned because his employees felt intimidated at a previous meeting, on June 22, with advocacy groups in Dearborn.

"I have a legal responsibility to protect my employees," he said.

After he walked out Friday, Williams said, he immediately offered to meet again with the groups in a different format.

On Wednesday, a statement was released by more than 30 African-American, Latino, Arab-American, Jewish and Muslim groups from across metro Detroit. The groups are expected to meet at 10 a.m. today in Detroit at the offices of New Detroit Inc., a civil rights and advocacy coalition.

They say the cartoon depicts an incorrect stereotype about immigrants

"We're doing a lot to keep the economy afloat," said Maria Elena Rodriguez, president of Mexicantown Community Development Corp. "We're not here to drain any system."

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## **Newspaper Under Fire For Alleged Racist Cartoon [Channel 4 WDIV]**

Community Leaders Ask Advertisers, Subscribers To Pull Support

<http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/4781568/detail.html>

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<http://www.clickondetroit.com/video/4781620/detail.html>

DETROIT -- A Dearborn newspaper has been accused of publishing a racist cartoon, Local 4 reported.

The cartoon featured in the Sunday, June 19 edition of the Dearborn Press & Guide has touched off a firestorm from ethnic groups across metro Detroit who characterized it as derogatory and incredibly divisive, the station reported.

"We are shocked that any newspaper, let alone one that serves a community as diverse as the one served by the Press & Guide, would publish a cartoon purveying the blatantly bigoted attitude

reflected in the one that ran in that paper on June 19," said Shirley Stancato, of New Detroit Inc., a nonprofit coalition of leaders from civil rights and other organizations.

The cartoon depicted what appeared to be a Mexican man wearing a sombrero who had just crawled through a hole in the border. The man in the sombrero was holding his hand out to what appeared to be a white man who was labeled as a "taxpayer." The dialogue for the man with the sombrero read as follows: "No amigo, I'm not interested in the immigration office. Just the welfare office!"

The bottom of the cartoon read: "Services for legal and illegal immigrants cost taxpayers over \$68 billion per year."

About 30 representatives from different ethnic communities including the American Jewish Committee, Institute of Mexicans in Michigan, the Council of American Islamic Relations and several other groups, gathered Thursday morning at New Detroit Inc. on West Grand Boulevard to speak out against Jim Williams, the president of Heritage Newspapers, which publishes the Press & Guide.

The community leaders said they attempted to speak with Williams last Friday, but he walked out of the meeting, according to a news release.

Ismel Ahmed, the director of ACCESS, an Arab community social services organization, received a disturbing letter in the mail after the cartoon ran in the paper, the station reported. The letter stated:

"It is a shame that the cartoon in the paper singled out Mexican people. It should have singled out your Arab people. What do your people contribute to Dearborn? Tax evasion. Narcotics pedaling. Noise. Dirty houses. Women wrapped up like mummies, and now even murder. You people are a curse on Dearborn. You are the worst people to come to this country."

Ahmed said his organization believes the letter is an example of the kind of thinking that the cartoon has inspired.

The community leaders plan to picket in front of the newspaper's offices and have asked advertisers to pull their support and readers to cancel their subscriptions. They are also asking for a meeting with the publisher to discuss the issue.

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## **Heritage Newspapers Chickens out**

Transposed from July 3, 2005  
Dearborn Press and Guide

### **Comment:**

***If he was honest this is what he might have said:***

***Historically, the role of newspapers in America has been to publish news and information of value and interest to readers in a fair, timely, factual and easily understandable manner.***

***But we don't do that anymore. I mean we could have reported that one of the protesting groups, CAIR, recently had 3 of it's Texas members convicted of terrorism. They are now serving life terms in prison. We could have told you that senior members of CAIR have publicly voiced that they want to see Islam dominate the United States. Of course that might have angered some of these protesting groups that seem to believe that you can say whatever you want, as long as they approve of it first.***

***In fact we are thinking of having a group of Hispanic and Mid Easter extremists to filter what gets in the paper. It will sure save me the little work that I actually do for the paper.***

***Then there is the cartoon itself. We could have investigated the cartoonists citation about "illegal and legal immigrants costing US taxpayers 68 billion dollars a year. But our corporate owners want to decimate the living standards of Americans in order to further boost the profits of our Multi-National Corporate owners. But you are really to dumb to understand this and I'm certainly not going to own up to it.***

***We want you, our readers, to know that we remain on guard in our efforts to be the newspaper that consistently turns our back on the most accurate and timely news about your communities. And we want to assure you that our commitment to excellence - which includes all of the content in our publications - is really just a bunch of crap.***

***Should you have any questions about our procedures and our commitment to your community, don't bother to contact us. We only care about people that have lots of money. And it looks like you just lost your 20 year career at Ford Motor because they are offshoring your jobs to China.***

A note from our President  
To our Readers:

Historically, the role of newspapers in America has been to publish news and information of value and interest to readers in a fair, timely, factual and easily understandable manner.

In fulfilling that role, we are constantly on guard to prevent the publication of anything we deem inappropriate or that is untrue or misleading or otherwise violates our public trust.

With that in mind, a recent incident involving Heritage Newspapers has prompted us to review procedures that are designed to ensure that nothing gets onto our pages unless we intended it to be published.

We are aware that the dissemination of news that is relevant to our readers and their communities can and does have an impact on commerce, education, government and, perhaps most importantly, daily life. Our perceptions of one another, where

we purchase homes, where we shop, where we send our children to school all are influenced by what we see and read.

As guardians of the public trust, we would never deliberately hurt anyone, or offend any segment of our Community. As a result, we were dismayed to learn that an editorial cartoon we recently published was offensive in its depiction of an ethnic group and of the issue of immigration in the United States.

The content of our newspapers - both the written word and visual images - has to be of the highest quality, reporting the facts and, sometimes, addressing issues that need to be discussed in order to promote change. Care must always be taken, however, that no one group or person is unfairly presented.

The publications and employees who comprise Heritage Newspapers have always adhered to the highest ethical standards and have been consistently responsive to the communities we serve.

That knowledge makes the recent incident all the more troubling. Our credibility and reputation are paramount, and we cannot function effectively without adhering to core principles of responsible journalism and fair comment.

This dedication to excellence has been a strong focus of our mission during the more than 100 years some of our mastheads have been going to your homes.

Unfortunately, the recent incident that occurred made it past our internal safeguards. Since it appeared, we have apologized in print for the content of the cartoon, and we have met with community leaders who, rightfully, voiced their concerns.

At the same time, we have re-examined, our procedures to ensure that such an occurrence does not happen again, and we have ended our relationship with the cartoon service.

We want you, our readers, to know that we remain on guard in our efforts to be the newspaper you turn to for the most accurate and timely news about your communities. And we want to assure you that our commitment to excellence - which includes all of the content in our publications - will continue to be our central focus.

Should you have any questions about our procedures and our commitment to your community, please contact us.

James K. Williams Jr.  
President  
Heritage Newspapers

## **Paper retracts racist cartoon**

By Cheryl LaBash Dearborn, Mich.  
<http://www.workers.org/2005/us/dearborn-0714/>  
Published Jul 10, 2005 7:07 PM

Community anger and demonstrations along the Michigan Avenue shopping district forced the Dearborn Press and Guide newspaper to publish an apology for a racist, anti-immigrant

cartoon published in June. The cartoon implied that Latin@s came to the United States for welfare. But on June 25 and July 2, protesters demanded more than a small apology. They want the newspaper to publish a series of articles accurately depicting the contributions and lives of Mexican workers and also give them proof that the person responsible was fired.

The cartoon appeared near the beginning of the summer, when migrant workers and their families following the fruit and vegetable harvest come north into Michigan. While heroic organizing by the United Farmworkers Union and the Farm Labor Organizing Committee improved conditions for farm workers, the work is still difficult, dangerous and very low paid.

The paper insulted not only migrant workers but immigrant workers from Mexico and other South and Central American countries and the Middle East. These immigrants are beginning to change Dearborn from the exclusive racist stronghold founded by Henry Ford into a multi-national community. On June 25 the community met at ACCESS, the Arab Community Center For Economic and Social Services.

African American drivers passing the demonstration honked their solidarity and called out, "They're racist against us, too." To this day it is still commonly considered risky for African American men in particular to be in Dearborn after dark. Demonstration organizers vowed to continue the fight against racism in all its forms.

## **2 contracts held up after protest against Detroit City Council**

[http://www.freep.com/news/locway/anderson-bar111e\\_20041011.htm](http://www.freep.com/news/locway/anderson-bar111e_20041011.htm)

October 11, 2004

BY MARISOL BELLO FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

Talk about your strange coincidences.

### **RELATED CONTENT**

Author says African Town plan will make up for past wrongs

The day after Latino, Arab and Asian community leaders protested against the Detroit City Council for embracing an economic development plan that the groups say is anti-immigrant and divisive, the plan's chief backer on the council withheld approval of city contracts with two Hispanic groups.

The contracts -- worth more than \$300,000 -- are slated for neighborhood improvements and education and job-training programs for youths and former prison inmates.

On Sept. 29, Councilwoman JoAnn Watson withheld approval for two contracts with the Detroit Hispanic Development Corp. and one with the Mexicantown Community Development Corp.

"It does seem rather coincidental our contract was held the day after our protest," said Angela Reyes, who led the protest and heads the Hispanic Development Corp. "It seems not only do we

not have representation there, we can't even speak out if we disagree with our elected leaders."

Reyes said the agency has not had problems with its contracts in the past.

Reyes and other community leaders will ask the council today to rescind a resolution to create a loan fund for blacks only, publicly apologize to the city's immigrants and approve the contracts that were withheld.

Watson is mum as to why she held the contracts. She did not return calls from the Free Press seeking comment.

The nine-member council approves city contracts and it takes only one member to place a hold.

Usually, a council member provides questions he or she wants addressed by the administration before the contract is released. In this case, Watson did not do that.

Since the controversy began over a council plan that would also create a black business district called African Town, Watson has argued that the city gives millions in development money to Greektown and Mexicantown. She said it is only fair that public money be used for a black business district in a city where blacks make up 83 percent of the population.

Maria Elena Rodriguez, executive director of the Mexicantown Community Development Corp, said she does not know why her agency's \$107,500 contract for neighborhood improvements is being held.

"We're giving everyone the benefit of the doubt that it will be sorted out," said Rodriguez, who was not among the protesters.

On Friday, Councilwoman Barbara-Rose Collins withheld approval of two contracts for the Arab-American and Chaldean Council in Lathrup Village. Collins asked why the city was funding a group that was not based in Detroit. The group was not among the protesters.

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## Articles on CAIR and Terrorism

### CAIR's About Page on the internet

<http://www.cair-net.org/default.asp?Page=About>  
What's CAIR's vision and mission? >>

Comment: Definitely read this first because it is so distant from what you will read in the following articles – including the one about 3 CARE members convicted of terrorism in April 2005.

CAIR's vision is to be a leading advocate for justice and mutual understanding.

CAIR's mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

CAIR's Core Principles >>

[Click here to read about CAIR's Core Principles >>](#)

How does CAIR accomplish its mission? >>

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is a nonprofit 501(c)(4), grassroots civil rights and advocacy group. CAIR is America's largest Islamic civil liberties group, with regional offices nationwide and in Canada. The national headquarters is located on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C.

Since its establishment in 1994, CAIR has worked to promote a positive image of Islam and Muslims in America. Through media relations, lobbying, education and advocacy, CAIR puts forth an Islamic perspective to ensure the Muslim voice is represented. In offering this perspective, CAIR seeks to empower the American Muslim community and encourage their participation in political and social activism.

## Anti-CAIR quotes from 2003 Subcommittee on Terrorism

<http://www.anti-cair-net.org/>

In Defense of the Constitution

\*Sen. Richard Durbin: "[CAIR is] unusual in its extreme rhetoric and its associations with groups that are suspect"

\*Sen. Charles Schumer: "we know [CAIR] has ties to terrorism"

From the Sept. 2003 Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security

Since its founding in 1994, CAIR and its employees have combined, conspired, and agreed with third parties, including, but not limited to, the Islamic Association for Palestine ("IAP"), the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development ("HLF"), the Global Relief Foundation ("GRF"), and foreign nationals hostile to the interests of the United States, to provide material support to known terrorist organizations, to advance the Hamas agenda, and to propagate radical Islam. CAIR, and certain of its officers, directors, and employees, have acted in support of, and in furtherance of, this conspiracy.

-- Points to Ponder --

Ghassan Elashi was a high-ranking CAIR official at the time he committed the pro-terrorist crimes for which he was convicted.

Randall "Ismail" Royer was an active official in CAIR at the time he committed his pro-terrorist crimes --- Royer plead guilty.

## CAIR: How Close to Terrorism?

By Andrew Whitehead and Lee Kaplan

FrontPageMagazine.com | May 11, 2005

<http://www.frontpagemag.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=18000>

The conviction of a Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) state operative is but the latest apparent link between that Islamist organization and Islamist terrorism. On April 13, 2005, Ghassan Elashi, founder of the group's Texas chapter (CAIR-Texas) – as well as longtime associate of CAIR's top leadership and beneficiary of CAIR fundraising and support – was convicted of laundering money for Islamic terrorist organizations from November 1995 through April 2001.

Dating back to the early 1990s, Elashi had close ties to CAIR's leaders Bassam Khafagi, Imam Siraj Wahaj, and Randall Todd "Ismail" Royer, former civil rights coordinator and communications specialist for the "Muslim civil rights group."

Elashi founded CAIR's Texas chapter sometime before October 2000. (CAIR-Texas first appeared as an affiliate on the CAIR national website at that time.) Therefore, it is evident Elashi was a high-ranking CAIR official at the time he committed the pro-terrorist crimes for which he was convicted.

Elashi's conviction is bad news for CAIR. Its ties with Elashi are too deep and the evidence of CAIR's complicity too obvious for CAIR to spin. For example, just after the Islamic terrorist attacks of 9/11, the CAIR website contained a section entitled, "What you can do for the victims of the WTC and Pentagon attacks," which solicited contributions to the "NY/DC Emergency Relief Fund." The only problem was, this so-called "Relief Fund" never existed. The link provided by CAIR led the would-be contributor directly to the Holy Land Foundation website. The Holy Land Foundation, a government-designated terrorist front group, was also shut down by the U.S. government for funding terrorism overseas. The trial of its leadership is scheduled to begin next year.

And just who was the head of the Holy Land Foundation? Elashi.

A coincidence? Not likely. However, that will not mean CAIR will immediately admit the connection

Consider CAIR's reaction when a CAIR official was questioned about former CAIR Randall Royer on Fox's "Hannity and Colmes" TV program:

HANNITY: Did you not have a spokesman for your group at one time, a guy by the name of Royer that was on your staff that was convicted?

BEDIER: I think several years ago we had that individual in our group. And if you're inciting that somehow we're responsible for the actions or behavior of the individuals after they left our organization, that would be similar to somebody that worked for FOX five years ago and then commits a crime and FOX would be responsible for it.

In fact, Royer was an active official in CAIR at the time he committed his crimes. This exchange is classic: When you can't dispute the facts, fib and hope the person you're talking to

doesn't catch you. In this case, Hannity didn't pursue the matter, and Bedier got away with it.

Dr. Parvez Ahmed, went a step farther, implying that statements against CAIR are subject to SLAPP lawsuits or other legal action:

People who make statements connecting CAIR to terrorism should understand the legal consequences of their attempted slander and defamation. The First Amendment does not protect defamation.

Once again, we see that CAIR clouds the issue of its possible complicity in Islamic terrorism with none-too veiled threats against those who attempt to call them to account. Why can't CAIR stand on the facts? Simple: the facts plainly do not support CAIR's story.

CAIR has consistently shown sympathy for overseas terrorist groups and their activities. In fact, CAIR's actions led Senator Charles Schumer, D-NY, to declare, "We know [CAIR] has ties to terrorism." CAIR's Jordanian-born Executive Director, Nihad Awad, has openly stated, "I am a supporter of the Hamas movement." Awad was also the former public relations director of the Islamic Association of Palestine (IAP), a known front group for Hamas. At a Washington, D.C., CAIR rally, CAIR spokesman Dr. Ghazi Khankan openly greeted attendees by saying, "I bring to you salaams and greetings from the Mujahadeen at CAIR!" (Mujahadeen are holy warriors such as those killing U.S. and Coalition soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.)

CAIR's apparent ties to terrorism go beyond the merely rhetorical. Authorities have linked Randall Royer with al-Qaeda. On page 15 of the federal indictment of eleven Islamist terrorism suspects, it is charged:

On or about April 4, 2001, at the residence of IBRAHAM AHMED AL-HAMDI in Alexandria, Virginia, a visitor representing the Benevolence International Foundation (BIF), another "Islamic charity" closed down for funding terrorism by the US government, discussed a Mujahadeen camp in Bosnia with Nabil T. Garbieh and other conspirators.

Last February, the FBI searched the northern Virginia home of an Islamic scholar and teacher named Ali al-Timimi, and the homes of his students, Nabil Garbieh and al-Hamdi. The warrants said they were seeking evidence that the men and another conspirator named Kwon had provided "material support of terrorism or foreign terrorist groups." The group became known as the "paintball terrorists," allegedly because they were training with weapons in paintball competitions for combat practice to gain experience to become Mujahadeen in Afghanistan, where they would wage jihad against U.S. forces alongside the Taliban.

The indictment continues: "On or about April 4, 2001, at the residence of IBRAHAM AHMED AL-HAMDI in Alexandria, Virginia, Nabil T. Garbieh and other conspirators watched videos depicting Mujahadeen engaged in Jihad." In plain language, the government is alleging that the BIF, an Islamist terrorist

supporting organization, held an organized meeting with the conspirators for the purpose of watching videos of Islamist terrorists in action. The conspirators' alleged meeting with a BIF representative, the proven ties between BIF and al-Qaeda, and Randall "Ismail" Royer's connection to the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), all point to the reasonable conclusion that when domestic Islamist terrorists are plotting their murderous designs, CAIR is never far away.

For now, CAIR remains in the Islamist guilt-mongering business – and business is good. CAIR still poses as a “civil rights” group and even provides “sensitivity” training for FBI agents in how to deal with Muslims. FBI chief Robert Mueller was embarrassed enough to return a “humanitarian award” given him by CAIR. Congress and the President are still lobbied by CAIR.

The group known as “Anti-CAIR” (ACAIR) believes that CAIR, Elashi, and other CAIR officials, directors, and employees have combined, conspired, and made common ground with Islamic terrorist individuals and groups. Terrorist expert Steve Emerson testified before Congress that CAIR is a front group for Hamas, as well. Furthermore, ACAIR believes that CAIR's proven ties to the Islamic Association of Palestine (IAP), and its support for Elashi, Holy Land Foundation, and other Islamic terrorist groups clearly show CAIR's true colors.

In light of all these facts, why would any media organization, politician, or government agency ever solicit CAIR's opinion? With Elashi's going to prison, and the Holy Land Foundation about to go to trial, it begs the question: Are federal prosecutors closing in on CAIR? We can only hope that should a terrorist connection be irrefutably proven, we can all look forward to the closing of CAIR in the United States.

To our knowledge, CAIR has never officially condemned Royer, disassociated itself from his actions, or otherwise taken steps to ensure its employees comply with the laws against supporting terrorism. Some question whether its financial management procedures are in compliance with the recommended U.S. Treasury Department guidelines. We believe CAIR will follow their performance with Royer in this latest scandal with Ghassan Elashi – deny its association with the terrorist, but continue its questionable associations.

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May 4, 2005

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Founding board member of Texas CAIR funded Hamas

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A founder of the Texas chapter of a highly influential U.S. Islamic lobby group was found guilty of supporting terrorism.

Ghassan Elashi, along with two brothers, was convicted in Dallas yesterday of channeling funds to a high-ranking official of the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas, Mousa Abu Marzook.

Elashi was a board member of the Texas chapter of the Washington, D.C.-based Council on American Islamic Relations -- the third CAIR figure to be convicted on federal terrorism charges since 9-11.

CAIR is a spin-off of the Richardson, Texas-based Islamic Association For Palestine, or IAP, which was founded by Marzook.

Former FBI counterterrorism chief Oliver Revell has called the IAF "a front organization for Hamas that engages in propaganda for Islamic militants."

Prosecutors said Ghassan Elashi, with brothers Bayan and Basman, tried to hide a \$250,000 investment by Marzook in their Richardson, Texas, computer company, then funneled payments to Marzook in return.

Marzook, deputy chief of Hamas' political bureau in Syria, founded the IAP in 1991. At its conferences in the U.S., the IAP hosted leaders of Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood. Marzook was deported in 1997.

Ghassan Elashi, Bayan Elashi and their company were found guilty of all 21 federal counts: conspiracy, money laundering and dealing in property of a terrorist, the Associated Press reported.

The AP did not mention Ghassan Elashi's role with CAIR, however.

Each count carries a maximum 10 years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled Aug. 1.

Facing the same 21 counts, Basman Elashi was convicted of three counts of conspiracy but acquitted of the other charges.

Ghassan Elashi did not comment on the conviction, but lawyer Tim Evans said, according to the AP, "It's hard times for people of Middle Eastern descent."

Michael P. Gibson, vowing an appeal, said, "There is no evidence that money ever funded any terrorism. This is not a terrorism case, it's a financial crimes case."

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Brothers Found Guilty of Funding Hamas

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

DALLAS — Three Dallas-area brothers were found guilty Wednesday of supporting terrorism by funneling money to a high-ranking official in the militant Palestinian group Hamas (search).

The case was one of the government's highest-profile terrorism prosecutions. The 2002 indictment was announced personally by then-Attorney General John Ashcroft (search), who called the defendants "terrorist money men" for Hamas.

Ghassan, Basman and Bayan Elashi (search) were tried on 21 counts of conspiracy, money laundering and dealing in property of a terrorist. Jurors had begun deliberating Wednesday morning after nearly two weeks of testimony.

Ghassan and Bayan Elashi and their company were found guilty on all 21 counts. Basman Elashi was found guilty on three counts.

Prosecutors said the men tried to hide a \$250,000 investment by the Hamas official in their Richardson computer company by making it look as if it came from his wife. In court papers, prosecutors listed about \$270,000 in payments from the company to Mousa Abu Marzook (search) and his wife.

Marzook lived in Louisiana and Virginia until 1995, when the federal government named him a terrorist, which made it illegal for anyone in the United States to have financial dealings with him. Marzook was deported and is believed to be living in Syria.

Prosecutors said the Elashis' computer company, InfoCom Corp., continued to make payments to Marzook's wife into 2001.

Prosecutors presented evidence from wiretapped conversations, financial documents and InfoCom employees that they said showed the Elashis were dealing with Marzook and not his wife.

In closing arguments Tuesday, attorneys for the Elashis said prosecutors had failed to prove that the men broke any laws.

Defense attorneys said Marzook's wife — Nadia Elashi, a cousin of the defendants — controlled the \$250,000 invested in InfoCom. They said she used the payments she received in return to cover living expenses, not support terrorism.

The Elashis' lawyers also said government officials know about the arrangement between InfoCom and the Marzooks for several years but took no action to stop it.

Marzook and his wife were named in the same indictment as the Elashis but have not been captured.

The three Elashis plus two of their brothers were convicted last year on separate charges of making illegal technology shipments to Libya and Syria, countries that the U.S. government considered state sponsors of terrorism. All five are awaiting sentencing.

The Elashis were also active in Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, a Muslim charity that was shut down in 2001 after the government accused it of funneling more than \$12 million to Hamas.

Holy Land is expected to go on trial early next year.

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Men to Be Tried on Hamas Terror Charges

Sunday, June 06, 2004

DALLAS — Five brothers whose computer company did business in the Middle East are scheduled to go on trial this week on charges that they made illegal shipments of computer equipment to countries that support terrorism and tried to cover up the deals.

The trial in federal district court in Dallas, however, will not include the most explosive charges in the original indictment — that the men funneled money to the terrorist group Hamas (search).

The men, all Palestinian-born brothers, are expected to stand trial on the Hamas-related charges this fall.

The case drew enough attention in the aftermath of the September 2001 terror attacks that Attorney General John Ashcroft took the unusual step of personally announcing the indictments.

The men — Ghassan Elashi, Bayan Elashi, Basman Elashi, Hazim Elashi and Ihsan Elashyi — ran a company called InfoCom Corp (search), which sold computer equipment and hosted Web sites for groups in the Middle East. The company is also a defendant.

Prospective jurors have been called to Judge Sam A. Lindsay's courtroom Monday morning to fill out questionnaires, then will face questioning by lawyers for both sides on Tuesday — a process more often seen in capital-murder cases.

Opening arguments are expected Wednesday, and the trial on up to 25 criminal counts is expected to last two to three weeks.

Through one of their attorneys, the Elashi brothers declined to comment but have maintained their innocence. They have said they were singled out because they helped run a Texas-based charity that gave money to Palestinians, including, authorities say, the wives and children of suicide bombers.

Ghassan Elashi was chairman of the self-described Muslim charity, the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development. The organization was closed and its assets seized in December

2001 after the Treasury Department accused it of being a Hamas front.

Authorities raided InfoCom on Sept. 5, 2001 and later charged that the Elashis used the Richardson company to make illegal shipments of computers and computer parts to Syria and Libya, which the government has designated state sponsors of terrorism, from 1997 to 2000.

InfoCom lacked licenses to ship technology to Libya or Syria, and a shipment to Libya was routed through Malta to hide its final destination, prosecutors charged.

Tim Evans, lawyer for Ghassan Elashi, objected to a criminal trial on charges of shipping and export violations. He suggested that large companies accused of such violations merely pay a fine instead of facing criminal prosecution.

"Unfortunately, many members of our government have chosen to twist, spin and exaggerate facts to claim victories in what they describe as the war on terrorism," Evans said in a statement. "Attorney General John Ashcroft, himself, conducted the press release on this indictment, need I say more?"

James T. Jacks, the lead prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Dallas, declined to comment. A spokeswoman for the Commerce Department said criminal charges were filed partly because of the Elashis' alleged ties to Hamas.

Jonathan Turley, a law professor at George Washington University, said export violations are usually handled as a civil case and that the Justice Department filed criminal charges to ensure a conviction even if a jury acquitted the Elashis on the charge of funneling money to Hamas.

To win on the export-violation charges, the Elashis' lawyers may have to prove they were unfairly singled out for prosecution — a difficult task — Turley said.

"This is a signature prosecution for the Ashcroft Justice Department," Turley said. "The case seems to be a continuation of a no-holds-barred prosecution against the Holy Land Foundation and anyone connected to the foundation."

Holy Land Foundation was located across the street from InfoCom in a rundown business park in suburban Richardson. The group appealed the government seizure of its assets to the U.S. Supreme Court, which rejected the case.

The government also shut down two other U.S.-based Muslim groups that it accused of funneling money to terrorists.

The original indictment against the Elashi brothers charged that they funneled more than \$100,000 to Mousa Abu Marzook (search), an admitted Hamas member. Marzook had invested \$250,000 in InfoCom in the early 1990s in exchange for 40 percent of the company's profits and to hide his assets, authorities charged.

The U.S. government had designated Marzook a terrorist in 1995, making transactions with him illegal.

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Feds Indict Seven in Dallas-Area Terror Probe

Thursday, December 19, 2002

WASHINGTON — The government, stepping up efforts to choke the flow of money to suspected terrorist organizations, announced the indictments Wednesday of seven people in Texas and the arrests of seven others in Michigan. All are suspected of channeling funds to Arab countries that the U.S. government says are terrorist havens.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said federal officials are targeting those who finance terrorism as much as those who carry out attacks.

"Just as we will prosecute the terrorists who plant the bomb, we will prosecute the terrorist supporters who write the check," Ashcroft said at a news conference.

A 33-count indictment unsealed in Dallas charged four brothers with money laundering and selling computer equipment to Syria and Libya, two countries the United States says are state sponsors of terrorism. All four have been arrested.

The indictment also names a fifth brother, already in custody, as well as Mousa Abu Marzook, a leader of the Palestinian militant group Hamas, and his wife, Nadia Elashi, a cousin of the five brothers.

U.S. Customs Service agents, meanwhile, raided several businesses and homes in Dearborn, Mich., and arrested seven people. Officials said the people and businesses were involved in illegal money transfers that sent as much as \$50 million a year to Yemen, a hotbed for al-Qaida and other Muslim extremists.

A day earlier, three men in Lackawanna, N.Y., were arrested and charged with sending more than \$480,000 to Yemen without a license to operate a money-transferring business. The three — Mohamed Albanna, Ali Albanna, and Ali Elbaneh — were released on bail Wednesday. They are relatives of Jaber Elbaneh, accused of belonging to an al-Qaida terror cell in Lackawanna.

Justice Department officials said the arrests over the past two days were not connected, but were part of an effort by government law enforcement agencies to cut off terrorist financing.

"The war against terrorism is a war of accountants and auditors, as well as a war of weaponry and soldiers," Ashcroft said.

A Hamas official, speaking on condition of anonymity, criticized the arrests.

"We consider this part of the ongoing war against Islam and the Islamic institutions across the world," the official said. "There are some elements in the American administration who are trying very hard to harm the image of Islam and to link it with so-called terror, which is not true, because Islam is a religion of tolerance."

The Texas case involved a company in a Dallas suburb, Infocom Corp., for which all five brothers work. The company accepted a \$250,000 investment from Marzook, who was deported in 1995 after the federal government designated him a terrorist, and made payments to Marzook's wife, according to the indictment. Both are out of the country. Marzook is believed to be in Syria.

Those arrested were Bayan Elashi, Ghassan Elashi, Basman Elashi and Hazim Elashi. The fifth brother, Ihsan Elashyi, already is in custody on charges of illegally exporting computer goods to the Middle East. If convicted, they each face up to 45 years in prison and \$7.2 million in fines.

Ghassan Elashi, the company's vice president for marketing, headed the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development. The foundation's assets were frozen by the Treasury Department in December 2001 on the grounds that it allegedly funneled money to terrorists. FBI investigators concluded that Holy Land leaders were Hamas members and the charity was the primary U.S. fund-raising organ for the terrorist group.

Ashcroft said Infocom was in the same office park and shared some of the same employees as the Holy Land Foundation.

In Michigan, authorities arrested Mohammed Aidaros Abdulla, David Nasser Ali, Foad H. Mohamad, Gamil Manea-Ahmed Al-Najar, Hussein A. Mohamed and Abdulla H. Mohamad. The seventh individual arrested is an unidentified Immigration and Naturalization Service employee who officials say had overstayed his visa.

Customs agents seized records and computers from some of the businesses, which included convenience stores, service stations and restaurants. In addition, seizure warrants have been issued for records from banks in the Detroit area and Toledo, Ohio.

The Michigan and Lonyo Service Center was one of the businesses raided. It's owned by Ali and Kalid Kaid, who said it's a common practice in the Yemeni community to send money to relatives in their native country.

He was skeptical of the government's claim. "We really question the amount of money that the government is talking about," Kaid said.

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Fact Sheet on the Elashi Brothers and InfoCom

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The Elashi brothers were arrested on December 18, 2001, for money laundering, under the spectre of being affiliated with and funding Hamas.

The Elashi Brothers Fact Sheet

Executive Summary

Arrested on December 18, 2002, the Elashi brothers all had significant involvement in several Hamas fundraising vehicles. They were part of the original movement to create a Hamas infrastructure inside the United States. The entities which they aided to engender include InfoCom, which was co-funded by Hamas Political Director Mousa Abu Marzook, the Islamic Association of Palestine, widely reputed as a front for Hamas in the United States, and the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, a specially designated global terrorist [SDGT] charity that has had its assets frozen.

InfoCom incorporated in California by the Elashi Brothers

InfoCom Corp. was incorporated in Richardson, Texas on March 16, 1992 by Bayan Elashi after changing its name from International Computers and Communications, Inc. In addition to hosting websites for organizations throughout the US, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan, InfoCom "exports large volume computer and information technology purchases to organizations around the world." Bayan Elashi's brothers, Ghassan, Ihsan, Hazim, and Basman are also listed as officials of InfoCom. Ghassan is InfoCom's Vice President for Sales and Marketing and Bayan is the registered agent and Administrative Contact for web service.

CONNECTIONS TO HAMAS

Mousa abu Marzook

On September 6, 2001 OFAC blocked the assets of InfoCom. According to a report by FBI Agent Dale L. Watson, Assistant Director Counterterrorism Division, this was "based on evidence that InfoCom received \$250,000 start-up money from [Mousa abu] Marzook, ...Political Bureau head of HAMAS, ...during the same time frame as Marzook was providing funds to the HLF [Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development] and others associated with HAMAS." Marzook transferred this money to the Elashi Brothers through his wife, who is a cousin of the Elashis. Thus, InfoCom's very roots are connected to SDGT's HAMAS and Mousa abu Marzook.

Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development (HLF)

Corporate records show that Ghassan Elashi is the registered agent and an owner of HLF at least as recently as May 2001. He also appears on IRS tax form 990 for the year 2000 as the Chairman of HLF in Texas. The same report as above, filed by

Dale L. Watson, states that Ghassan Elashi is also the Chairman of the Board and one of two "primary signatories of reference" on the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development's bank accounts. HLF had its assets frozen and was declared a Specially Designated Global Terrorist Entity [SDGT] by President Bush on December 4, 2001. The Department of State issued a statement that the "Holy Land Foundation funds HAMAS-run schools that serve HAMAS ends by encouraging children to become suicide bombers. HAMAS recruits suicide bombers by offering support to their families; this support is ensured in part by Holy Land Foundation contributions." Bayan Elashi and InfoCom, according to a "whois" lookup, are also listed as the administrative contacts for HLF's website.

#### Islamic Association for Palestine

The Elashi Brothers also have connections to the Islamic Association for Palestine (IAP). The corporate records for IAP in California show Ghassan Elashi as the registered agent and list his address as the mailing address for IAP. Also, the corporate records for IAP in Texas show Basman Elashi and Ghassan Dahduli as co-owners. Furthermore, InfoCom at one point employed Ghassan Dahduli, a former officer of the American Middle Eastern League for Palestine (a charity affiliated with IAP) and alleged associate of Wadiah el-Hage, Osama bin Laden's personal secretary and one of the convicted organizers of the 1998 Bombings of the American Embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam. He has since been ordered deported by INS for his connections to el-Hage and bin Laden and for refusing to cooperate with authorities.

According to an INS report from August 14, 2001, IAP works in "publishing and distributing HAMAS communiqués printed on IAP letterhead, as well as other written documentation to include the HAMAS charter and glory records, which are tributes to HAMAS' violent 'successes.'" The same report also indicates that IAP received "approximately \$490,000 from [Mousa abu] Marzook during the period in which Marzook held his admitted role as a HAMAS leader."

#### WEBHOST FOR AL QAEDA FRONT GROUPS

##### Host for BIF and GRF

Besides hosting the website for HLF, Bayan Elashi is listed as the technical contact for the Benevolence International Foundation (BIF). BIF is the subject of a current federal investigation and has had its assets frozen for having ties to al Qaeda and has been declared a SDGT.

Global Relief Foundation's (GRF) website, according to a "whois" search, lists Bayan Elashi as its Administrative/Technical contact. The email listed for Elashi uses the domain "InfoComcorp.com." GRF, like BIF, is the subject of a current federal investigation and has had its assets frozen for having ties to al Qaeda and has been declared a SDGT.

#### CONNECTIONS TO SAUDI ARABIA

InfoCom was host to and provided hardware to Saudi companies including the Saudi Bin Laden Group

According to a press release on InfoCom's website, at the end of April/Beginning of May 1999, Ghassan Elashi went to Saudi Arabia in order to establish relationships with some of the biggest companies and organizations in the Kingdom. InfoCom's relationship to large Saudi companies can be traced back as early as 1997, when InfoCom began hosting the website for the Saudi Bin Laden Group, which, according to a "whois" search, lists Bayan Elashi and InfoCom's name and address as the Administrative/Technical contacts. The same search also shows that the Saudi Bin Laden Group lists the same address (630 International Pkwy, #100, Richardson, TX 75081) as its registered address in the United States. The Saudi Bin Laden Group is Osama bin Laden's family business, though his family and the company have disavowed any contact with him.

#### ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

InfoCom had its export license revoked for sending computer hardware to terrorist states

According to an official statement by the US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) (currently known as the Bureau of Industry and Security), InfoCom had its export license suspended on September 7, 2001, because it "repeatedly exported computer technology to Libya and Syria in violation of U.S. export control laws," and that the "United States has designated Libya and Syria as state sponsors of terrorism." The Bureau also alleged that InfoCom "attempted to conceal shipments to those countries by undervaluing goods and filing false and deceptive shipping documents." All five Elashi Brothers' names are also included as being a part of the export ban, which reveals their collective involvement in illegal export activity to terrorist states. On March 20, 2002, this order was renewed.

Ihsan Elashi pleads guilty to money laundering/credit card fraud charges and illegally exporting goods

On October 22, 2002, the Department of Justice reported that Ihsan Elashi was sentenced to 48 months in prison after pleading guilty to the 39 charges brought against him, which included shipping in violation of a Temporary Denial Order (TDO). This was for his involvement as the principal owner of a corporation called Tetrabal. Tetrabal was ordered to cease exporting goods on September 7, 2001 for violating the same exporting laws as InfoCom had. Elashi admitted the following:

On September 22, 2001, he and Tetrabal willfully violated the TDO by participating in a transaction that involved exporting, and the attempted exporting, of goods and commodities from the United States to Saudi Arabia, which goods were subject to the Export Administration Regulations of the United States.

The company in question is called Saudi Systems, Inc., which lists many Saudi ministries as clients. Elashi also admitted "that he fraudulently acquired numerous credit cards in other persons' names, without the knowledge of the card holder" and he "fraudulently acquired dozens of credit cards which he used to incur charges exceeding \$750,000."

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Man in 'dirty bomb' case tied to Holy Land charity figure  
Richardson group's lawyer warns against linking group, suspect

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Los Angeles Times

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – Jose Padilla, the American accused of plotting with al-Qaeda to set off a radiation-dispersal bomb, attended a Florida mosque whose spiritual leader worked for a Richardson-based Islamic charity suspected of helping finance terrorism, Muslim leaders in Florida said Thursday.

During the 1990s, when he lived in Florida, Mr. Padilla attended Al-Iman Mosque in Fort Lauderdale while Raed M. Awad was the imam, members of the South Florida Islamic community said.

Mr. Awad, a 42-year-old Palestinian immigrant, was the chief fund-raiser in Florida for the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, whose premises were raided and assets frozen by the U.S. government in December.

The government charged, after a year-long investigation, that Holy Land gave money to Hamas, a group that has claimed responsibility for terrorist attacks in Israel.

The charity has denied any connection with terrorism and filed a federal lawsuit demanding that the millions of dollars in donations seized by government agents be released.

Mr. Padilla, 31, also took classes on the Quran and precepts of the Islamic faith at the Darul Uloom Institute, an Islamic studies center in Pembroke Pines, Fla.

The center's principal, Maulana Shafayat Mohamed, said the young convert might have been pushed toward a more intolerant strain of Islam through contacts with Arab Muslims.

Holy Land's view

Mr. Awad, who relatives said has left Florida, collected money for Holy Land from as far away as the Caribbean and Latin

America. In a newspaper interview, he denied that the foundation's chief officers were ever involved with Hamas.

"The FBI has been investigating this organization since 1992, and every time, they've come up with nothing," Mr. Awad told the Orlando Sentinel in December.

John Boyd, a lawyer for Holy Land, cautioned against linking the charity and Mr. Padilla.

"I don't know anything about this other than what I've heard from the press, but I find it hard to believe that people would jump to this sort of conclusion based on these assertions," Mr. Boyd said Thursday.

Mr. Awad's relatives said that he led the prayers at Al-Iman for four or five years, then left about a year ago and no longer lives with the family in Fort Lauderdale. The current imam, Rafiq Mahdi, said he succeeded Mr. Awad in 2000.

Mr. Padilla, also known as Abdullah al-Muhajir, is under arrest in a U.S. Navy brig, accused of plotting to detonate a "dirty bomb" capable of spewing radiation across an American city.

For a few months between 1995 and 1997, Mr. Padilla attended Saturday religious classes at Darul Uloom, headed by Mr. Mohamed.

"The only unusual thing about him was the way he dressed, and he was very quiet," the principal said. He affected a red head scarf "like Yasser Arafat wears," Mr. Mohamed said.

"Nobody else wears this," added the clergyman. "Even Arabs who come here don't wear it."

No military tribunal

Mr. Padilla's legal status has been unclear, but the Justice Department told lawmakers Thursday that Mr. Padilla will not be brought before a military tribunal, according to congressional and Bush administration officials.

At a closed meeting of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Justice Department officials said the United States can hold Mr. Padilla until President Bush decides the war against terrorism is over.

"They say it's not punitive, it's just purely prevention to stop him from attacking us," said one congressional official, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "He's going to stay in the can until we're through with al-Qaeda."

Government officials told lawmakers that previous court cases, including a 1942 Supreme Court case, show that U.S. citizens can qualify as "enemy combatants" and be held without trial.

Meanwhile, Pakistan officials said Thursday that Mr. Padilla went to a Central Asian country in search of radioactive components before returning to the United States.

But a U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the United States has no information that Mr. Padilla traveled to another Central Asian country this year in search of the components.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

## Opening Shot of 'The Ultimate Culture War'

by Mike Thompson Posted Jul 8, 2005

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The fatal flaw of Britain's and Europe's establishment today is not just its shameless worship at the altar of statism; rather, it is its failure to defend the region's historic, Christian-nurtured culture (the West) against Islamic-nurtured culture (the East). By liberally and uncritically opening its borders to millions of fanatical immigrant religionists, all Europe (including the insular Brits) flirts with actual cultural suicide.

The epic tragedy could occur in just a few more years (or, at most, for demographic reasons, in seven decades), constituting a violent, ignoble chapter in world history and ushering in a New Dark Age, from the Urals of Russia to the Outer Hebrides of Scotland. The deadly early-morning July 7 attack on the now-bloody heart of London may be noted by historians as the beginning of The Ultimate Culture War.

The breaching of Europe's ancient defenses against religious war has made the once mighty Christian kingdom of Charlemagne (whose warrior grandfather, Charles "The Hammer" Martel, saved Europeans from Islamic rule 1300 years ago) "more and more a province of Islam, a colony of Islam," according to Italian journalist Oriana Fallaci, in her new book *La Forza della Ragione* ("The Force of Reason").

The advance of Islam into the heart of Europe (and England as well) is not because of Muslims' strategic skills or Islam's "irresistible" appeal to Westerners. Instead, it is because Christian institutions have been hollowed out--corrupted by western liberals who demand a merry passage to self-fulfillment without the need for heavy lifting, hewing not to faith and its doctrine for good, but to secularism and its blindness to evil.

As a result of watered-down tradition and values, most of Europe's churches today are as empty as the lives of their wandering and wondering "sheep." Britain's mosques, it is estimated, now host more worshipers than does the Church of England. Furthermore, is there any sight (or site) more pathetic than a former rock-solid Presbyterian church in Edinburgh now converted to a thumping techno nightclub?

Europe's rapid collapse into post-Christian society has produced the contemporary practice of self-absorbed adults having more sex and fewer babies. This results in an anemic birth rate that guarantees eventually the disappearance of indigenous Europeans, including Britons.

The math is simple: To sustain any population, a woman on average must bear 2.1 children. Yet, in Europe the overall rate of 1.5 children per woman is one-third short of the level needed for replacement; in Britain, the rate is only slightly better, 1.6 per native U.K. woman (compared with a rollicking 6.0 births for an immigrant Islamic woman).

At these rates, in another 70 years the indigenous population of Europe, including the U.K., will fall by more than 100 million. On the other side of the ledger, Muslim babies and incalculable waves of new immigrants (whose labour is needed to pay all the taxes required to cover the indigenous retirees' promised pensions) eventually will overwhelm Europe. Great Christian cathedrals will be fortunate to remain as vestiges of the prior civilization, and more likely will be converted to mosques by European Saudi-type regimes, or blown up by European Taliban-type regimes.

Such shocking predictions are not new. The difference between then (1968, when a similar forecast was made by British politician Enoch Powell) and now is that the handwriting on the wall observed by so few Britons three decades ago is no longer mere handwriting. The current message is in loud, clear daily calls to prayer bellowed from the minarets that punctuate urban U.K. skylines. Powell's promising Parliament career was crippled shortly after he issued his "rivers of blood" speech, in which he warned that the U.K. was "heaping up its own funeral pyre" by allowing excessive immigration. Were he still alive, MP Powell likely would be in deep hiding, trying to avoid the carrying out of some London mullah's fatwah ordering his beheading.

(Frightening note: Seconds after I completed writing the preceding sentence by visiting an Islamic website to spell-check "fatwah" [a holy order by a Muslim cleric], my anti-spying computer software reported that a "tracking cookie" [a secret electronic device to record a computer user's activity] had that moment been unleashed on my computer, but was deleted and defeated! Was the "cookie" unleashed by friend [say, the CIA] or foe?)

Instructed by the Koran to lie low until they reach 10% of their host-country's population, Muslims already have passed that threshold in France. The increasing incidence of Muslim gangs raping French girls and, for kicks, machine-gunning police stations helped to propel the fiery immigration-reform candidate, Jean le Pen, into the 2002 French presidential runoff--despite the torrent of vitriol aimed at him by the liberal French news media and the handmaiden Paris establishment. Election winner Jacques Chirac evidently learned nothing from his political near-death experience. Since then, he has pandered so much to a surging army of Islamic voters that he appeared as a seemingly sincere mourner during the recent deathwatch for Palestine leader Yasser Arafat, the hoary international terrorist who lay dying in a free French hospital room attended by (mais, oui!) France's best taxpayer-supported doctors.

The critical 10%-Muslim population level has not been reached yet in the U.K., but the raw numbers are at 1.6 million, or 3% of the total population, and rising fast. The Muslim Council of

Britain estimates one million Muslims live in London (14% of the capital's residents).

Liberals in the West disparage political opponents not on issues but on an ad hominem (that is, viciously personal and emotional) basis--because it is easier to call one's opponent a "dangerous fool" than prove he is a "dangerous fool." Thus, Liberals have hatched a nasty-sounding word to discredit anyone who criticizes, in this case, excessive immigration. That person, according to sputtering opponents, is a xenophobe (xeno for "foreigner" and phobe for "one who hates").

Liberals ignore the fact that phobe has an alternative Greek definition, that is, "one who fears" (as in claustrophobe, one who fears being confined to a small place). In the real world, of course, all Christians and "lapsed" Christians should fear excessive immigration of Muslims.

How threatening are these immigrants? Extremely threatening, according to the scholarly studies by Professor Rohan Gunaratna, of St. Andrews Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence. Considered the world's leading expert on terrorist leader Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network, Prof. Gunaratna also is principal investigator for the United Nations' Terrorism Prevention Branch. He notes that except for the 1995 bombing of America's federal office building in Oklahoma City, all major terrorist attacks of the past decade in the West have been carried out by immigrants. They were not just random immigrants, but invariably from a specific religious background. During the decade since 1993, of the 212 suspected and convicted terrorists in Europe and the United States, 86% were Muslim immigrants, and most of the rest were converts to Islam, according to Prof. Gunaratna.

Robert S. Leiken, an American authority on immigration and national-security matters, agrees: "In Western countries jihad [religious war] has grown mainly via Muslim immigration." His *Bearers of Global Jihad* (published by the Washington-based Nixon Center) details Islam's two-pronged violent war on the West, which uses:

**HIT SQUADS**--foreign nationals who enter the country with a specific mission, such as the 9/11 attackers who plane-bombed New York City and Washington's iconic Twin Trade Towers and Pentagon buildings, and

**SLEEPER CELLS**--enemy agents who reside in immigrant communities, either quietly raising money to fund terrorists or waiting for a signal to initiate violence.

The latter prong (sleeper cells) is Islam's weapon of choice for Europe. "They do not seem suspicious," observes Pierre de Bousquet, who heads the French counterintelligence service. Of sleeper cells' members, he adds, "They work. They have kids. They have fixed addresses. They pay the rent." They also are involved passionately in so-called Muslim "foundations," "charities," "conferences," "academic groups" and innocent-sounding other fronts, including NGO's (Non-Government Organizations) and private corporations, all of which raise money or other assets to underwrite other Muslims' acts of terrorism.

(One notable sleeper-cell operative who recently was uncovered in the United States was a distinguished educator. Sami Al-Arian, of the University of South Florida, also was a frequent visitor to the White House, where he smugly had his photo taken with enthusiastic backers of the Republican administration's War on Terror, and even posed convincingly as an outspoken Islamic supporter of President George W. Bush--before finally getting nailed and jailed by FBI agents).

Sleeper cells, as noted, also can be used to spring into action themselves if a country's security makes it too difficult for hit squads to cross its border. A major example: the resident Moroccans who killed 191 Spaniards aboard a commuter train on the eve of Spain's May 2004 elections, convincing voters to replace the pro-U.S. government.

There is a striking difference, however, between the Islamic immigrants in America and those in Great Britain and the Continent, according to Leiken. U.S. Muslims have assimilated much better than their European counterparts (probably because 1) U.S. Muslims are not as numerous, and 2) most of them have prospered in America's traditionally dynamic and non-discriminating economy). The EU's Islamic population is more culturally alienated, socially marginalized, unemployable, and likely to rage in the forms of gang rape, anti-Jewish attacks, anti-American violence and, of course, both spontaneous and carefully orchestrated acts of terrorism in their hated new EU homeland.

Throughout the West, most conservatives in their hearts believe that there always should be "room for one more," provided that the person, regardless of color or creed, is running from horrible injustice and sincerely needs a helping hand to survive. Yet, private and public charity for a truly threatened alien in search of sanctuary must not be confused with a nation's immigration policy, especially if it perpetually opens a gate to welcome emissaries from the hottest corners of Hell.

Europe must decide for itself whether to curb or end its suicidal affair with hostile alien guests. Likewise, the EU's think-alikes in London must look out their windows and examine the angry faces of that gathering mob.

Beyond the obvious questions about the basis of the frothing mob's religion, there are other interesting queries. For example, taken as a whole: Is Islam actually a religion, or is it something unique, what Friedrich Nietzsche philosophically described as the "self-poisoned mind" of resentment?

One can judge by looking at the historic record: For five centuries the Arab Islamic world has plunged from being an advanced centre of learning. Now it is largely perceived (not only by the West but most of the rest of the world) as a deep wallowing pit of malice, ethnic resentment, vindictiveness, vandalism, and the malaise of inferiority. Pure science in Islamic society has succumbed at last to theocratic petrification. Unreformed polygamy and poverty combine to leave millions of virile young men wife-less and forever celibate--ripe bait for recruitment into the energy-releasing terrorist-training camps that quickly will provide them with direction (albeit mostly toward

an early death) and discipline (traditional qualities that a wife contributes under the otherwise common system of monogamy).

Unable to develop a contemporary political culture that would reform and rebuild their societies and economy, Islamic countries instead glorify brutality from the top down. Iranian journalist Amir Taheri noted recently in the Wall Street Journal that "all but one of the world's remaining military regimes are in Muslim countries. Of the current 30 active conflicts in the world, no fewer than 28 concern Muslim governments and/or communities." Except for Turkey and ex-British Colonial Bangladesh, he adds, "there are no real elections in any Muslim country. Two-thirds of the world's political prisoners are held in Islamic countries, which also carry out 80% of all executions annually."

Of the world's 100 largest-per-capita countries in Gross Domestic Product (not counting the six tiny dictatorships that sit atop gigantic oil pools), only one (Malaysia, ranked #85) is Islamic. Finally, from America to the Sudan and Russia to South Asia, more Christians are being killed as martyrs than at any other time in world history--and the primary killers are Muslims. That simple fact cannot be ignored, and neither can we ignore how the killers acquired, through religion, their taste for the blood of unbelievers.

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### **Poll respondents comment on immigration proposals**

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We asked: What do you think is the most effective way to control illegal immigration? Which U.S. Senate proposal do you like better? One bill would require illegal immigrants to return to their native countries within five years, get in line and apply for two-year work permits. Another bill would allow illegal immigrants to stay if they pay a \$2,000 fine in exchange for legal temporary worker status for three years.

You said: Comments appear here as they were submitted to the Statesman Journal. They are listed in the order in which they came with the most recent at the top.

Some comments without authors' names have been omitted.

The poll was online July 28.

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Everyone in the U.S. has ties to immigrants, but the percentage of immigrants over the past 200 years that came from 3rd world countries was very low compared to now. What is happening now is very dangerous to the survival of our republic. The level

of both illegal and legal immigration from Mexico is too high. The President of Mexico encourages illegals to flood our country, and has proposed that we have a totally open border with Mexico. It is obvious that the United States is nothing more than a relief valve that keeps his own people from revolting against a stupid and corrupt government. He would love to see all of his unhappy citizens coming here, and mailing tens of billions of U.S. Dollars back to quiet those left behind. We should push for government reform in Mexico instead of bringing Mexico here, and killing off both countries.

AK, 16, HighSchool, Salem

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I don't like either proposal. Employers of illegals should be fined, and, or, arrested. The citizens of America are being taken for a ride by those who peddle the crap that these people do the work that Americans won't do, or that they serve as an integral part of our economy. The fact is that business, agriculture, and the government want a flood of ready, cheap labor to depress wages. As long as citizens trade with businesses that would give away America for a couple of extra bucks in a very few people's pockets, we are doomed to live in Mexico (formerly the U.S.A.)

JC, 53, Govt., Salem

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I hate to say this, but Lars Larson had the best idea. Punish the business that hire these people. If a business can not provide a legal/valid Social Security number. Then do not allow the business to write off that employees wages and make the business report higher profit and pay taxes. It's less red tape and forces a lot of businesses. It will cut opportunities to work in the US.

Jim, 49, Government, salem

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There is a faction that panders to illegals. I refuse to shop at stores like Sears, or Best Buy who have their signage in Spanish. I can't believe that businesses are so quick to turn this country into Mexico for a mere 10% of the population. If we don't do something to stop all illegal immigration, and slow legal immigration, we will simply become Mexico. As we can all see, even Mexicans don't want to live in Mexico.

JK, 52, worker, Salem

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I don't have a problem with legal immigration. It's the illegal immigration that makes me mad. Then they come here and expect us to speak their language and get mad when we don't understand them. I am not prejudice because I am a minority. If

they come here legally that's fine. But our borders are swarmed with these illegal immigrants that over burden our country. That money could be used to help our homeless American citizens. We have enough problems in our country as it is which have been magnified by terrorism.

Jeff Pisquale, 38, Government, Salem

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It's not just Mexicans and latinos coming over. Bin Laden's group, muslims, and many others are coming, both legally and not. But if we're gonna differentiate among race groups, why don't we start with regulating our own good ole white trash trailer welfare-recipient trash crack-addict honkies sittin' on their asses making more trailer trash babies that end up breaking into cars and homes that they can't afford because they can't get a job because they can rarely make it to work on time because of their stories and excuses for their sorry-ass life. Why don't we make them apply for visa's too?

Bill Swanick, 45, Unemployed, San Jose, CA

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You know I'm so sick of these illegal immigrants coming into our country. Downtown Woodburn is like another Mexico. These people come here to work supposedly but that's just a bunch of bull. They come here and sit on there butts and they apply for welfare. So here we are working our butts off trying to support our own families but really all our tax dollars are going to these people on welfare. You know it's fine if you want to work temporary but then go home. When these people come you should have to pay a fine or something. Why should we have to pay for these people to be living here. Then these illegal immigrants are having kids so that the kids can be U.S. citizens and then they can live here forever. I'm so sick of this crap already. Does the government not see that these people come here have a bunch of kids and then sit on welfare. Something really needs to be done.

eogaes, 02, Receptionist, Woodburn

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As the entire world has observed during the past 59 days, Aruba is one place that has its act together.

Dutch Antillian, 44, Writer, Curacao

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The question elicits an emotional response from folks on both sides of the issue. I think we need to first agree on a few simple facts and if we are able to do so then other conclusions will logically follow. Can we agree that the USA is a land of laws and indeed we have laws governing immigration? If so, then it

follows that it is not an inalienable and God given right that anybody who wants citizenship in this country may usurp it any time and in any manner of their choosing. Legal alien status and citizenship are available in a clearly defined legal manner. Can we agree that American society should not be unfairly burdened as a matter of course by social costs imposed by persons who are present in this country unlawfully ? If we can agree on that point, then all the observations made in the other posts about lost wages to American citizens, unpaid income tax, health costs, education costs, in-state tuition rates, etc., are all valid concerns. Within the context of these observations, then I'd say that neither of the described solutions are reasonable. Persons that are illegally present in this country have broken our laws and should be dealt with in a manner consistent with our existing laws. If existing law calls for deportation of illegal immigrants then that is what should occur until such time as the law is changed by Congress. What we are witness to in this country is a rampant prosecutorial discretion with regard to illegal immigrants resulting in largely no enforcement of existing laws. I am not certain what the political drivers of this phenomenon are, but it is clear to me that the rate of growth of the problems created by illegal immigration is growing exponentially and it is entirely possible an insoluble situation will occur. Especially in light of current homeland security issues I tend to agree with earlier posts that suggest we deploy the national guard to protect our borders.

Gregg Dal Ponte, 49, Manager, Salem

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Over 20 million illegals siphon off \$68 billion annually out of your taxpayer pocket as they use our schools, welfare, medical care and services - for free, add to that 2 million more illegals per year. Thank god we only have 1 third-world country on our border ! In addition - Harvard's Professor Borjas of economics showed that illegal aliens displace American workers out of \$200 billion in lost wages annually. Now we are talking nearly \$300 billion/year! According to a recent Bears and Sterns report, illegals work off the books to the tune of \$400 billion annually in uncollected IRS income taxes. For starters California, with three million illegals stands at \$38 billion in debt and last year, 86 hospitals and ER wards bankrupted -they all served immigrant populations, largely. Every single state in America is under horrific financial crisis because of unpaid taxes by illegals and their massive liabilities. Add to this the fact that Latin drug gangs have been found to be smuggling islamic terrorists over the border and setting them up with ID for \$50,000 a piece. Credible sources state that there are anywhere from 5 to 10 nuclear bombs or suitcases in the country that these 5,000 terrorists have to create bin laden's goal of an "American Hiroshima". bin Laden has stated that he will use these to destroy the 10 largest US cities in one day - feeling happy now about open borders!?

gary, 37, pursue phd, salem

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I agree with 90% of the comments below. As for Xristian comment about loving our enemies, I would say lets just love

Ben Laden and let him in our country. Has anyone bothered to look at the arrest and court records of late. Oh I know what the bleeding heart liberals will say. Its because of the profiling. Right! Or, WHAT % is the juvenile justice system and prisons minorities. Its profiling, right. And who do you think is responsible for all of these crimes ? Hello. Why DO WE have immigration laws or make new ones if we will not enforce the ones we have. I thought we were at war. Hello, is anybody listening to this crazy policy of not enforcing our borders and just letting anyone come into our country that is looking for work. Do you think Mexico would spend millions of dollars in the public schools to teach the Mexican kids English during class time. Or speaking both languages in the classroom , hurting " test scores because of valuable political correctness gone mad! AND YOU WONDER WHY OUR KIDS TEST SCORERS ARE MANIPULATED, AND YET STILL IN SAD SHAPE. AND WHY OUR BUDGET AND EDUCATION EXPENSES ARE GOING OVER THE TOP.Wake up OREGONIANS AND LET YOUR REP KNOW ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

Jose Mike, out, Prophet, Salem

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I have to agree with the person before me who said there is no future here in America. Nearly everyone who has responded to this has nothing but hatred to spout about immigrants. It makes me feel ashamed and embarrassed.America was founded by immigrants. Did the Native Americans give their permission to have their people killed over pieces of Earth? America is the land of the free, our soil belongs to everyone. I am a caucasian and my fiancée is Mexican. His grandparents came to Texas illegally to work in the fields. It was only then they could provide food and shelter for their children. They raised their children to be hard workers and cherish American values. It has been passed down throughout his family, and he now has the opportunity to pass that along to our children in the future. EVERYONE has the right to come to American, regardless of what language they speak, color of their skin, or what religion they practice. Why be angry with the fact that there is English AND Spanish on our signs and labels? Why are you so against mixing with another culture? Anglo-saxon english speaking is not the only culture on the planet, we should celebrate our diversity rather than teach hatred and distain.

Tara McLoud, 22, Water Rights Specialist, Salem

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I read the previous responses and really feel appalled by some of the things people have written. This country was created on immigration, unless you are a native american indian, then you are no different then these people trying to come here and make a better life for themselves, you or your ancestors were just like them. And think about this, our government doesn't have a problem with collecting the taxes out of the low-wage paychecks these immigrants make and because the immigrants don't have Soc. Sec. #'s, they can't file taxes, thus the money is all for keeps for our piggish government. Who wants to give up free money?

NO ONE! I like the idea of a bill requiring an immigrant to return to the native country within five years and applying for work permits. It seems feasible. Also, start making the DMV require LEGAL LEGITIMATE social security cards shown as proof of idenity before issuing drivers licenses, that will crack down on some of the illegals behind the wheels. And don't think for a minute that illegals are the only ones driving without insurance, the uninsured are represented by all walks of life!

Deanna, 28, Who isn't an immigrant?, Salem

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The fact that at least one of the illegal immigrants interviewed who has been in this country for 25 years and still doesn't speak or understand English says a lot. The model for successful legal immigration into this country has been in place for 200 years. Use it. President Bush seeks to keep wages down by keeping the supply of labor up. He's standing at the border with a checkered flag as millions circumvent our laws with his help. Even Hilary gets it George! That's why I just got a 2% raise spread over five years. Thanks illegal immigrants. We should also consider a constitutional change for citizenship. Just being born here is not enough. One parent should be a US citizen or there should be a rigorous residency and testing requirement to bestow citizenship.

Tom Swift, 26, Inventor, Salem

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Neither One. Put the National Guard on the Border. Round up all the illegals and send them home. with the Guard on the Border it will cut down on the illegal population streaming into this country. The first Bill will do nothing you are relying on them to return to where they came from in a orderly manner.. LOL what a joke. I say you know where they are get them and put them on a bus and drop them off at the border. or better yet put them on a plane and drop them off at the farthest point away from here in Mexico you can get. As for the 2000 dollar fine that is ok as long as you document where they live, they get no benefits of living here and they must be required to learn english in 2 yrs or they to get a one way plane ticket out of here. Stop coddling them and get serious on illegal immigration.

Joe Ping, 46, Military, Redmond

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Use Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFID) to control illegal immigration. Have transponders set up at check points of major interchange and interstate/international commerce (i.e.,airports, ports of entry, border crossings, mass transit systems). Most of the world can be monitored this way, including criminals and illegal immigrants. Have the RFID inserted in either the skin of the left forearm or under the skin on the forehead. I have to use a card, transponder, or some sort of RFID to get into my place of employment, my house, my Lincoln

Navigator, and most stores now have devices and transponders to prevent theft. So, what are we waiting for, the anti-christ?

Robert D., 41.5, Federal Investigator, Beverly Hills, CA

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I appreciate the work the immigrants do for our state, however I believe in the rule that they must get in line and apply the legal, correct way. If it means waiting another year or so in their own country, then so be it. I dont think any allowances should be given to illegal residents, regardless of their situation.

Mel, 26, Admin, Salem

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Jesus said love your enemies, and that includes those trying to get into this country. So let them come here so we may show our love.

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The US is unable to enforce its borders in spite of a series of pathetic attempts by the past two presidents. What don't you understand about "illegal"? This is not a traffic violation that can be absolved with a fine. Jail time should be given incrementally to illegals. The US can not solve the world's social ills. Self-hating Americans will no doubt write that we've created at least some of those ills. The fact is that in many third world countries the top 1% (Vincente Fox) have 99.9% of the wealth. These countries must resolve those kinds of issues internally through revolt, revolution, or dynamic social change. Quit making the US out to be the bad guy for the pathetic shams that are called countries.

James Madison, 55, Commentator, Salem

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HEALTH CARE-SCHOOL's-JAILS, STATE workers HELPING illegals get a JOB-VOTE-Driver's Lic-OHP. We are ALL paying for this! Want to stop this? go to [www.oregonir.org](http://www.oregonir.org) BIG PROTEST SOON! Get on there e-mail list They are making a difference!

Rick, 42, Sales, America?

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The most effective way to control immigration is to put snipers every quarter mile and pop the heads of those who steal from the taxpayer. But first you need to get to the root of the problem, which is your so called government, the oppressors turn their

heads while we are being invaded by people of all nations, the Mexicans, Chinese and Russians are the main ones. The citizens of America (whats left of it) should not have to shoulder your burdens or fix your problems. We have enough problems of our own. Both the bills are a joke and are ment to appease the sheeple. Also don't expect us to learn your languages , and learn to drive right, please!

Justin, 27, Revolutionary, Salem

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Neither Bill will work! Government promised in 1996, when they passed a HUGE Immigration Bill, that employer enforcement would happen, it didn't. 3 years ago, 1,000 companies were fined for hiring illegals, last year NONE! Illegal immigration has only increased, tremendously. They all want this NOT REALLY Cheap labor. Who else has workers willing to live almost FREE in a labor camp and has Marion/Polk food share feeding them? Who else has no employees complaing about no Health Insurance offered? Who else has an unlimited supply of workers, thrilled to make \$7.00/HR.(10 times the pay in the 3rd world), many times, with NO Taxes! What employer will give this up? These "immigrants" know all the loopholes and they will NOT turn themselves in. Solution; SELF-deportation. It happened in California last summer, when Agents actually started to do interior enforcement. 400 illegal's were caught, over 1,000 fled an apartment complex, on their own. Asa Hutchinson (ex-boss of DHS) made our agents STOP!? Mexico also likes the Billions in Drug money sent there, they will never help secure the border. Terrorists, Drugs, Murderers, etc. P.S. Sen. Gordon Smith & Ron Wyden, just voted against more Border Patrol Agents, proof that they are LIARS!

Rick H., 43, Educated Activist, Salem

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Stop all illegal and legal immigrants at the borders. Enough people in this country as it is.The old USA is running out space. I served this country for 20 years in the military and see people coming here that was once our enemy. Something doesnt ring a bell.

Don, 77, retired, philomath

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I lived in Japan for 18 years. You were issued a card on entry outlining your status and what you could do regarding work, etc. If asked for it, you showed it. If you did not have it you went to the polices station and it was straightened out. If it turned out you were "illegal" you were deported. Period. OK, I know that this flies in the face of civil liberties but aren't those for the citizens? If you do illegal things, do you still benefit from the liberty that allowed that behaviour? There is a process in place for anyone to become a citizen if they so choose. It was absolutely clear in Japan to all what the cosequences of your actions and choices

were. The flip side is that the law was clear and the information was available and a system was in place to get people to the jobs that needed employees. The US apparently starts from a position of punitive action as opposed to what would work best for the country. Figure out what industry needs workers, set up a work permit/visa system, charge a reasonable fee, send everyone else home to follow the rules and process. I realize a continent is different than an island, but It can be done. I believe we need to have the will as a nation to make these decisions, and we have to address the fact that a lot of the issue is that we are a nation of greed and capitalism. There really needs to be balance in all these issues. If most of the folks here illegally are necessary to keep the machine running, and there is no one else who can or chooses to do the work, then we should admit that and set it up where these folks can come here with dignity.

Charles, 50, counselor, Medford

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Question: Why do most Latin immigrants walk north? Answer: To find work to simply live. Employers continue to hire immigrants because they can and will work for very cheap wages which equates to greater profits. Is this exploitation? It depends on the situation and who you ask. Irregardless, if your simple goal is to better control illegal immigration, do one of two things. First, effectively "enforce" labor laws already on the books and create more targeted laws designed to turn up the heat on employers willing to hire illegal workers; therefore, with fewer available jobs...fewer people will arrive to fill them. Second, if employers win the day and insist on a flood of extremely cheap labor, make it logistically possible to obtain some sort of green card \ temporary labor status for the worker; again, the key to this would be enforcement, people have to go home when the time is up.

Willis Miller, 46, Bus. Owner \MATS Student, Salem

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I think they should be sent home and than when they have there paper work or whatever be allowed only than to come back. Years ago teenagers could work the fields than we changed the laws and now they can't, so those fields still need to be worked. And like a lot of others "if they are going to live in America" they should learn to speak the language, after all this is a english speaking country not Mexico. Also, I do not think they should be allow to break laws that the rest of us have to obey. Send them home.

Darlene, 59, retired, Siletz

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Why would we have a 5 year time limit? 2 weeks sounds a lot better. As for the \$2k fine - much too low. Think of how much they scraped up to get the Coyotes to get them across the border -

and how much they are sending home, the real reason the Mexican gov't supports immigration, illegal or not.

Jeff S., 38, Network Tech, Keizer

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I Think Neither Proposal is 100% correct We Do need enforcement Of borders & enforcement of imigration laws by all Government agencices local, state, & federal Also laws that will permit & require all Employers to check on the immigration status of all applicants. Illegal people need a very strong message that the law must be followed. more & easier visas for new immagrants are neededCurrent illgeal need to be fined & registrar Other wise how do you to you keep track of them? for many reasons.

Joe, over 50, local Gov't Worker, albany

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I think that it is ok having them move here if and only if they learn English, not Spanglish. Also if they do everything legally such as driving. One slip up, driving without insurance, robbing a store, etc. they should be shipped back immidiately, and not allowed to come back.

Chelsea, 22, Chemeketa, Keizer

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I think it is ridiculous how over populated we have become due to illegal immigrants, in fact it is very entertaining driving through Woodburn yelling immigration out the window and watching them flee in all sorts of different directions. I have nothing against people moving here looking for a better opportunity, IF they move here and become legal and LEARN TO SPEAK OUR NATIVE LANGUAGE, ITS ENGLISH IN CASE YOU FORGOT DAMNIT! I'm tired of seeing all of our food labels, and signs being changed to spanish and english combined, and spanish being mandatory in our education systems, and in the workplace. It's unfair to those who can't get a job just because we haven't learned a language to make it more convenient to those who obviously refuse to cater to us, when in fact we are hosting them. If you were a guest in someone's house you sure as hell would abide by their rules, why should this be any different. If you want to come and take advantage of America, at least be aware of our customs, get insurance, and learn how to drive for God's sake. I think if they did do either of these bills that learning English should be a requirement, and that the police will come looking for them if they haven't checked out of the country when their time limit is up! It's not about being racist, it's about being thankful for an opportunity better than the ones offered from your native country and repaying the privilage by adjusting to our society, not just trying to expand yours so that we become a minority.

Ari, 23, Student, Salem

## Britain Goes on High Alert, Spurred by Hint of Attack

<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/08/05/international/europe/05london.html>

By DON VAN NATTA Jr. Published: August 5, 2005

LONDON, Aug. 4 - Exactly four weeks after a team of bombers attacked London with a deadly strike, the British police on Thursday mounted their largest security campaign here since World War II as intelligence officials said they had picked up information that another team might be planning a synchronized bombing in London or elsewhere in Britain.

The most recent information came from a cellular phone text message intercepted recently and the interrogation of a suspected terrorist being held outside Britain, said senior counterterrorism and intelligence officials based in Britain, Europe and the United States. The actual text of the message was not made available. The officials said the information was not specific about the timing of such an attack, or whether the team was already in place.

A senior American police official said he was told by his counterpart in Scotland Yard that the latest intelligence information was "specific enough to worry them that something is coming."

A senior intelligence official based in Europe, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said, "The British have told us - they feel sure there will be a third wave of attacks."

Scotland Yard officials declined to comment about the latest intelligence or about the intensifying speculation in the British press. Earlier this week The Sunday Times reported that "a third Islamist terror cell is planning multiple suicide bomb attacks against tube trains and other 'soft' targets in central London."

A Metropolitan Police spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity, would only say, "We have to assume there are more people of the same mind-set who want to attack London."

On Thursday, British officials said they were surprised that new details about explosives used in the two attacks in London had been disclosed in New York City during a briefing that police officials gave to local security directors. The officials said they were not consulted by the New York police before the briefing on Wednesday.

Paul J. Browne, the New York City Police Department's chief spokesman, said he was in error when he told reporters that department officials had cleared the material in the briefing with their British counterparts. The error, he said, resulted in a misunderstanding he had with another New York police official. But Mr. Browne said the department was comfortable with the briefing and noted that the information provided to the security directors came from open sources and was not classified.

Also on Thursday, a videotape was broadcast showing Ayman al-Zawahiri, Al Qaeda's deputy to Osama bin Laden, declaring that there would be more bloodshed in London. Mr. Zawahiri said any additional terror attacks would be the fault of the British prime minister, Tony Blair. "Blair has brought to you destruction in central London, and he will bring more of that, God willing," Mr. Zawahiri said in the tape, which was broadcast on the satellite channel Al Jazeera. The tape's authenticity could not be immediately verified.

He also threatened more attacks against the United States unless it withdrew its troops from Muslim countries. "Our message to you is clear, strong and final - there will be no salvation until you withdraw from our land, stop stealing our oil and resources and end support for infidel rulers," Mr. Zawahiri said.

President Bush said the videotaped comments by Mr. Zawahiri "make it clear that Iraq is a part of this war on terror, and we're at war." Mr. Bush, speaking during a joint appearance at his ranch with the president of Colombia, Álvaro Uribe, said that Mr. Zawahiri and people like him "have a ideology that is dark, dim, backwards."

"They're terrorists and they're killers," he said. "And they will kill innocent people trying to get us to withdraw from the world so they can impose their dark vision on the world."

So far, there has been no link established between Al Qaeda and either attack in London.

Two other American officials played down the significance of the cellphone text, saying that British investigators are so concerned about another attack that some pieces of information take on added significance. A high-ranking American law enforcement official said he was aware of the reports of a cellphone text and a human source confirming the worry about another attack, but he added, "I think the immediacy of it has been toned down."

Both the police and the public are clearly jittery about the possibility of an attack. Some commuters acknowledged on Thursday that they had changed their habits as a result.

"I'm really scared about getting on the tube," said Philippa Embley, 25, a personal assistant who travels during off-peak hours from her home in Surrey to work in north London. "Still, because it's not rush hour, I feel it's a bit safer."

On Thursday, a glorious summer day in the capital, an estimated 6,000 police officers from the Metropolitan Police and British Transport Police patrolled the London Underground and the city's red double-decker buses. The extraordinary show of force came exactly four weeks after a team of four terrorists used bombs to kill 52 people and themselves on three subway trains and a city bus. Exactly two weeks ago, another four-man bombing team tried a copycat attack but their homemade bombs failed to explode. They fled, but all four suspects, British citizens of East African descent, were captured last week in one of Britain's largest international manhunts.

Passenger traffic on London's subways is down 15 percent, or 450,000 passengers a day, and down as much as 30 percent on weekends, according to government figures. Bus passenger numbers have remained steady at about six million per day.

Officials for Transport for London, the city's public transport authority, said the downturn in passengers correlated with the lines and stations closed because of the July 7 attacks. "Now that the network is largely back in action, we're expecting things to climb back to normal," said Richard Dodd, a spokesman for Transport for London.

Also on Thursday, the first person charged in connection with the botched bombing attacks was ordered by a British court to remain in custody. Ismael Abdurahman, 23, from southeast London, appeared at a 10-minute hearing in Bow Street Magistrate's Court before being led to jail. Mr. Abdurahman is charged with withholding information and helping a suspected bomber, Hussain Osman, also known as Hamdi Issac, with avoiding capture in the first several days after July 21. Mr. Osman had fled to Italy after the July 21 attacks. He is being held in Rome awaiting extradition to Britain, where he is expected to face terrorism charges.

The police also charged two women under antiterrorism laws with failing to give the police information after the July 21 attacks, Reuters reported. The police said the women, Yeshshiemebet Girma, 28, and Muluemebet Girma, 21, of London, would appear in court on Friday. They were arrested on July 27 in a raid in the Stockwell area of south London.

## Counter Jihad Education Taskforce Co-Jet.org

<http://www.co-jet.org/cjet/contentsmarch/031405/2005whileitsstill.htm>

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2005: While it's still America  
by DC Watson

Warning: The content contained in this column has failed to meet the prescribed standards of political correctness.

The American people have spoken. Are elected officials listening?

Illegal immigration:

Polling Data

84% of Americans worry about illegal immigration. Of those, thirty-seven percent worry a "great deal" about it.

Gallup Poll, March 8-11, 2004

65% of Americans favor stopping ALL immigration during the war on terrorism.

Fox News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

<<http://www.numbersusa.com/text?ID=932>>

74% of respondents believe the U.S. should NOT make it easier for illegal aliens to become citizens of the U.S.

CNN/Gallup/USA Today Poll, January 2004

76% of Americans believe the U.S. is not doing enough to keep illegal aliens out of the country.

ABC News/Washington Post Poll, January 2005

<<http://www.cpod.ca/polls/index.cfm?fuseaction=viewItem&am p;itemID=5643>>

87% of those polled support sanctions against employers who hire illegal aliens.

83% of those polled support mandatory detention of illegal aliens.

RoperASW Poll

<[http://www.numbersusa.com/interests/Roperpoll\\_0303.html](http://www.numbersusa.com/interests/Roperpoll_0303.html)> ,  
March 2003

<http://www.numbersusa.com/interests/publicop.html>

Islamic Fundamentalists: Unfortunately, several Muslim groups that operate in the U.S. have made their intentions quite clear.

Their agenda, according to their own comments, is to someday convert the U.S. into an Islamic State.

<http://www.frontpagemag.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=6473>

<http://www.anti-cair-net.org/>

They use the media to demonize Americans who exercise free speech that is unfavorable to Islam, while they dismiss the arrests and convictions of Muslim criminals in post 9/11 America as nothing more than an attack on innocent Muslims. That is, of course, until some of these "innocent Muslims" plead guilty to the charges levied against them.

<http://www.etherzone.com/forum/index.php/topic,3133.new.html>

<http://aolsvc.news.aol.com/news/article.adp?id=20050301191809990011&cid=247>

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<http://www.detnews.com/2005/nation/0503/02/A05-105122.htm>

<http://news.findlaw.com/hdocs/docs/terrorism/usroyer603ind.pdf>

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<http://www.frontpagemag.com/Articles/Printable.asp?ID=9981>

<http://www.jihadwatch.org/archives/005306.php#comments>

Sadly, these groups have appointed themselves the voice for the American Muslim community, which they are not. However, their actions may explain why so many Americans have negative views toward the Islamic faith, which is a shame, because decent, law abiding Muslims end up paying the price for the asinine behavior of some of these organizations.

[http://www.amren.com/mtnews/archives/2004/09/african\\_america.php](http://www.amren.com/mtnews/archives/2004/09/african_america.php)

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=341038>

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Heads: Millions of Mexican immigrants have come to America (legally), and have contributed greatly to this nation.

Tails: Many Mexicans hop our fences and walls, enter this country illegally, commit violent crimes against Americans, and despite what we're told, negatively impact our economy.

What illegal aliens really do for the American economy:

Displace roughly 730,000 American workers annually at a cost of \$4.3 billion each year, depressing wage earning potential for American workers.

Cost American school systems \$7.4 billion annually.

Cost American prisons approximately \$600 million annually.

Cost American hospitals in excess of \$1 billion per year in uncompensated medical services.

Sent \$13 billion back to Mexico in 2003.

Total annual cost of illegal immigration burdening American citizens and legal immigrants: \$24 billion.

<http://www.fairus.org/ImmigrationIssueCenters/ImmigrationIssueCenters.cfm?ID=1184&c=13>

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Yet, with all of these tax dollars being spent on those who aren't even supposed to be here, nearly 400,000 American veterans disability and compensation claims remain unprocessed, and our troops remained improperly equipped.

Perhaps our elected officials can straighten all of this out for us by addressing a few questions, since we vote them into office to make decisions that affect our lives.

For instance, why are there Saudi funded Islamic schools and mosques operating inside the United States that are teaching their students that Christianity and Judaism are false religions, while literature has been found in American mosques that preaches hate for the West, and for America?

Americans: With information such as this brought into the public spotlight, the next time you're called a bigot or racist against Islam (what race is Islam again?), refer your odious accuser to the these links:

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,46610,00.html>

<http://www.frontpagemag.com/articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=8715>

<http://www.freedomhouse.org/religion/publications/Saudi%20Report/FINAL%20FINAL.pdf>

[http://www.defenddemocracy.org/in\\_the\\_media/in\\_the\\_media\\_s\\_how.htm?doc\\_id=180218](http://www.defenddemocracy.org/in_the_media/in_the_media_s_how.htm?doc_id=180218)

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Why are organizations like the Council on American Islamic Relations still operating inside American borders after three of their former officers have been convicted for various terror and fraud related crimes?

[http://www.usdoj.gov/opa/pr/2004/April/04\\_crm\\_225.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/opa/pr/2004/April/04_crm_225.htm)

<http://news.findlaw.com/hdocs/docs/terrorism/usroyer603ind.pdf> (p.15-20)

<http://news.findlaw.com/cnn/docs/infocom/uselashi121702ind.pdf> (P. 6-9)

<http://www.frontpagemag.com/Articles/Printable.asp?ID=9981>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/3875507.stm>

Why, with these facts on record, does our government permit this group to hold training classes for law enforcement officers on how to better understand the Islamic culture? This is the United States, so shouldn't CAIR be hosting training classes for Muslims who are having difficulties integrating into American society instead?

[http://www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=41721](http://www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=41721)

Why are American citizens (the overwhelming majority) who don't want illegal immigrants or Muslim radicals running loose labeled as anti-Mexican or anti-Islam? After all, is this not our nation? Is it not our tax dollars that pay for this country to operate?

Example: The good people of Arizona voted to stop spending money on illegal aliens (Proposition 200), which is their legal right.

In turn, our so-called "friends in Mexico" threatened legal action against the residents of Arizona. Mexican Foreign Secretary Luis Ernesto Derbez, a cucaracha for sure, arrogantly threatened to file a lawsuit to have Proposition 200 overturned, even if the issue had to be brought in front of an international court.

<http://newsmax.com/archives/articles/2005/2/7/175421.shtml>

Eliana Garcia Laguna, a Mexico Democratic Revolutionary Party lawmaker also made a typical, predictable comment on this issue: "This law provokes a xenophobic attitude, a discriminatory attitude, it is very bad for the Mexico-U.S. relationship."

<http://frontpagemag.com/Articles/Printable.asp?ID=16848>

And what relationship might that be? How has the United States benefited by having a "relationship" with Vincente' Fox and his disruptive government, which prints booklets that assist illegal border crossers with gaining entry into the U.S.?

[http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=42207](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=42207)

Dear Ms. Garcia Laguna: Arizona residents voted to put this law in place because they don't want THEIR money paying for illegal fence jumpers who break the law to enter the U.S. If you consider this a discriminatory attitude, is there a chance that you should be evaluated by a mental health professional?

Americans are paying over \$2 a gallon for gas, and have been for some time. Are we receiving any oil discounts from Mexico (a top 10 oil exporter in the world) as compensation for the millions of illegal Mexicans we've all been stuck paying for?

<http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/stories/mexico/facts.html>

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cabs/nonopec.html>

Is it more important to secure the Iraqi border than it is to secure American borders? Billions of dollars are being spent overseas, yet Homeland Security is told that funding for the additional 10,000 border patrol agents (2000 per year over the next 5 years, recently signed into law) "isn't in the budget".

<http://www.americandaily.com/article/6638>

Why, especially after 9/11 are the floodgates still open for illegal Mexicans and Middle Easterners (over 44,000 caught between 10/03 and 6/04) to climb over walls and fences into the United States when the U.S. infrastructure has recently received an overall grade of "D" in an analysis put together by the American Society of Civil Engineers?

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/7137552/>

We are a nation of immigrants. This country was built on the backs of all of us, and our ancestors. The immigrants from decades ago entered America by proper and legal means. My Grandfather migrated here from Marcianise, Italy. He learned English, became an American citizen, fought for the United States in WWII, and retired a U.S. Mailman. Millions just like him from many nations came here and followed the same path.

Today, things are different, as some of today's immigrants are here to see what can be handed to them, and whose toes they can get away with stepping on.

The earlier-referenced poll results certainly speak volumes. If we don't take control of this mess, everything that was framed by the founding fathers, that every American has worked so hard for, and that every American soldier has sacrificed to defend, could be lost. Politely flooding Congress with phone calls and e-mails is encouraged.

Note to all American brothers and sisters, and to our friends in free societies around the world: For many years we lived our lives in peace and in freedom. Now some of our new immigrants whine about our cultures offending them. When the immigrants become the intruders, they are due a harsh lesson in respect.

Let no newcomer tell you how to live in your own lands. Let no one instill fear in you. Red blood runs through all our veins.

Know when to be kind, and when to kick an ass.

Note to all American businesses, large and small: With production and delivery deadlines being so critical in today's

market, reviewing job applicants and knowing potential assets from potential liabilities is of the utmost importance.  
<http://www.jihadwatch.org/dhimmiwatch/archives/005301.php>  
[http://www.tennessean.com/local/archives/04/06/53237088.shtml?Element\\_ID=53237088](http://www.tennessean.com/local/archives/04/06/53237088.shtml?Element_ID=53237088)

And remember, hiring illegal aliens isn't a good thing, it's a bad thing.

History revisited: The 1787 American one-cent coin reads: "Mind Your Business" on the front, and "We Are One" on the back. Is our current situation of dealing with illegal aliens and radical Muslims how we should have to mind our business? There's more to life than having to chase people around in this country who have no respect for our laws or our culture.  
· [http://en.mimi.hu/numismatic/fugio\\_cent.html](http://en.mimi.hu/numismatic/fugio_cent.html)  
Thanks for reading. May God bless all of you.

## Fear Over U.S.-Born Extremists Is Brewing

By Josh Meyer Times Staff Writer

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[http://news.yahoo.com/s/latimests/20050801/ts\\_latimes/fearoverusbornextremistsisbrewing](http://news.yahoo.com/s/latimests/20050801/ts_latimes/fearoverusbornextremistsisbrewing)

WASHINGTON — When security cameras captured four young Britons sauntering into the London Underground before detonating their deadly backpacks last month, the chilling images raised questions about whether such homegrown sleeper terrorists could be plotting attacks in the United States. U.S. counter-terrorism officials say there is no evidence that such would-be terrorists exist in large numbers in the United States, or that any of them are in the operational stages of a plot. And some U.S. officials and experts downplay the threat such domestic militants might pose to Americans.

But some senior authorities say there is enough anecdotal evidence to warrant concern, and suggest that whatever radicalized the British bombers could presumably also motivate Americans who have embraced Islamic extremist views expressed on websites and chat rooms, in radical mosques and elsewhere.

Terrorism investigators worry particularly about the American-born children of immigrants from countries known to harbor international terrorists or their training camps. An ability to move easily between cultures, and to travel widely on U.S. passports, would give such citizens a unique set of skills should they pursue terrorist intentions.

"These are second-generation Americans, people who grew up here, were educated here or were raised in this country and are now adopting this extremist view, and are now viewing their home country as the enemy," said Joseph Billy Jr., who heads the FBI's international counter-terrorism operations.

"You are talking about people who are actually here and living in the country and view us as the enemy," Billy said in an interview. "If the [terrorist] message is so strong that these people are willing to travel overseas and take up weapons, when are they going to be ready to cross the line?"

Efforts to identify and intercept anyone crossing that line have led to at least several ongoing domestic investigations, authorities confirmed in interviews. Some have resulted in arrests and prosecutions, and some have fallen apart or been downgraded to minor immigration violations.

Those not convinced that a significant domestic threat exists said most Muslim immigrants to the United States don't face the same degree of economic hardship and cultural isolation that their counterparts in Europe have endured for decades and that are thought to contribute to radicalization.

But others noted that several of the alleged London bombers appeared to have come from prosperous homes and had received good educations.

One London bombing suspect, Haroon Rashid Aswat, who was raised in Britain, had worked closely with a U.S.-spawned terrorist operative from Seattle, Earnest James Ujaama, in an abortive effort to establish a terrorist training camp in rural Oregon. Ujaama pleaded guilty in 2003; Aswat is an unindicted co-conspirator in the same case, authorities say.

"In general, terrorism recruiters are using the Internet and not focusing on the individual but rather a shotgun approach that reaches people from Portland, Ore., to Kuala Lumpur," said Matthew Levitt, a former FBI counter-terrorism analyst who heads terrorism studies at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. "We're as susceptible as anyone else, if not more so. We'd be fools to think that what is happening in Western Europe doesn't affect us. In a globalized world, it certainly does."

But like other current and former authorities, Levitt conceded that it was difficult to know how many homegrown terrorists might be in the United States.

Billy, a deputy assistant FBI director, said he could not discuss the details of any ongoing investigations or the number of potential suspects.

But authorities from several U.S. agencies confirmed that the FBI was investigating several dozen suspected American militants operating in groups and alone, who had had varying degrees of contact with terrorist organizations in the Middle East, South Asia, Europe, North Africa and elsewhere overseas. And they said the potential numbers of such U.S.-born and bred extremists have expanded domestically apace with global antagonism toward the United States for its invasion and occupation of Iraq.

Some of the U.S. suspects are believed to have direct ties to Al Qaeda or its many affiliate groups, often through training at war camps in Afghanistan, Pakistan and other havens.

Other investigations focus on U.S. suspects linked to other terrorist groups from Central Asia and South Asia and to Palestinian terrorist organizations such as Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade.

What has the FBI — and state and local police — so on edge is that there are "so many different degrees of connectivity"

between such U.S. suspects and terrorist groups, according to a second senior U.S. counter-terrorism official. Some play a peripheral role but are nevertheless of serious concern because of their ability to provide financial, logistical and even operational assistance in the United States, he said.

Authorities say they can never predict which of the potential operatives could suddenly help launch an attack, or do something alone and without prompting. "That's our focus right now. We continue to look at these would-be jihadists and [try to determine] who is going to be the one who is going to do something," Billy said.

Another U.S. official, a top-ranking counter-terrorism authority who coordinates overseas intelligence gathering, agreed that the pool of such potential American militants was probably small. But he said the U.S. intelligence community had grown increasingly concerned about how easily militants with American passports could acquire deadly training overseas in explosives and guerrilla warfare techniques such as assassinations and kidnappings, without the CIA or State Department knowing about it.

Neither agency regularly tracks Americans traveling abroad to find out if they are ending up in the madrasas of Pakistan or the mosques of Saudi Arabia, Morocco or even the Finsbury Park mosque in London and other Western European bastions of anti-Western radicalization, according to that U.S. official and others.

Only those Americans who have already sparked the interest of the FBI or local law enforcement are likely to be monitored as they make their way around the world. And current and former counter-terrorism officials from various U.S. agencies acknowledged that they couldn't do much of that either.

"You have such large numbers of people going overseas and we don't have the resources," said Michael Kraft, who retired last year after many years as a senior State Department counter-terrorism official. "The sheer number of people who go back and forth, it'd be a huge tracking job."

U.S. officials note that in Pakistan alone, there are thousands of madrasas — informal schools that often teach radical curriculums. And they estimate that there could be tens of thousands more informal recruitment and training facilities around the world.

Additionally, Kraft and others said, most of the suspected American militants found to have gone overseas for such training took circuitous routes there and back to cover their tracks.

Authorities point to Hamid Hayat, a 22-year-old Pakistani American from Lodi, Calif., who with his father, Umer Hayat, was charged in June with lying to federal agents about the younger Hayat's alleged 2003-04 attendance at a terrorist training camp in Pakistan. That trip, to which Hamid Hayat has confessed, is part of a broader inquiry into a potential sleeper cell within the Pakistani American community in Lodi, according to the FBI.

Hayat was born in Stockton and lived in Lodi with his family. He and his father have pleaded not guilty and denied any ties to terrorism.

But an FBI affidavit alleges in detail how Hayat confessed to spending six months at an Al Qaeda-affiliated camp at which he taught paramilitary training and "how to kill Americans." Hayat said he agreed to return home and launch a terrorist attack, the affidavit alleges.

Hayat traveled home by way of South Korea, but his plane was diverted May 29 on the way to the United States because his name showed up on a "no-fly" list, apparently because of his connections to others in Lodi under investigation.

Several groups of young men born or reared in the U.S. have been convicted of terrorism-related charges in high-profile cases in Lackawanna, N.Y., a suburb of Buffalo; in Portland, Ore.; and in Northern Virginia. In the Lackawanna case, six Yemeni Americans admitted to attending a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan.

In August 2002, a Miami-based U.S. citizen named Shueyb Mossa Jokhan pleaded guilty to plotting with a local teenager to bomb electrical power stations and a National Guard armory as part of an Islamic holy war.

The two allegedly attempted to find money to buy AK-47 assault rifles and other weapons, night vision equipment, stun guns, pepper spray and smoke grenades.

That summer, authorities arrested U.S.-born Jose Padilla, 34, as he stepped off a plane in Chicago from Zurich, Switzerland. He was accused of plotting with senior Al Qaeda leaders to explode a "dirty bomb" made up of conventional explosives and radioactive material somewhere in the United States. Padilla remains in custody as an "enemy combatant."

Last summer, U.S. authorities quietly stepped up their scrutiny of all incoming travelers of Pakistani descent, including U.S. citizens, particularly at airports in Los Angeles; New York; Chicago; Detroit; Newark, N.J.; and metropolitan Washington.

In a confidential warning, Customs and Border Protection agents were told to look for signs of injuries that could have been received during paramilitary training — such as rope burns, unusual bruises and scars.

Citing information obtained during Pakistani military raids near the border with Afghanistan, the memo also warned that, "it is reasonable to expect that many of the individuals trained are destined to commit illegal activities in the United States."

Several months ago, FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III told the Senate intelligence committee that the FBI had identified various extremists throughout the U.S. and was monitoring terrorism-related activities in Virginia, Minneapolis, New York and elsewhere.

Mueller testified that Al Qaeda had demonstrated the ability to exploit radical American converts "and other indigenous

extremists" to the point at which they could play a role in future terrorist plots. One, Iyman Faris, an Ohio trucker and Pakistani-born U.S. citizen, admitted to plotting with Al Qaeda leaders to destroy the Brooklyn Bridge.

The FBI was especially concerned about peripheral groups, including some radical fundamentalist religious and political organizations, Mueller said. They have even more followers than Al Qaeda among so-called second-generation militants, authorities say. That is because they are perceived as being a more mainstream presence within U.S.-based Islamic communities, and thus less likely to raise suspicions.

Authorities also say there is growing evidence that such extremists have tried to obtain paramilitary training inside the United States. There are several ongoing investigations into such alleged activities by small groups who FBI officials say are inspired by the jihadist rhetoric found in radical mosques, in U.S. prisons and on the Internet.

U.S. authorities told The Times that Mohammed Junaid Babar, a Pakistani American who grew up in Queens, N.Y., had been quietly cooperating with their investigation into the July 7 bombings in London. Babar has been linked to an alleged Al Qaeda effort to conduct detailed surveillance on financial institutions in New York, Washington and Newark in order to blow them up.

Babar was also indicted on terrorism-related charges; authorities say in court documents that he conspired with top Al Qaeda leaders to organize a jihad training camp in Pakistan and to blow up targets in Britain such as Heathrow Airport.

One of Babar's other alleged associates is Adnan G. El Shukrijumah, born overseas but raised in South Florida.

El Shukrijumah is described as one of Al Qaeda's most dangerous operatives, and catching him is a top priority for U.S. authorities.

U.S. authorities say El Shukrijumah, who also has been linked to Padilla's alleged dirty bomb plot, has the same kind of organizational and leadership skills as alleged Sept. 11 ringleader Mohamed Atta, but with a U.S. passport and ability to speak and appear like any other youthful American.

Also among the FBI's most wanted is a man known only as "Azzam the American."

Shortly before last year's presidential election, a group affiliated with Al Qaeda released a lengthy tape in which Azzam warned U.S. citizens that support of their government's policies would cost them their lives.

His face hidden under sunglasses and a Palestinian head-scarf, Azzam said that the attacks of Sept. 11 were only the "opening salvo of the global war on America."

U.S. intelligence officials believe that the tape is authentic, and that Azzam the American could actually be Adam Yahiyeh

Gadahn, another alleged Al Qaeda operative, who was reared on a goat farm in Southern California.

Gadahn, also wanted by the FBI, allegedly has worked as a translator and aide for some of Al Qaeda's senior leaders.

## **Transcript of a recent "60 Minutes" show on the death of Van Gogh.**

This following quote I find most timely:

Paul Scheffer, a professor of sociology at the University of Amsterdam, says people of faith of every kind are welcome, so long as they understand that in Dutch democracy, virtually nothing is sacred.

"You can't live here with a holy book that is above or beyond our democracy. Your holy book will be the object of criticism," says Scheffer. "It will be the object of interpretation, and sometimes of ridicule. And if you can't accept that, you can't live here."

As you read the text note the responses of the Islamic activist and his obvious problem with accepting the reality of free speech. This is something a lot of Americans don't quite get. These extremists, no worse than those Catholic witch hunting extremists, really don't accept criticism of their religion. And some of them will kill you for exercising your freedom. This I have a major problem with and it is why I am especially concerned about further immigration by muslim populations into the US.

Transcript:

Slaughter And 'Submission'

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Hirsi Ali: 'Submission'

Ayaan Hirsi Ali's film, "Submission," has offended Muslims worldwide, especially those living in the Netherlands, where it first appeared on television last August. (Photo: CBS)

Called "Submission," the film depicts the Koran written on a naked Muslim woman's body, and on the body of another woman scarred from beatings inflicted by her husband.

Director Theo Van Gogh was brutally murdered on a street in Amsterdam, allegedly by a Muslim radical. (Photo: AP)

(CBS) The images that aired last August in a 12-minute movie on Dutch television were meant to shock its viewers.

In one image, the opening lines of the holy book, the Koran, were written across the naked body of a Muslim woman. Another image showed Koranic verses about female obedience scrawled on the back of a woman beaten by her husband, while a female voice accused Allah of condoning the violence.

The movie, "Submission," was directed by Holland's most controversial film maker, Theo Van Gogh, a descendant of the painter Vincent Van Gogh, and a national gadfly, who made a career insulting everyone, no matter their faith, race or gender.

"Submission" was right up Van Gogh's alley, but it wasn't his idea. The movie was written and conceived by a 35-year-old Muslim woman, Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a member of the Dutch parliament, and a relentless critic of the way Islam treats women.

"Surely that must have been a gross insult to devout Muslims, to see those pictures," says Safer, of the images that appear in "Submission."

"It depends," says Hirsi Ali. "If you're a Muslim woman and you read the Koran, and you read in there that you should be raped if you say 'no' to your husband, that is offensive. And that is insulting."

Such provocative interpretations of the Koran have made Hirsi Ali a lot of enemies among radical Muslims. She lives in hiding with round-the-clock security. But she gave Correspondent Morley Safer an exclusive interview in a room in the Dutch parliament.

In the past, Hirsi Ali has called the prophet Mohammed a "perverted tyrant." She remarks, "he has said a few things that are not compatible with democracy." She has also called a part of the Koran "a license for oppression."

Even before the movie was broadcast, Hirsi Ali worked in parliament under guard. After the broadcast, she received a new wave of death threats, and the government increased her security. There were threats against Van Gogh, too, but he laughed them off. This was Holland, after all, the world's capital of free speech.

But Van Gogh was murdered as he cycled to work on a bike path in Linnaeus Street in Amsterdam one morning last November. He was shot several times by a bearded young man. As he lay dying, Van Gogh was reported to have begged for mercy, and said, "Can't we talk about this?" But the man shot him again, slit his throat and stabbed him, pinning a letter to his body.

Holland was in a state of shock. Tens of thousands massed in the center of Amsterdam to mourn Van Gogh's death, a sense of lost innocence and enormous anger. There were fire-bombings of mosques and Muslim schools, and counterattacks against churches.

Mohammed Bouyeri, 26, was charged with murder. Eleven other Muslim men were arrested and charged with conspiracy to assassinate Hirsi Ali. That letter pinned to Van Gogh's body was addressed to her. It said that she would be destroyed, along with Holland and the United States.

Did Hirsi Ali think that Van Gogh would become a target?

"Before we talked about making the film I said, 'Do you realize the danger?' " says Hirsi Ali. "But he was adamant about making it. He was adamant about putting his name on the title."

The Dutch government got Hirsi Ali out of the country while the people of Holland grappled with the aftermath of the murder. Almost overnight, the tolerant nation was transformed, and long-simmering resentment against the country's Muslim minority erupted.

"The death of Theo was actually a kind of a smart bomb. Everybody is threatened when they speak out," says Theodor Holman, a columnist and radio commentator. He was also one of Van Gogh's closest friends.

Van Gogh's death, Holman says, really shocked the country, "Because the country did love him as well. He had his own television show. He had a radio show. He made movies. So he embodied what you can do in this country and what you can say."

And that means just about anything goes. Coffee shops sell cappuccino, hashish and marijuana, and it's legal. In storefronts, prostitutes offer anything you fancy, which is also perfectly legal. Gay life and gay marriage are also protected by law.

This was all a reflection of a centuries-old tradition of religious and social tolerance that included, until very recently, a policy of openness to the world. For decades, Dutch immigration laws were the most easygoing on earth. Those laws have become more restrictive in recent years, but in the wake of Van Gogh's death, there is a call for extreme measures, which were once unthinkable in Holland.

"A poor man's Patriot Act is in the making," says Holman. "A Dutch way of having a Patriot Act."

Holland once had a reputation, historically, of being a welcoming country. Has that changed? "I think that is gone now," says Holman. "I hope it will return. But it has gone now."

It's changed particularly for new Muslim immigrants. Out of a Dutch population of 16 million, there are 1 million Muslims, mostly Moroccans and Turks, who are now Dutch citizens. With high unemployment, and with huge numbers who never learned the language, most Muslims live in a separate world, in barren suburbs known as "dish cities," named for the satellite dishes beaming sometimes inflammatory Arab television into homes, and fostering a militant Islam. The man charged with killing Van Gogh grew up in such a place.

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"But it's not so easy, because what you're asking these families to do, when you even suggest that, is give up your tradition," says Safer. "And become one of us."

"They could interest themselves more for this society and the other way around as well," says Scheffer. "No one was interested in their existence. Never a question was asked because nobody was interested in the answer."

Nabil Marmouch, a Muslim community leader, agrees with Scheffer. He says Muslims in Holland have been marginalized and worse. And the movie, "Submission," is a prime example.

"You cannot emancipate women by insulting them," says Marmouch. "Unless, of course, that is your hidden agenda, to insult them, and to create what has happened here in the Netherlands."

Marmouch, who is starting a Muslim political party, says murder is wrong, but he says he was not surprised by the murder of Van Gogh: "We could expect that from the beginning."

In part, Marmouch's lack of surprise stems from the fact that Van Gogh insulted people from all religious backgrounds. "So that is a good argument," asks Marmouch. "'Oh, we Christians are being insulted, so you Muslims should also be insulted?' No, I don't think so."

Marmouch adds, "The whole thing is being politicized by Ayaan Hirsi Ali."

She is seen as a traitor to Islam, the faith she rejected as a very young woman. Hirsi Ali says her rejection of Islam started at an early age: "From the time I started reading novels of Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys, I wanted to be like Nancy Drew." Her beliefs estranged her from her parents, who remain devout believers.

"They just don't get it, I think," says Hirsi Ali, who says her father thinks she's misguided. "The last time I spoke to my father, he told me that he believes that one day I will return to the faith."

She's come a long way since she first arrived in Holland as a 22-year-old woman fleeing a marriage her father had arranged, and seeking asylum. Nowadays, she's a kind of star, and the Dutch take pride in how she rose from menial jobs in factories and hotels to attend university, and finally, to get elected to parliament.

How did she do it? "The American dream," says Hirsi Ali. "I think it's in every individual, if you have the will to improve your life."

She shook up Dutch politics by pointing to the blind spots in this tolerant democracy, like the murder of Muslim women who stray from the faith — so-called honor killings.

"My accusation towards the Dutch society was, 'You think you are tolerant, but if you look behind those curtains in Amsterdam and Rotterdam, there are women who are abused. There are women who are taken to Morocco and Turkey and are killed

there. They're murdered. And there are no records of those murders,' " says Hirsi Ali.

"I suppose some people would say we can't impose our alien laws on these new citizens," says Safer.

"That was the definition of tolerance before I came," says Hirsi Ali. "And now we are redefining that by saying, freeing these women, giving them a chance at life is not imposing Dutch will, or let's say Dutch values, on others. But it's protecting these individuals."

After the murder of Van Gogh, Hirsi Ali stayed in hiding for about three months. In January, she returned to parliament, to a democracy less sure of itself, and a new anxiety in Holland: a feeling that it's no longer safe to speak out or make art or movies about certain subjects.

Organizers of the Rotterdam Film Festival, for instance, cancelled a showing of "Submission," saying they feared violence.

But Hirsi Ali refuses to back down. She says she's going to make a sequel to "Submission."

"By not making 'Submission Part II,' I would only be helping terrorists believe that if they use violence, they're rewarded with what they want," says Hirsi Ali. Will she submit to the threats? "Not me," she says.

## **Criticisms of congressman's comments on Islam keep coming**

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WASHINGTON (AP) -- Comments by Republican U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo that suggested the United States could "take out" Islamic holy sites if Muslim attackers targeted America in a nuclear strike are "careless" and could be used to recruit terrorists, U.S. Rep. John Dingell of Michigan said Thursday.

Dingell, a Democrat whose Detroit-area district includes thousands of Arabs and Muslims, called on Republicans in Congress and President Bush to join him in condemning the Colorado representative's statement.

The Detroit area has an estimated 300,000 Arab-Americans, though not all are Muslim. About a third of the nearby city of Dearborn, Mich., where Dingell has a district office, are of Arab descent.

Tancredo maintains he was taken out of context. But rebukes have come from as far away as Indonesia to as nearby as the Democratic National Committee office in Washington.

"Mr. Tancredo's reprehensible attack on Islam is ignorant and offensive," Dingell said in a statement. "I only hope that his statement won't be used on extremist Web sites as justification for a 'holy war' against the United States and our allies."

Tancredo was asked on a radio talk show last week how the United States should respond if terrorists struck several of its cities with nuclear weapons.

"Well, what if you said something like -- if this happens in the United States, and we determine that it is the result of extremist, fundamentalist Muslims, you know, you could take out their holy sites," Tancredo answered.

When host Pat Campbell of WFLA-AM in Orlando, Fla., asked if he meant "bombing Mecca," the congressman responded: "Yeah."

Mecca and Medina, in Saudi Arabia, are Islam's holiest cities. All able-bodied Muslims are required to make a pilgrimage there at least once in their lives. Mecca is the birthplace of Islam's prophet Muhammad and home to the Kaaba, Islam's most sacred site, which Muslims around the world face when they perform daily prayers.

"To even suggest an attack on Mecca shows Congressman Tancredo has no understanding of the true nature of Islam and the peaceful Muslims living in the Arab world," Dingell said.

A spokesman for the House Majority Leader's office declined to respond to Dingell.

A White House spokesman said Bush stands by comments made earlier this week by U.S. State Department spokesman Adam Ereli, who called Tancredo's statement "insulting and offensive."

Tancredo's office said Tancredo has nothing to apologize for because his comments have been misunderstood. He has said he did not mean he wanted to bomb Mecca or Medina.

His response to criticism Thursday was a dig at Dingell, who has served almost 50 years in the U.S. House.

"Dingell was in Congress when Mecca was built," Tancredo said in a statement. "He has a large Muslim constituency in his district to pander to. I understand why he'd attack me."

Dingell's spokesman declined to reply to Tancredo.

## **How Many Muslim Terrorists Does It Take To Wake Up A Nation?**

By Dave Gibson (07/24/05)

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Comment: A bit extreme but I emphasize with the concern. PH

The 9/11 attacks on the United States, the Madrid train bombing, and the London subway attacks were all deadly and all were committed by Muslim terrorists. Despite these atrocious acts which targeted civilians--too many Americans and Europeans still fail to see the true face of our enemy.

Our enemy is just as determined as they are evil and unfortunately, many of them live amongst us. The Muslim world

is at war with the Judeo-Christian world. The question is...When will we wake up to this fact?

The United States as well as Europe have large Muslim communities within our borders. The 9/11 hijackers were living in middle-class neighborhoods and taking flying lessons in Florida. The terrorists responsible for the London attacks lived and worked in England, in fact they were born in that country and learned their hatred for 'infidel's within that nation's Muslim community.

Dearborn, MI has the distinction of being the largest Muslim community outside of the Middle-East. 300,000 Muslims call Dearborn and the surrounding area home. Some of that region's public schools are more than 90 percent Muslim. That area is dotted with store-front Mosques. It is an incredible potential breeding-ground for so-called 'homegrown terrorists.'

It was discovered that one the recent London terrorists lived in a Seattle mosque and attempted to set up a terrorist training camp in rural Oregon.

If we (as our president tells us ) are truly at war, the government should immediately begin the deportation of every non-citizen who hails from one of the 'axis of evil' nations. We should also create internment camps for those Arab-Muslims living as naturalized citizens within this country. It is a much-proven fact that many Muslims living and working in the United States are sending money back home, which will eventually come back to us in the form of suicide bombs.

The liberal left will say that there are many good Muslims in this country and internment would not be fair. I would remind them that there were also many good Japanese, Germans, and Italians living in this country during World War II. However, that generation of Americans put the safety of this great nation ahead of political correctness.

Our parents and grandparents worried much less about offending those who may kill us and more about the survival of the Republic. They interned whole communities of ethnic groups which shared common origins with our enemies. There were no doubt honest and hardworking people caught up in that episode. However, there were also enemy agents in those communities. It was the right thing to do and the United States never suffered an attack on the mainland. Liberal compassion aside, it is hard to argue with success--especially when the stakes are so high.

Now is not the time for compassion. Now is the time for ferocious and wide-sweeping action. We must meet the enemy with the same determination which dwells in their cold hearts. We should begin at home.

Unfortunately, it will take another catastrophic event occurring on American soil to awaken our cowardly leaders. Our supposedly conservative President Bush even refuses to secure our own borders. It is hard to imagine the man who seems to take great pleasure in calling Islam (which means submission) "a religion of peace," doing what the liberal Democrat Franklin Roosevelt did to secure this nation.

Many more Americans will have to die before our politicians wake up and do what is necessary. Of course, the jihadists are only happy to continue that campaign.

Only bringing total war to our Islamic enemies will ensure that future generations of Americans will not live in fear of these cowards.

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## President Makes It Clear: Phrase Is 'War on Terror'

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By RICHARD W. STEVENSON, The New York Times

GRAPEVINE, Tex. (Aug. 3) - President Bush publicly overruled some of his top advisers on Wednesday in a debate about what to call the conflict with Islamic extremists, saying, "Make no mistake about it, we are at war."

A War by Any Other Name...

AP"It is more than just a military war on terror. It's broader than that. It's a global struggle against extremism. We need to dispute both the gloomy vision and offer a positive alternative."  
-- Stephen J. Hadley, National Security Advisor, July 26, 2005

Getty Images"Stephen, changing the word 'war' to 'struggle;' what difference does that possibly make?"

"John, a war can be unwinnable; but a struggle, that's something you can live with."

-- John Stewart & Stephen Colbert, "The Daily Show," July 26, 2005

AP"We're at war with an enemy that attacked us on September the 11th, 2001. ... Make no mistake about it, this is a war against people who profess an ideology and they use terror as a means to achieve their objectives."

-- President Bush, Aug. 3, 2005

Sources: The New York Times, Comedy Central

The change in phraseology became fodder for late-night comics, but in a speech Wednesday, President Bush left no doubt about his preference: He referred to the "war on terror" five times.

Talk About It: Post

In a speech here, Mr. Bush used the phrase "war on terror" no less than five times. Not once did he refer to the "global struggle against violent extremism," the wording consciously adopted by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and other officials in recent weeks after internal deliberations about the best way to communicate how the United States views the challenge it is facing.

In recent public appearances, Mr. Rumsfeld and senior military officers have avoided formulations using the word "war," and some of Mr. Bush's top advisers have suggested that the administration wanted to jettison what had been its semiofficial wording of choice, "the global war on terror."

In an interview last week about the new wording, Stephen J. Hadley, Mr. Bush's national security adviser, said that the conflict was "more than just a military war on terror" and that the United States needed to counter "the gloomy vision" of the extremists and "offer a positive alternative."

But administration officials became concerned when some news reports linked the change in language to signals of a shift in policy. At the same time, Mr. Bush, by some accounts, told aides that he was not happy with the new phrasing, a change of tone from the wording he had consistently used since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

It is not clear whether the new language embraced by other administration officials was adopted without Mr. Bush's approval or whether he reversed himself after the change was made. Either way, he planted himself on Wednesday firmly on the side of framing the conflict primarily in military terms and appeared intent on emphasizing that there had been no change in American policy.

"We're at war with an enemy that attacked us on September the 11th, 2001," Mr. Bush said in his address here, to the American Legislative Exchange Council, a group of state legislators. "We're at war against an enemy that, since that day, has continued to kill."

Mr. Bush made a nod to the criticism that "war on terror" was a misleading phrase in the sense that the enemy is not terrorism, but those who used it to achieve their goals. In doing so, he used the word "war," as he did at least 13 other times in his 47-minute speech, most of which was about domestic policy.

"Make no mistake about it, this is a war against people who profess an ideology, and they use terror as a means to achieve their objectives," he said.

Gen. Richard B. Myers of the Air Force, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said on July 18 in an address to the National Press Club that he had "objected to the use of the term 'war on terrorism' before, because if you call it a war, then you think of people in uniform as being the solution."

General Myers said then that the threat instead should be defined as violent extremists, with the recognition that "terror is the method they use."

On Wednesday, in its efforts to hammer home the point that the "war" phraseology was still administration policy, the White House sent e-mail messages to reporters after Mr. Bush's speech with some excerpts of an address delivered Tuesday by Mr. Rumsfeld. In that speech, Mr. Rumsfeld backed away from the new language he had been employing in recent weeks.

"Some ask, are we still engaged in a war on terror?" Mr. Rumsfeld said. "Let there be no mistake about it. It's a war. The president properly termed it that after Sept. 11. The only way to defend against terrorism is to go on the attack."

In a telephone interview on Wednesday evening, a spokesman for the Pentagon, Lawrence Di Rita, sought to play down any disagreement between Mr. Rumsfeld and the president, citing the secretary's speech on Tuesday, in Dallas.

"The secretary doesn't feel this is push back," Mr. Di Rita said. "He feels it's an important clarification."

In introducing the new language, administration officials had suggested that the change reflected an evolution in the president's thinking nearly four years after the Sept. 11 attacks and had been adopted after discussions among Mr. Bush's senior advisers that began in January.

The new slogan quickly become grist for late-night comics and drew news coverage that linked it with the emergence of a broad new approach to defining and attacking the problem of Islamic extremism through diplomacy and efforts to build closer ties to moderate Muslims, as well as through military action.

Mr. Bush arrived in Texas on Tuesday, and is spending the rest of the month at his vacation home in Crawford. After winning a string of legislative victories before Congress recessed for the summer, Mr. Bush also used his appearance here to try to build support for the issues that will be at the top of his agenda when he returns to Washington.

He said that he would continue to push to overhaul Social Security and that he would press ahead with his call for a new approach to immigration despite the deep divisions it has exposed in his party.

Eric Schmitt contributed reporting from Washington for this article.



Ayman al-Zawahri, al-Qaida's second-in-command, speaks in a video aired by Al Jazeera. (Reuters)

## Al-Qaida Threatens More Attacks in Britain

Thousands of Military Deaths Vowed Unless U.S. Withdraws From Iraq

By MAAMOUN YOUSSEF, AP

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APAyman al-Zawahri threatens more destruction in London in a video aired by Al-Jazeera, an Arab satellite channel.

CAIRO, Egypt (Aug. 4) - Al-Qaida's No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri, threatened more destruction in London, saying in a videotape broadcast Thursday that British Prime Minister Tony Blair would be to blame.

Al-Zawahri also threatened the United States with tens of thousands of military dead if it does not withdraw its troops from Iraq immediately.

The tape, aired on the pan-Arab satellite channel Al-Jazeera, was delivered exactly one month after the July 7 bombings in London that killed 56 people, including four suicide attackers. In the excerpts aired by Al-Jazeera, al-Zawahri did not directly claim that al-Qaida carried out the July 7 or July 21 attacks.

But he brought the July 7 attacks under al-Qaida's wing and depicted the terror network as still capable of delivering strikes around the world despite arrests in Europe and blows against its leadership in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

He presented the attacks as a result of Blair's decision to deploy troops in Iraq.

"Blair has brought to you destruction in central London, and he will bring more of that, God willing," al-Zawahri said in the broadcast excerpts.

In London, Blair's Downing Street office declined to comment on the broadcast.

Al-Zawahri, an Egyptian doctor who merged his militant faction with that of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan in the late 1990s, spoke with a Kalashnikov rifle propped up behind his right shoulder against a plain background.

He has been in hiding since the United States invaded Afghanistan in late 2001. It was at least the sixth videotape or audiotape released by al-Zawahri since the Sept. 11 attacks blamed on al-Qaida.

In June, Al-Jazeera broadcast a videotape of al-Zawahri disparaging the U.S. concept of reform in the Middle East and saying armed jihad was the only way to bring change in the Arab world.

The Saudi-born bin Laden last appeared in a video in October.

The latest videotape showed al-Zawahri positioned in front of a woven cloth that moved with the wind and showed the sunlight,

indicating it appeared to be made outdoors. He was wearing a white robe and a black turban and emphatically wagged his finger at the camera while speaking.

Taahir Hoorzook, of the media relations department in Al-Jazeera, said Al-Jazeera received the tape Thursday. "It was left at one of our offices and we got it from there," he said, refusing to say which office received it. The network aired about 10 percent of the five-minute tape, he said.

The parts that weren't broadcast were "the usual rhetoric, speaking about the occupation of Islamic lands and other things that we did not find newsworthy," he said.

In the excerpts, al-Zawahri warned the United States it could expect significantly more casualties from its military campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"As for you, the Americans, what you have seen in New York and Washington, what losses that you see in Afghanistan and Iraq, despite the media blackout, is merely the losses of the initial clashes," he said.

"If you go on with the same policy of aggression against Muslims, you will see, with God's will, what will make you forget the horrible things in Vietnam and Afghanistan."

He said the Bush administration was repeating the "same lies they said in Vietnam ... that they are bringing freedom."

"There is no way out of Iraq without immediate withdrawal, and any delay on this means only more dead, more losses," he said. "If you don't leave today, certainly you will leave tomorrow, and after tens of thousands of dead, and double that figure in disabled and wounded."

He suggested there would be more attacks against other Western countries who have contributed troops to the U.S.-led multinational force in Iraq. He said those nations had ignored a three-month "truce" that bin Laden offered European nations in April 2004 to give them time to withdraw their troops from Iraq.

"Hasn't Sheik Osama bin Laden told you that you will not dream of security before there is security in Palestine and before all the infidel armies withdraw from the land of Muhammad?" al-Zawahri said.

"Instead (of accepting the truce), you spilled blood like rivers in our countries and we exploded the volcanoes of wrath in your countries."

He did not name any countries apart from Britain, but he appeared to be referring to the terror attacks in Madrid, Spain, last year that were linked to al-Qaida. Those train bombings killed 191 people.

"Our message is clear: you will not be safe until you withdraw from our land, stop stealing our oil and wealth and stop supporting the corrupt rulers," al-Zawahri said.

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## California Father and Son Face Charges in Terrorism Case

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LODI, Calif., June 8 - An American man of Pakistani descent has been arrested along with his father, a naturalized American citizen, as part of an investigation by federal law enforcement officials into possible terrorist connections with Al Qaeda.

Max Whittaker for The New York Times  
Umer Hayat, above, and his son Hamid of Lodi, Calif., were arrested Tuesday by federal authorities.  
According to an F.B.I. affidavit filed in Federal District Court in Sacramento, about 40 miles north of this agricultural town, Hamid Hayat, 22, told investigators last weekend that he had been trained "on how to kill Americans" at a camp in Pakistan affiliated with Al Qaeda. The affidavit said that during Mr. Hayat's weapons training, "photos of various high-ranking United States political figures, including President Bush, would be pasted on their targets."

Mr. Hayat, who was born in California, returned to the United States on May 29 after spending more than two years in Pakistan. He began working last week as a cherry picker with a local fruit packing company, a family member said.

The affidavit said Mr. Hayat's father, Umer Hayat, 47, who drives an ice cream truck in Lodi, provided financial support for his son's training. Both men were taken into custody on Tuesday and were being held in a Sacramento jail. They have been charged with lying to federal investigators about the training camp and are scheduled to appear in court on June 21, said Johnny L. Griffin III, a lawyer for the father.

"Notwithstanding the alarming statement made in the affidavit, the government has only charged each of the defendants with one count of making a false statement to a federal agent," Mr. Griffin said. "They are not charged in this complaint with committing any terrorist acts, and they are not charged in this complaint with supporting any terrorist acts."

Federal officials said the investigation was in its early stages. They said that more charges were likely and that others might be involved.

"It's several years old and it's ongoing," John Cauthen, a special agent with the F.B.I. in Sacramento, said of the investigation. "We actually have agents in the field working as we speak, and we do not want to say anything that will compromise their work."

A relative of the two men, Usama Ismail, 19, said the accusations were "total lies." Mr. Ismail said the statements in the affidavit attributed to Hamid Hayat must have been coerced from him "after hours and hours of interrogation."

"He did not go to a terrorist training camp," said Mr. Ismail, who lives on the same block as the two men and whose mother is Umer Hayat's sister. "Even if they did say that, that's because the F.B.I. made them say what they wanted them to say."

Mr. Ismail said the F.B.I. began pursuing his cousin and uncle because of anonymous calls to the authorities made by enemies of his uncle. He said that he could not elaborate but that when he spoke to his cousin on Saturday, Hamid Hayat said he was cooperating and seemed to be unconcerned.

"They have something against Hamid's dad," Mr. Ismail said of the anonymous callers. "Because of that they kept calling the F.B.I. and saying they are terrorists."

Three other men have also been detained in connection with the investigation. Two of the men, Shabbir Ahmed and Muhammad Adil Khan, are imams affiliated with the two Pakistani mosques in Lodi, the Farooqia Islamic Center and the Lodi Muslim Mosque. The town has had a sizable Pakistani Muslim population for many years, residents said, and there are plans to build a Muslim school on the outskirts of town. The authorities said the two imams, who are not American citizens, were being detained for immigration violations.

Immigration officials said Mr. Kahn's son, Muhammad Hassan Adil, 19, was arrested today for immigration violations.

A law enforcement official who has been briefed on the investigation said Mr. Khan, who is identified on the Farooqia Islamic Center Web site as its president, has been under F.B.I. surveillance for years. The official said there were suspicions after the Sept. 11 attacks that Mr. Khan might be interested in organizing a terrorist training camp in the Lodi area. Those concerns resulted in an intensive investigation that was considered important enough to reach the desks of senior officials in Washington, including the F.B.I. director, Robert S. Mueller III.

A lawyer for the two imams, Saad Ahmad, said the men were innocent of any wrongdoing, describing them as "law abiding" and "decent hard-working people." He said Mr. Khan and Mr. Ahmed were granted entry to the United States to work as imams but said law enforcement officials accused them of violating their visas because they "did not perform their duties as an imam."

"I really believe they don't have anything on these guys," said Mr. Ahmad, an immigration lawyer.

According to the affidavit, Hamid Hayat told investigators that "he specifically requested to come to the United States to carry out his Jihadi mission."

"Potential targets for attack would include hospitals and large food stores," according to the affidavit, which was signed by Pedro Tenoch Aguilar, an F.B.I. agent.

As Muslims in Lodi converged on a mosque on Poplar Street for afternoon prayers, Nawaz Shah, 19, who was born in Pakistan but has spent most of his life in Lodi, said he was growing weary of the assumption that Muslims are terrorists.

"When we first came, you know, it was easy," Mr. Shah said. "We believed in the freedom of religion and the freedom of speech and all of that. But these days, you know, it is obvious we don't have that. We really can't go around always believing in our faith and this and that, because we have the press on us and people calling us terrorists."

Dean E. Murphy reported from Lodi for this article, and David Johnston from Washington. Carolyn Marshall contributed reporting from San Francisco.

## Articles on Immigration, Population Control and the future of Earth

### Swelling population affects health and future of planet

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July 11, 2005 BY JOHN SEAGER

Next year, we will add 74 million people to the world's population, and they will all be coming to Michigan. Some will arrive by car, but many more will come by air or water -- and I don't mean by plane or by boat.

While the vast majority will never step foot in the state, the environmental impact of the rapidly growing global population will greatly affect the water we drink, the air we breathe, the food we eat, and the overall quality of life in the Wolverine State.

The ecological effects of human activity in any small pocket on the globe are felt the world round. When it comes to rapid population growth and environmental degradation, the phrase "not in my backyard" has little application. The shrimp on your plate may well be from a man-made pond in south Asia that replaced a mangrove swamp, having destroyed one of the most biodiverse areas on the planet. Similarly, the greenhouse gas emissions generated here in the United States -- one-fifth of the world's total -- will have serious effects on crop yields from Michigan to Morocco.

As we observe World Population Day today, demographers estimate there are 6.5 billion people on Earth. According to the United Nations, by 2050 the world will add another 2.6 billion, about the size of the global population in the 1950s.

As our numbers increase, so does our impact on the planet.

The problems we face are huge but not hopeless. We know how to stem rapid population growth and we have the means to do so.

Unfortunately, the Bush administration is doing everything in its power to stifle women's rights and jeopardize the future of our planet. For four years running, President George W. Bush has blocked funds that Congress has appropriated to the UN

Population Fund, the largest supplier of reproductive health care and family planning services worldwide.

As one of his first acts in office, Bush imposed the Global Gag Rule, which restricts foreign nongovernmental organizations that receive money from the United States for family planning services from using their own funds to provide legal abortion services, give counseling or referrals for abortion, or petition their own governments to liberalize restrictive abortion laws. The results of this policy were easy to predict: Clinics are closing in Kenya and contraceptive supplies have dried up in Ethiopia.

The administration and its right-wing allies have waged an attack on birth control on the domestic front as well. The Food and Drug Administration is stalling on approval for the emergency contraceptive Plan B, despite the recommendation of its own advisory board. The government is shelling out millions of dollars for abstinence-only sex education, which is often medically inaccurate and mentions contraceptives only in terms of failure rates.

The Justice Department's new guidelines for treating victims of sexual assault do not include counseling the victims about their full range of health options, including emergency contraception. And at the urging of the right-wing political leadership, pharmacists are refusing to fill birth control prescriptions.

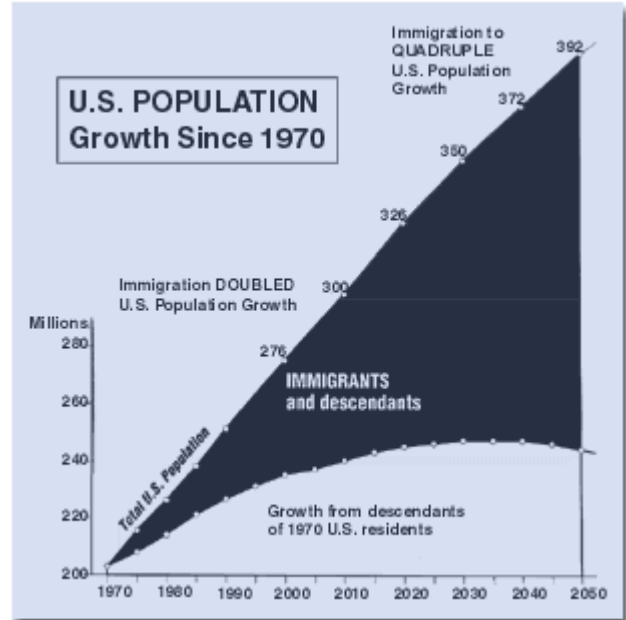
In all these ways, right-wing extremists are committing an all-out assault on our reproductive health and our environment. World Population Day reminds us that we must fight back to protect ourselves and our planet.

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## Welcome to the AIC

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"This country has lost control of its borders..."  
—Ronald Reagan



AIC was founded in 1983 by a group of American citizens concerned about the future of our country. From its modest beginnings, AIC grew in less than ten years to become the nation's largest grassroots lobby for immigration reform. Today, with more than 250,000 members and supporters, AIC is leading the fight to bring common sense back to American immigration policy. AIC's goal is persuading Congress to reduce immigration to reasonable levels and increase security measures to deter illegal immigration.

To promote these aims, AIC lobbies members of Congress in Washington. To promote grassroots influence on legislators, AIC conducts nationwide mailings to educate and inform citizens about immigration problems often ignored by the general media, and encourages them to become involved. With an on-going program of mailings, AIC expands its outreach and avoids "preaching to the choir." In periodic mailings to members and supporters, we include postcards, letters and petitions to send to Congress. Members and supporters also receive AIC's bi-monthly newsletter, *Immigration Watch*.

AIC in addition conducts paid media advertising campaigns around the country to educate the public and encourage them to contact their elected representatives. When opportunities arise, AIC's officers and representatives appear as guests on radio talk shows and TV programs, and as participants and speakers at conferences and meetings.

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\* March 2005 \* Ignore Guest Worker Program Propaganda The guest worker/amnesty supporters have done a good job of making their ideas seem reasonable. Don't believe them for a moment. Every justification put forward for the plan is pure misinformation. The following is a list of them with corrections. [more...]

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will learn American ways instead of America learning theirs.  
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## AIC Links

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The Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR)  
fairus.org

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Carrying Capacity Network [carryingcapacity.org](http://carryingcapacity.org)

Negative Population Growth [www.npg.org](http://www.npg.org)

Numbers USA [www.numbersusa.com](http://www.numbersusa.com)

Project USA [www.projectusa.org](http://www.projectusa.org)

The Social Contract [www.thesocialcontract.com](http://www.thesocialcontract.com)

American Patrol [www.americanpatrol.com](http://www.americanpatrol.com)

Middle American News [www.manews.org](http://www.manews.org)

The Terry Anderson Show [www.theterryandersonshow.com](http://www.theterryandersonshow.com)

## A Brief History of Immigration

[http://www.immigrationcontrol.com/short\\_history.htm](http://www.immigrationcontrol.com/short_history.htm)

from the discovery and settlement of the United States to the destructive flood of immigration today

Many millions of people have come to our shores since 1492 when Columbus discovered this vast undeveloped, uncivilized, and virtually empty land. They, and their offspring, have filled the land with more than 265,000,000 people, causing present-day patriots to question how many more this land can absorb and support with its diminishing natural resources, urban blight, overcrowded schools, and undereducated children. In order to better understand the immigration problems of today, we need to understand the history of the founding of the United States. Explorers and settlers were the first to follow Columbus. Most of the Spanish and Portuguese went to Mexico, Central and South America; most of the French migrated to Canada; and the English, Scots, Irish, Welsh, Dutch, and Germans settled in what became the 13 original colonies. They wrote the Declaration of Independence, fought the Revolution, fashioned the Constitution with its Bill of Rights, and fixed the cultural, economic, and political patterns of the country. The government and society they created came from their own Northern and West European cultural and political background. It was a limited government. Sovereign power was held by the people themselves, not by a king or special elite, and not by the state. The people, through their own representatives, made the laws and shaped the destiny of the nation. It was an English speaking nation with free institutions based upon Anglo-Saxon culture and English common law.

Our Founding Fathers did not encourage unlimited immigration. George Washington felt that immigration should be limited to "useful mechanics and some particular descriptions of men or professions."

Thomas Jefferson saw the new government as a unique combination of the freest elements of English law and political custom. He was concerned that unrestricted immigration of peoples from lands unacquainted with the principle of representative government might undo the careful work of our Founding Fathers. "Yet," he said prophetically, "from such we are to expect the greatest number of immigrants."

Even if these immigrants could throw off the principles of the governments they left, Jefferson feared that they would merely pass "from one extreme to the other. It would be a miracle were they to stop precisely at the point of temperate liberty." He added, "In proportion to their numbers, they will share legislation with us. They will infuse into it their spirit, warp or bias its direction and render it a heterogeneous, incoherent mass."

Although opposed to mass immigration, the Founding Fathers did not prevent or discourage it by federal legislation. They left it to the states individually to regulate and control immigration according to their specific needs. Immigration grew at an acceptable and useful rate, and the population rose from 26,000 in 1640 to 2,500,000 in 1775, to 12,866,000 by 1830. Westward expanding America needed able men to work the mines, lay the rails, till the soil, and build the towns, and so during these growing years, immigration was actively encouraged. In 1834, Congress aided Polish exiles to settle in Illinois and Michigan. The Homestead Act of 1862 drew others through cheap land grants. Entrepreneurs advertised abroad for immigrant workers for the expanding mills, mines, factories, and farms.

Between 1830 and 1880, a total of 10,189,000 immigrants came to the United States. Of these, 8,989,800 were from Northern Europe, and 654,000 were from Canada and Newfoundland. But immigration brought problems. Chinese were being imported for lewd and immoral purposes as well as for contract labor in the West. The unscrupulous advertised for immigrant workers, not to fill waiting jobs, but to depress wages of American workers.

Americans became aware of the growing political power of the newcomers, and as Jefferson had foreseen, many of them seemed to support boss rule rather than free representative processes.

Today, the annual tidal wave of over a million immigrants (legal and illegal) is endangering our American way of life. Currently, fewer than 15% of our immigrants come from Europe and share the heritage that made America strong. A majority of today's immigrants are (consciously or unconsciously) undermining our customs, our culture, our language, and our institutions. Instead of remaining in their native lands and emulating the United States, they are descending upon our shores and trying to reshape the United States into the image of the lands they forsook.

From the handful of first settlers, our nation has now grown to over 265,000,000 and changed from agriculture and underpopulated acreage to high technology and over-crowded cities.

America was and for the moment still is an English-speaking nation with free institutions, free speech, and the freedom to worship. Our ancestors wisely decided that this new nation under God with liberty and justice for all, would have no king and no

privileged class! Because of what our forefathers created, and in spite of human frailty, the United States of America has become the greatest nation on earth with the finest tradition of charity the world has ever known. Because America's culture, customs, language, and laws are under assault from foreigners who come to live here and, instead of learning the American way of life, choose to impose their own alien cultures, languages, and institutions upon us, we must review our heritage and understand the need to preserve it, lest America self-destruct through ethnic strife.

In the belief that unrestricted immigration from Asia would turn our country's sparsely populated Western states over to domination by Asian people, language, customs, and political thought, the Chinese Exclusion Act was passed in 1882. (Today, the violent criminal activities of the Chinese Tong gangs, the widespread criminal activities of Chinese alien and drug smugglers, and the espionage at the Los Alamos Research Labs proves the wisdom of our ancestors.)

In the earlier part of the 19th Century, industrialization brought dramatic changes in world-wide immigration. Rural people from Northern Europe were taking jobs in home industries or emigrating to farmlands in America, Australia and elsewhere. Wars and revolutions of the last half of the 19th century through the first decades of the 20th century had uprooted peoples all over the world. Literally millions became exiles or refugees fleeing poverty and oppression and the destruction of their homes and seeking entry into a prosperous and peaceful land. Advertisements stressing high wages and freedom of opportunity here in America began to draw larger numbers of immigrants from Southern and Eastern Europe. In 1880, 73.6 percent of immigration to the United States was from Northern Europe; but by 1920, 59 percent was coming from Southern and Eastern Europe.

Americans began to question how many of the teeming impoverished millions the United States could accept. How many could we educate and assimilate into our land without destroying the cohesiveness of our language and culture and customs and laws and institutions? The diversity of these newer immigrants brought problems of education and assimilation. As our forefathers had correctly foreseen, for many immigrants, Americanization was time-consuming, costly and painful. In a growing number of cases the Americanization process didn't take place at all. In the forty year period from 1880 to 1920, legal immigration totaled 23,465,000 more than double the total for the previous fifty years, and by 1920 the U.S. population had increased to 105,710,600. The problems caused by the changing face of immigration during this period brought about many new immigration laws which were eventually codified in the Immigration Act of 1917. This law excluded not only convicts and prostitutes, but also anarchists, contract laborers, those likely to become public charges, and those advocating the overthrow of our government.

In 1921 the nation's first immigration law based on national quotas was passed into law; and three years later, in March of 1924, The New York Times editorialized: "The country has a right to say who shall and who shall not come in . . . the basis of restriction must be chosen with a view not to the interest of any

group or groups in this country, . . . but rather with a view to the country's best interests as a whole."

Unfortunately, the situation changed drastically in the period between the late 1960s and the present. In 1965, liberal forces within the Democratic Party led by Lyndon Johnson's administration and Senator Ted Kennedy railroaded a destructive immigration law through Congress. The 1965 law totally destroyed the checks and balances of the very effective and pro-American McCarran-Walter Immigration Law with the national origins quota system established early in the 20th Century. Under the pre-1965 law, total legal immigration, including foreign spouses and minor children of U.S. citizens, refugees and asylees was annually less than 300,000. Eighty five percent of all immigrants from the early 1920s until the late 1960s were from Europe. Those immigrants were easily assimilated into the American mainstream. Senator Ted Kennedy and his allies in the Johnson administration changed all that with their 1965 immigration law, which has been further liberalized several times. These changes including amnesty for several million illegal aliens have sown the seeds of ethnic strife in America. Today, over 85% of all immigrants to the U.S. are non-European. The great American "melting pot" has begun to melt down.

Is there anything that can be done to turn back the clock and undo the damage done to America in the last half of the 20th Century?

Unfortunately, no.

But we can and must stop any further damage now, lest the United States become "balkanized" torn apart by ethnic conflicts as happened in Yugoslavia.

If we don't take action now, the surging flood of legal and illegal immigrants from Mexico and Central America will soon form a majority in California and the Southwest. Some of these Latino militants are already organizing to form those states into a new nation called ATZLAN.

If and when that happens, these United States will be united no more!

## **Capsule Chronology of Immigration Policy**

[http://www.immigrationcontrol.com/capsule\\_chronology.htm](http://www.immigrationcontrol.com/capsule_chronology.htm)

1965:

Congress eliminates the "national origins" quota system by passage of the Immigration Reform Act of 1965. Chief Senate sponsor, Sen. Edward Kennedy, argues: "[O]ur cities will not be flooded with a million immigrants annually. Under the proposed bill, the present level of immigration remains substantially the same."

Kennedy's ally, Sen. Hiram Fong, urges passage of the bill, telling Congress: "I just want to make this point because the argument that the cultural pattern of the U.S. will be changed needs to be answered. Our cultural pattern will never be changed as far as America is concerned."

1975:

Legal and illegal Immigration from Third World countries soars, comprising more than half of total migration to the U.S.

INS Commissioner Leonard Chapman warns: "Illegal immigration is out of control."

Apprehension of illegal aliens by the U.S. Border Patrol more than doubles to 766,000 arrests in 1975.

1986:

Congress passes Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), granting amnesty to 3.1 million illegal aliens while ignoring the manpower needs of the Border Patrol.

Apprehensions of illegal aliens reach record high of nearly 1.2 million in 1985.

The number of legal immigrants reaches 600,000, more than twice the pre-1965 level.

IRCA includes federal fines for employers who favor U.S. citizens over aliens in hiring. Weak employer sanctions do not prevent hiring of illegals.

1990:

Congress increases legal immigration quotas by 40%, and grants another amnesty to the illegal relatives of aliens amnestied in 1986.

Manpower and funding needs of the Border Patrol continue to be ignored.

1992:

Immigrants cost taxpayers \$42.5 billion net in public assistance. Legal and illegal immigration reaches record high of 1.4 million annually.

Congress still fails to act.

1996:

Congress defeated legislation which would have made moderate cuts in legal immigration. Such cuts are necessary to curb the misuse of the policy of "reuniting families" which allows immigrants to bring in non-dependent relatives who in turn bring in more relatives in never ending chain-migration.

1998:

Congress added 150,000 additional H-1-B visas for foreign workers to take jobs in the U.S. and also created a de facto amnesty by granting permanent residence to 50,000 Haitian illegal aliens.

## **Bush is mum on reforming immigration**

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Two plans kicking around Congress try to fix an immigration system everybody knows is broken. Some good things, some bad things in each one. A lot is still on the table, awaiting political compromise that comes only from twisted arms and kicked butts. The president should be in the thick of it. But the White House is sitting down, arms folded. The latest reminder of the unwillingness to get involved came Tuesday at a Senate committee hearing on immigration reform, when Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and Labor Secretary Elaine

Chao abruptly decided not to testify. After the hearing, it was reported, Republican senators including John McCain of Arizona and John Cornyn of Texas, co-sponsors of the two rival bills, went to the White House to meet with officials.

What do you want us to do? they must have asked. But there's been no guidance, at least not publicly. Maybe the Bush administration is biding its time. This past weekend, a story in the Los Angeles Times reported that the White House will make immigration a priority, supposedly this fall, after cobbling together a coalition of immigration advocates and businesses that need immigrant workers.

We've been hearing that immigration will soon be a priority since January 2004, when President Bush announced the general outline of a plan that was supposed to be filled in over the following months.

What he should do is combine the best features of each of the two bills: the Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act introduced by McCain and Ted Kennedy five weeks ago, and the legislation introduced just last week by Cornyn and Jon Kyl, McCain's fellow Arizonan. Kyl-Cornyn is the tougher of the two. McCain-Kennedy calls for unmanned patrol planes and tighter coordination among U.S. agencies as well as with Mexican and Canadian law enforcement but does not fund more border patrolmen. Kyl-Cornyn does - 10,000 new border cops, 10,000 more agents to investigate employers who hire illegal immigrants, \$5 billion over five years for new technology like cameras and sensors. It also increases penalties for employing illegal immigrants and requires issuance of tamper-resistant Social Security cards .

The proposal is pretty good at preventing illegal crossings by sheer strength of enforcement. What's more, by making it harder to get a job without permission, it may discourage at least some illegal entries.

Where Kyl-Cornyn fails is in dealing with the 11 million illegal immigrants living here now. The measure requires workers who are here illegally to return to their countries of origin. There they can apply to come legally through a new temporary-worker program with no cap on the number of people allowed to enter, as long as applicants show they have a job waiting that no American citizen wants. The idea, I guess, is that people will be willing to return to their nations because they are almost sure to get back in and won't have to worry about being deported as an "illegal alien."

Fat chance. It may be well-meaning, but it's hallucinatory to expect that this will make a dent in the number of people here illegally. It's unrealistic to expect a lot of people to voluntarily get on an airplane and fly back to Poland, India or Colombia. Those who arrived recently just want to keep their heads down and work; those who've spent years here are unlikely to trust government enough to risk leaving the country.

One option is mass deportation - prohibitively expensive, ruthlessly inhumane. The other is in the McCain-Kennedy bill: People here illegally would pay back taxes plus \$2,000 and

undergo a background check. Those who are not criminals or terrorists could stay and work for six years, then either return to their country of origin or apply for permanent residence.

It's the amnesty that dare not speak its name - and is not substantially different from what Bush proposed a year and a half ago. Call it what you will. Combined with the tougher enforcement in Kyl-Cornyn, and with an increase in the number of legal entries as both bills propose, it's the best way to solve the problem of illegal immigration.

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