Geert Wilders Spoke at Heavily Guarded Conservative Forum in Silicon Valley



Geert Wilders Dutch Freedom Party leader in Mountain View, California August 11, 2015

Geert Wilders, leader of the Dutch Freedom party (PVV) spoke at a heavily guarded forum last night at IFES Portuguese Hall in Mountain View, California in the heart of liberal Silicon Valley. The sponsor for Wilders event was the Conservative Forum of Silicon Valley where an appreciative audience of 300 showed up . The topic of wilders speech was: "Hard Facts about Islamic Extremism". Because of the jihadi attack at the Garland, Texas Mohammed Cartoon AFDI event in May 2015 Wilders was heavily guarded by both police SWAT teams and the ubiquitous Royal Dutch Protection Service which has continually provided him with 24/7 protection since 2004. The parking lot for the venue was completely surrounded to prevent a possible attack on Wilders, a noted international anti-Islam critic and Dutch politican whose Freedom Party is ranked at the top of political polls in The Netherlands. This writer experienced that first hand when we arranged for a speech by Wilders at one of my alma maters, Columbia University in New York in 2009.

<u>Watch</u> this NBC Bay Area video report on Wilders speech in Mountain View, California.

Note these comments in the NBC Bay area <u>report</u> from attendees and bystanders at the Wilders Mountain event :

"I thought it was an amazing speech, I think he's a tremendously brave man, and saying what's very plain it's all right in front of our eyes," San Jose-resident Jane Kearney said.

Christian Perez lives near the hall, and said the road closure was an inconvenience. He was also unsure of the event's speaker.

"I think it's great we can actually have forums and discuss topics like this safely, but I don't necessary have to agree with the opinions held," he said.

Wilders' speech at the Mountain View Conservative Forum can be found on his <u>weblog</u>. The following are some excerpts.

On Islam as totalitarianism

Islam is totalitarian. It wants to submit us all and according to Islam there is no room for anything but Islam. It is not voluntary either. No Muslim is allowed to renounce it. Apostates must be killed. It commands the submission of every nation on earth to Islamic Sharia law. The Koran is full of verses such as Sura 47:4: "When ye meet the unbelievers, smite at their necks and cause a bloodbath among them." There are over 150 verses in the Koran calling for jihad or holy war. It is put in practice every day. Just put on the television news and you can see Islam in action.

We are all the victims of Islamization. Look around you. This building is surrounded by heavily armed law enforcement officers. This gathering here tonight is heavily protected. Why? We are no criminals. We are peaceful, ordinary citizens exercising a fundamental right in our free society, the right of free speech. This is something the American Founding Fathers fought for, and enshrined in the First Amendment of your Constitution.

This situation here, tonight, is absolutely un-American. But, unfortunately, it has become a reality in America and the rest of the Western world. Why? I will tell you why:

Because Islam has entered America and is taking over Europe.

Islam is fundamentally changing our societies. Fanatics, brainwashed by a totalitarian ideology, are ready to kill us if we simply try to inform people about Islam. They terrorize people into submission. I am grateful that you did not give in to these threats. But the fact remains: Our Judeo-Christian identity, our traditions, our freedoms and values, including free speech, are no longer a given. They are in danger. They have to be protected. And that is a sad thing, unworthy of a free society.

Only last month, we saw another tragic example of Islamization in America.

A gunman in Chattanooga. Tennessee, murdered four American Marines and a Navy officer. The assassin, Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez, was an immigrant from Kuwait.

This makes one think of events in France in March 2012, where Mohammed Merah, an immigrant of Algerian descent, killed three French paratroopers. The same assassin later attacked a Jewish school, murdering three children and a rabbi.

On European abdication to Islamization:

During the past decades, the European governments have made a terrible mistake. They have foolishly allowed millions of immigrants from Islamic countries to settle within our borders.

And now, we are witnessing a new reality:

Islamic neighborhoods are expanding. Many European cities have rapidly expanding Islamic populations: just take Amsterdam, Brussels, Bradford, Marseille and Malmö in Sweden and so many other cities in Euope. Europe is becoming a continent of head scarves and mosques.

In the Netherlands, Muhammad is currently already the

second most popular name among newborn boys nationwide and even the most popular name in our three largest cities, Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague. This is also the case in the Belgian capital Brussels, the Norwegian capital Oslo, the British capital London. As a matter of fact even in the whole of Great-Britain, Muhammad has become the most popular name for newborn boys.

Europe is also becoming a continent of extremism and intolerance.

Last Summer, in my home town, The Hague, sympathizers of the Islamic State paraded in the streets. They carried swastikas and the black flags of IS. They shouted "Death to the Jews." In broad daylight in my home town. According to the Koran, Jews are monkeys and pigs.

In Britain, Islamic gang have been filmed patrolling London streets, demanding that passersby confirm to Sharia law.

Recently, a young girl was beaten up in the French city of Reims by so-called Islamic religious police, because she was sunbathing in a park in her bikini.

In every Western nation, there are homegrown jihadis, prepared to commit violence. ISIS calls them "city wolves." There are thousands of them. According to the European police agency Europol, 5,000 homegrown jihadis have left Europe to fight in Syria and Iraq. And many of them return.

Last January, an ISIS operative said that his organization had already sent some 4,000 fighters into Europe. The British authorities have uncovered an ISIS plot to blow up Queen Elizabeth. And the organization has announced that by 2020 it aims to conquer large parts of Europe, including Spain and the entire Balkans, as well as the northern half of Africa and the Indian peninsula.

Our political leaders, your president Barack Obama, Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, my own Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, they still say that Islam is a religion of peace.

Let me tell you: They are wrong!

John Quincy Adams, America's sixth President said: "The precept of the Koran is perpetual war against all who deny that Mahomet is the prophet of God."

Winston Churchill, the great British wartime Prime Minister, called Islam a "retrograde force" and called Adolf Hitler's anti-Semitic book Mein Kampf a "new Koran." Adams was right. Churchill was right. Obama and Cameron are wrong!

So, let us stop bowing to Islam! No appeasement anymore! The jihadis and their sympathizers do not belong in our societies.

I say: Let us reclaim our freedom!

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We must not give in. We cannot allow the terrorists to win and evil to triumph.

Where are the Western government leaders with the wisdom of Adams and Churchill?

On the eve of the battle of Long Island, the first major battle of the American War of Independence, George Washington told his men: "The time is now at hand which must determine whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us only the choice of brave resistance, or the most abject submission." These words — these wise words — apply to us as well today.

Where are the Western government leaders with the courage of George Washington?

Extent of Muslim support for ISIS in the Netherlands and the

Let me give you some shocking numbers. The University of Amsterdam did a study about the 1 million Muslims in my country. It found that 11% is prepared to use violence for the sake of Islam. That is a staggering 110,000 people in a small country that is only half the size of Maine.

And it gets even worse. While the terrorists are only a minority, polls show that they have the support of the majority.

73% of the Islamic population in the Netherlands say that Muslims who go to Syria to fight in the jihad are heroes. 73%,

80% of the Turkish youths in the Netherlands do not think that the violence by ISIS against non-believers is wrong. 80%!

Can you believe it!?

Last June, a survey among US Muslims revealed that a majority of 51% want to be able to live under Sharia law. Even more disturbing is the fact that 29% of American Muslims are okay with violence against people who socalled "insult" Muhammad.

25% — a staggering one in four — agree that violence against Americans here in the US is justified as part of jihad.

Indeed, you have a serious problem. We have a serious problem. We all have a problem.

It is called Islam. The problem is growing. And we cannot afford to ignore it any longer because our existence is at stake.

Clarion Call to combat Islamic Extremism and stand for Freedom

What we are witnessing today is how freedom dies. It dies because politicians are unwilling to defend it. It dies because of cowardice, ignorance and political opportunism and false correctness. But that is not my way.

We owe it to the past generations always to speak the truth and not to take our liberties for granted.

We owe it to the future generations not to sign away their freedom.

We can halt the global expansion of Islam if we do our duty.

We can turn the tide if we act today. Today, my friends, must be our finest hour.

We must confront cowardice with the truth. We must confront ignorance with the truth.

We must confront political opportunism with the truth. The truth about Islam.

I am from Europe, you are Americans, but we are all in the same boat.

We must unite against a common threat. The Islamic tide is strong, but the West has repulsed it before. And we can do so again if we stand together.

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Indeed, my friends, a choice has to be made. The choice between Islam and freedom.

Let us make the right choice.

Let us continue the legacy our ancestors bestowed on us, with liberty and justice for all.

Let us never surrender.

Let us choose freedom.

Let me finish by quoting one of your great president. Thomas Jefferson. I also quote him in my book *Marked for Death*. His words are a great inspiration to me.

Jefferson said: "In matters of principle, stand like a rock."

And that, my friends, is exactly what we will do. We will stand like a stone wall in the defense of our freedoms.