

Obama White House Turns To Islamists Who Demonize Terror Investigations

John Rossomando writes in [invite Islamist groups](#) that routinely demonize the FBI and other law-enforcement agencies to the White House to discuss a religious discrimination. "If we're to succeed in defeating terrorism we must enlist Muslim communities as some of our strongest allies, rather than push them away," President Obama [said](#) in his speech following the San Bernardino attack.

But partnering with such organizations sends the wrong message to the American people, said Zuhdi Jasser, president of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy (AFID).

"I think it says a lot when the president uses those organizations that have an ACLU-type mentality. They should have a seat at the table. That's fine," Jasser said. "But not to include groups, which have completely different focuses about counter-radicalization, counter-Islamism creates this monolithic megaphone for demonization of our government and demonization of America that ends up radicalizing our community."

A White House spokesperson [advertising a workshop](#), "The FBI and Entrapment in the Muslim Community," which features a spider with an FBI badge on its back, spinning a web of entrapment around an image of a mosque. The workshop "provides the tools needed to prevent entrapment of community members to become terrorists in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

Since 9/11, CAIR has ["witch hunt"](#) against the Muslim community. For example, CAIR [protested](#) the incarceration

of Aafia Siddiqui, aka “Lady Al Qaeda” – convicted in 2010 of trying to kill two FBI agents. The protest came after the Islamic State (ISIS) offered to spare the lives of executed American photojournalist [Kayla Mueller](#) in exchange for Siddiqui’s release.

CAIR also denounced the December 2001 shutdown of the Holy Land Foundation for Hamas support, [removing a poster](#) urging Muslims to “Build a Wall of Resistance – Don’t Talk to the FBI” in 2011 after the IPT reported on it.

Later that year, a CAIR-New York official [advocates](#) for “liberty and freedom, through the separation of mosque and state,” were invited to the White House meeting. Also shut out were Jasser’s colleagues in the new [Muslim Advocates](#) has a pending [says](#) in a YouTube video supporting the suit. “We’ve done work to combat profiling by the FBI, by Customs and Border Protection and now more recently we’ve had concerns about the way the New York Police Department – the nation’s largest police department – has been conducting itself.”

Like CAIR, Khera has [June 2014 blog post](#) in which he argued that the “FBI entrapment program targeting the Muslim community” was an example of tyranny. Many [alleged](#) the FBI has “recruited more so-called extremist Muslims than al-Qaida themselves.”

AAI stops short of embracing the entrapment narrative but [disbanded](#) the NYPD unit responsible for infiltrating the city’s mosques and Muslim gathering places looking for potential terrorists in April 2014 under pressure from Muslim groups.

Another group, the Assembly of Muslim Jurists of America (AMJA), which counts [published](#) an article in 2008 written by [wrote](#) it was “impermissible” for Muslims to work with the FBI because of the “harm they inflict on Muslims.”

However, the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC), which [formerly accused](#) the FBI of entrapment, conceded in 2013 that informants can be useful detecting terror cells and keeping them off balance.

“To be fair, informants at times can be effective in counterterrorism investigations even against cellular structures. Because terrorist groups are concerned about their operational security, fear of informants can create and increase tensions within a terrorist cell. As a result, it may generate enough paranoia that a cell may abandon a planned operation,” MPAC [“Safety and Security guidelines of the Lone Wolf Mujahideen”](#) devotes a chapter to evading FBI stings by testing the weapons they receive prior to using them in an attack.

Khera’s organization stood front and center in 2011 when Muslim groups called on the Obama administration to purge FBI training materials that they deemed offensive. She [says that zakat can be used](#) among other things to help “(4) those who are struggling and striving in Allah’s Cause by teaching or fighting or in duties assigned to them by the righteous Imam, who are thus unable to earn their ordinary living.”

The AMJA [states](#) in his book, *Fiqh of Jihad*, that zakat may be spent to finance “the liberation of Muslim land from the domination of the unbelievers,” particularly against Israel and India in Kashmir.

Numerous Islamic charities have been cited or closed down in connection with terrorist financing since the September 11 attacks. Qaradawi’s actions back up his words. In 2008, the U.S. Treasury Department [headed by Qaradawi](#), for Hamas fundraising. That same year a federal court jury [wrote](#) in 2001 after federal authorities closed the Benevolence International Fund (BIF). “By effectively shutting down these charities, it has given Americans the false

impression that American Muslims are supporting terrorists. It has also given the Muslim world a similarly false impression that America is intolerant of a religious minority.”

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