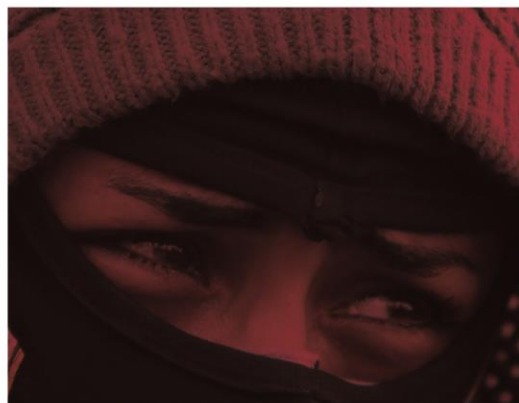


# SPECIAL REPORT: THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN ISLAMIC RELATIONS (CAIR)



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## ORIGINS

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The Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) describes itself as “America’s largest Islamic civil liberties group.” In reality, CAIR it grew out of the Islamic Association for Palestine (IAP), a group founded in 1981 by Hamas member Mousa Abu Marzook. Marzook is now a senior Hamas official. U.S. Muslim Brotherhood documents clearly identify the IAP as one of its fronts.

In 1993, the U.S. Muslim Brotherhood Palestine Committee organized a secret meeting in Philadelphia that the FBI wiretapped. The participants, which included two future CAIR founders, Nihad Awad and Omar Ahmad, discussed how to support Hamas and, in the words of a 2009 ruling by a federal judge, “goals, strategies and American perceptions of the Muslim Brotherhood.”<sup>1</sup> Ahmad was recorded discussing how to modify language about destroying Israel for an American audience.

The need to create a new “neutral” entity for influencing U.S. policy and opinion was agreed upon because as they said “it is known who we are.” CAIR was formed by Awad and Ahmad the next year. A 1994 U.S. Muslim Brotherhood Palestine Committee meeting agenda includes “suggestions to develop work of” CAIR and IAP.<sup>2</sup>

In 2007, the U.S. government labeled CAIR an unindicted co-conspirator in the trial of the Holy Land Foundation for financing the Hamas terrorist group. CAIR was listed among “individuals/entities who are/were members of the U.S. Muslim Brotherhood’s Palestine Committee and/or its organizations.”<sup>3</sup> The Palestine Committee is a secret body set up to advance the Brotherhood/Hamas agenda.

In the 2007 case against convicted terrorist Sabri Bekhala, federal prosecutors claimed, “From its founding by Muslim Brotherhood leaders, CAIR conspired with other affiliates of the Muslim Brotherhood to support terrorists ... the conspirators agreed to use deception to conceal from the American public their connections to terrorists.”<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://media.radicalislam.org/misc/pdf/43380629-2009-order-on-Holy-Land-Foundation-unindicted-coconspirator-list.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/case\\_docs/717.pdf](http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/case_docs/717.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> *US v. Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development*, Dist. Court, ND Texas 2007, 3:04- CR-240-G

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On July 1, 2009, U.S. District Court Judge Jorge Solis upheld CAIR's designation as an unindicted co-conspirator because of "ample evidence" linking it to Hamas.<sup>5</sup> However, he also ruled that the designation should not have been made public.

In November 2014 CAIR was designated as a terrorist organization by the United Arab Emirates along with a host of other Muslim Brotherhood entities.<sup>6</sup>

## IDEOLOGY

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One 1991 U.S. Muslim Brotherhood memorandum,<sup>7</sup> which was entered as evidence in the Holy Land Foundation trial, describes the Brotherhood's role as engaging in a "Civilization-Jihadist Process."

It states:

*"The Ikhwan [Muslim Brotherhood] must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and 'sabotaging' its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and God's religion is made victorious over all other religions."*

*"[W]e must possess a mastery of the art of 'coalitions', the art of 'absorption' and the principles of 'cooperation.'"*<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Mauro, Ryan, "Council on Islamic Relations (CAIR)," *The Clarion Project*, January 17, 2013. <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/council-islamic-relations-cair>

<sup>5</sup> <http://media.radicalislam.org/misc/pdf/43380629-2009-order-on-Holy-Land-Foundation-unindicted-coconspirator-list.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/cair-protests-designation-terrorist-group>

<sup>7</sup> *Muslim Brotherhood General Strategic Goals for North America*. (1991). Retrieved from [http://www.clarionproject.org/Muslim\\_Brotherhood\\_Explanatory\\_Memorandum](http://www.clarionproject.org/Muslim_Brotherhood_Explanatory_Memorandum) English Translation: *The muslim brotherhood's strategic goal - court document*. (n.d.). Retrieved from [http://www.clarionproject.org/Muslim\\_Brotherhood\\_Explanatory\\_Memorandum](http://www.clarionproject.org/Muslim_Brotherhood_Explanatory_Memorandum)

<sup>8</sup> The statement was made at Barry University on March 22, 1994. The Investigative Project on Terrorism has recording of it at: <http://www.investigativeproject.org/223/cairs-awad-in-support-of-the-ham...>

## WHO ARE THE KEY PLAYERS?

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### **Nihad Awad, Executive Director of CAIR:**

In 1994, Awad said, “I am in support of the Hamas movement more than the PLO.”<sup>9</sup> That same year, he said Hamas is right to “defend themselves against illegal occupation.”<sup>10</sup> In 2004, *Al-Jazeera* asked him about the U.S. designations of Hamas and Hezbollah as Foreign Terrorist Organizations. He answered, “We do not and will not condemn any liberation movement inside Palestine or Lebanon.”<sup>11</sup>

### **Ibrahim Hooper, CAIR Spokesman:**

Hooper previously worked for IAP. In 1993, he said, “I wouldn't want to create the impression that I wouldn't like the government of the United States to be Islamic sometime in the future.”<sup>12</sup> In 2003 he said that *sharia* (Islamic) law would replace the U.S. Constitution if Muslims became the majority.<sup>13</sup>

### **Omar Ahmad, Served as CAIR chairman until 2005:**

Ahmad served as a senior executive in the Palestine Committee, an umbrella organization of U.S.-based Hamas support groups.<sup>14</sup> He was listed personally as one of those who “are and/or were members of the US Muslim Brotherhood's Palestine Committee and/or its organizations” by the U.S. District Court in *U.S. v Holy Land Foundation*.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> The statement was made at Barry University on March 22, 1994. The Investigative Project on Terrorism has recording of it at: <http://www.investigativeproject.org/223/cairs-awad-in-support-of-the-ham...>

<sup>10</sup> Stated on CBS's “60 Minutes” on CBS on November 13, 1994, as documented by the Investigative Project on Terrorism, “Apologists or Extremists: Nihad Awad,” <http://www.investigativeproject.org/profile/113>.

<sup>11</sup> *Al-Jazeera* interview with Talal al-Haj. Translated by the *Translating Jihad* blog, “CAIR's Nihad Awad Refuses to Condemn Hamas,” January 24, 2011, <http://www.translatingjihad.com/2011/01/cairs-nihad-awad-refuses-to-condemn.html>.

<sup>12</sup> *Star Tribune* (Minneapolis), Apr. 4, 1993. As reported in, “CAIR: Islamists Fooling the Establishment” by Daniel Pipes and Sharon Chadha, the *Middle East Quarterly*, Spring 2006, pp.3-20, <http://www.meforum.org/916/cair-islamists-fooling-the-establishment>

<sup>13</sup> Pipes and Chadha, referencing personal communication with Medved in 2004.

<sup>14</sup> *The case against omar ahmad*. (2011, April 25). Retrieved from <http://www.investigativeproject.org/2790/the-case-against-omar-ahmad>

<sup>15</sup> *US v. Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development*, Dist. Court, ND Texas 2007, 3:04- CR-240-G

## INTERNATIONAL FUNDING AND LOSS OF TAX EXEMPT STATUS

CAIR has two separate non-profit entities (CAIR and the Washington Trust Foundation), which is legal if they act separately. However, they act as one. Foreign donors write checks to “CAIR” and they are deposited into the dual account, which effectively hides the original source. This money is sent to the CAIR Foundation. The donors must be reported, but the original sources remain hidden by routing the funds in this manner. The transfer of \$1.8 million from the CAIR-Action Network to the CAIR Foundation occurred over a five-year period.<sup>16</sup>

In September 2013, it was reported that CAIR was violating the Internal Revenue Service laws and Foreign Agent Registration Act by hiding foreign donors. The report claimed that CAIR has “engaged in more than 100 political influence operations on behalf of foreign principals in the United States.”<sup>17</sup>

Top CAIR officials asked the late Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi to “help pay for the distribution of 1 million Qurans in September 2009.” Nihad Awad, CAIR’s Executive Director, also requested that Qaddafi fund the creation of the Muslim Peace Foundation, another non-profit organization. Over a five-year period, Qatar, the main sponsor of the Muslim Brotherhood, gave CAIR at least \$405,000. Top CAIR officials have also approached Sudan for money, and they had plans to “solicit \$50 million in governmental and non-governmental contributions” from Saudi Arabia. Additionally, “various sources in the United Arab Emirates, including its embassy in the U.S., have given over \$450,000.”<sup>18</sup>

CAIR lost its tax-exempt status in 2011 because it was one of 275,000 groups that “failed to file required annual reports, known as Form 990, detailing their revenues and expenses, for three consecutive years.”<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> Mauro, Ryan, “Report: CAIR Engaged in Money Laundering to Hide Foreign Donors,” *The Clarion Project*, September 23, 2013. <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/cair's-money-laundering-scheme-exposed>

<sup>17</sup> Johnson, Charles C. “CAIR Gets Millions From Foreign Donors Thanks to Non-Profit Shell Game,” *Daily Caller*, September 21, 2013. <http://www.dailycaller.com/2013/09/21/cair-collects-millions-from-foreign-donors-thanks-to-non-profit-shell-game>

<sup>18</sup> Mauro, Ryan, “Report: CAIR Engaged in Money Laundering to Hide Foreign Donors,” *The Clarion Project*, September 23, 2013. <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/cair's-money-laundering-scheme-exposed>

<sup>19</sup> IPT News: “CAIR Loses IRS Status,” *The Investigative Project on Terrorism*, June 22, 2011. <http://www.investigativeproject.org/2990/cair-loses-irs-status>

## STRATEGY

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CAIR and related U.S. Muslim Brotherhood entities follow a doctrine called “gradualism.” It is a form of jihad based on pragmatism, patience, long-term planning and self-evaluation. This self-evaluation and strategy recalibration leads the West to perceive its ideology and behavior as “moderate.”

Muslim Brotherhood spiritual leader Yousef Qaradawi stated, “gradualism in applying the *sharia* is a wise requirement to follow.”

The FBI seized a Muslim Brotherhood document in 2004 that laid out its plan to overtake the West.<sup>20</sup> The plan consisted of five phases:

1. The “secret establishment of leadership”
2. “...gradual appearance on the public scene.” Phase 2 calls for “infiltrating various sectors of government,” “gaining religious institutions,” “gaining public support and sympathy” and “establishing a shadow government.”
3. “Escalation phase,” which focuses on “utilizing mass media.” The document says that this stage is “currently in progress.”
4. “Open confrontation with the government through ... political pressure” and “training on the use of weapons domestically.” The document says that there are “noticeable activities in this regard.”
5. The final phase: “Seizing power to establish their Islamic Nation under which all parties and Islamic groups are united.”<sup>21</sup>

CAIR wages an unrelenting campaign to discredit its critics as anti-Muslim bigots and moderate Muslim opponents as puppets of an “Islamophobia Network.”<sup>22</sup>

A former member of the U.S. Muslim Brotherhood network, Abdur Rahman Muhammad, publicly described a secret meeting in which he took part where the decision was made to use the term “Islamophobia” as a political weapon. “This

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<sup>20</sup> <http://www.clarionproject.org/document/phases-world-underground-movement-plan>

<sup>21</sup> Mauro, Ryan, “The Islamists Multi-Staged Strategy for Victory Over the West,” *The Clarion Project*, January 21, 2013. <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/gradualism-islamist-strategy-victory>

<sup>22</sup> See “Anatomy of a Smear: ‘The Third Jihad’ Fights Back” by Wayne Kopping, posted on YouTube on February 13, 2012: <http://youtu.be/fdBTuUH5AAA>



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loathsome term is nothing more than a thought-terminating cliché conceived in the bowels of Muslim think tanks for the purpose of beating down critics,” Muhammad says.<sup>23</sup>

In July 2013, when NYPD Police Commissioner Ray Kelly was considered as a replacement for Janet Napolitano as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, CAIR worked to block his possible nomination. CAIR highlighted Kelly in its newsletter and claimed he had an association with “Islamophobic fringes” because he appeared in “*The Third Jihad – Radical Islam’s Vision for America*,” a critically acclaimed film produced by *The Clarion Project* and narrated by Dr. Zuhdi Jasser.<sup>24</sup>

*The Third Jihad* had been used in counterterrorism training for NYPD personnel. CAIR demanded that the NYPD stop using the film and called for the dismissal of Kelly.<sup>25</sup> It should be noted that *The Third Jihad* documents CAIR’s ties to the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas, which explains their opposition to the showing of the film.<sup>26</sup>

When the U.S. government posted its “Most Wanted” ads on buses in Seattle to help the FBI gain information about the whereabouts of the most dangerous terrorists, CAIR noticed that the majority of the terrorists were Muslims and claimed the ads were offensive and promoted Islamophobia. CAIR enjoined the ACLU and Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as well as the mayor and various human rights groups to help them get the ads taken down. The groups’ pressure led the FBI to remove the ads.<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>23</sup> “Moderate Muslims Speak Out on Capitol Hill,” *IPT News*, October 1, 2010. <http://www.investigativeproject.org/2217/moderate-muslim-speak-out-on-capitol-hill>

<sup>24</sup> Mauro, Ryan, “Muslim Brotherhood Groups: Full Court Press Against Ray Kelly,” *The Clarion Project*, July 23, 2013. <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/muslim-brotherhood-groups-full-court-press-against-ray-kelly>

<sup>25</sup> May, Clifford, “CAIR’s Crusade Against The Third Jihad,” *The Clarion Project*, February 12, 2012. <http://www.clarionproject.org/news/cairs-crusade-against-third-jihad>

<sup>26</sup> CAIR’s Cultural Jihad – Clip from *The Third Jihad* <http://www.clarionproject.org/videos/cairs-cultural-jihad>

<sup>27</sup> Mauro, Ryan, “FBI’s Most Wanted Ads Blocked By Muslim Brotherhood Group,” *The Clarion Project*, June 27, 2013. <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/%E2%80%8Bfbis-most-wanted-ads-blocked-muslim-brotherhood-group>

In Washington, middle school teacher Mary Janda was teaching a class on bullying and used Hamas and the Taliban as examples of groups that use violence to bully others. The school district received a letter from CAIR demanding an investigation. After the school district conducted an investigation which completely exonerated Janda of any wrongdoing, CAIR then petitioned a civil rights investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice.<sup>28 29</sup>

When Michigan proposed a bill (House bill No. 4769) to safeguard constitutional rights of citizens, CAIR sent out an Action Alert to its supporters to oppose it. Section 2 of the bill reads: *“A court, arbitrator, administrative agency, or other adjudicative, mediation, or enforcement authority shall not enforce a foreign law if doing so would violate a right guaranteed by the constitution of this state or of the United States.”*

The CAIR Action Alert claimed the bill was “anti-Islam.”<sup>30</sup> Similar laws have been passed in Arizona, Kansas, Louisiana, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee and most recently, North Carolina. When the North Carolina legislature passed a similar bill, CAIR conducted an email blitz of Governor Pat McCrory, urging him to veto, not sign.<sup>31</sup>

## **OPPOSITION TO ANTI-ISLAMIST MUSLIMS**

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During November 2011, moderate Muslims Omar Jamal and Abdirizak Bihi participated in a Somali culture seminar in Minnesota that included a session about the terrorist group Al-Shabaab, an Al Qaeda affiliate. CAIR complained about Al-Shabaab’s description in the seminar, which they claimed “fails to distinguish between Islam and terrorism.”

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<sup>28</sup> <http://www.concrete-herald.com/community-news/concrete/accusations-of-religious-intolerance-at-concrete-k-12/>

<sup>29</sup> Mauro, Ryan, “Local Citizens Rally Behind Teacher Attacked by CAIR,” *The Clarion Project*, March 24, 2013. <http://www.clarionproject.org/news/local-citizens-rally-behind-teacher-attacked-cair>

<sup>30</sup> Lopez, Clare, “CAIR-Michigan Goes After the U.S. Constitution,” *The Clarion Project*, December 13, 2012. <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/cair-michigan-goes-after-us-constitution>

<sup>31</sup> Lopez, Clare, “U.S. Islamists Press to Block Anti-Sharia Legislation,” *The Clarion Project*, August 19, 2013. <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/us-islamists-press-block-anti-shariah-legislation>

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Lori Saroya, CAIR-MN President, wrote: "These individuals, who have no credibility in the Somali community, are going to be educating law enforcement." At the time, Bihi served in Somalia's UN delegation.<sup>32</sup>

In May 2013, CAIR's newsletter featured an article that claimed that the moderate Muslim organization American Islamic Council (AIC) was funded by what it termed "America's Islamophobia network." A quote from the article reads, "Despite its claim to promote tolerance, the AIC has depended on substantial support from the very same elements that fought tooth and nail to sabotage the Islamic Society of Boston ..."<sup>33</sup>

It should be noted that the Islamic Society of Boston's teachings are largely based on Islamists like Muslim Brotherhood spiritual leader Yousef al-Qaradawi and Sayyid Qutb and was attended by the Tsarnayev brothers from Chechnya who carried out the Boston bombings in April 2013.

CAIR attacks its Muslim critics, for example, loudly protesting the appointment of anti-Islamist activist Dr. Zuhdi Jasser to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedoms labeling him a "sock puppet for Islam haters and an enabler of Islamophobia."<sup>34</sup>

However, a Gallup poll published in 2011 found that only 12% of Muslim-American males and 11% of females picked CAIR when asked which Muslim-American organization most represents their interests.<sup>35</sup>

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<sup>32</sup> IPT News: "CAIR Slams Muslim Foes of Al-Shabaab" The Investigative Project on Terror, November 15, 2011. <http://www.investigativeproject.org/3284/cair-slams-muslim-foes-of-al-shabaab>

<sup>33</sup> Mauro, Ryan, "CAIR Lashes Out at Non-Islamist Muslim Group," The Clarion Project, May 9, 2013. <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/cair-openly-attacks-moderate-muslim-group>

<sup>34</sup> Markoe, Lauren. "Muslims Call New Religious Freedom Appointee a 'Puppet' for Islam Foes," *Religion News Service*, March 27, 2012. <http://archives.religionnews.com/culture/social-issues/conservatives-app...>

<sup>35</sup> Gallup Nightly Poll from January 1, 2008 to April 9, 2011. <http://www.gallup.com/strategicconsulting/153611/REPORT-Muslim-Americans-Faith-Freedom-Future.aspx>

## MEDIA MANIPULATION

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In January 2013, CAIR launched a campaign to convince the media to stop using the word “Islamist,” a term used to refer to those supporting the imposition of *sharia* (Islamic law) as a governmental system, a goal shared by Islamic terrorists. CAIR justified its call to censor the use of the word Islamist saying that it is “currently used in almost exclusively pejorative context.”<sup>36 37</sup>

In April 2013, the Associated Press (AP) capitulated and revised its stylebook to recommend against the use of “Islamist” to describe Islamic extremists or militants.<sup>38</sup>

Also in January 2013, CAIR launched the “MyJihad” campaign to “[take] back Islam from Muslim and anti-Muslim extremists alike.”<sup>39</sup> The campaign was designed to remove the stigma surrounding the word “jihad” by telling the public that jihad simply means “struggling in the way of God” and that virtually any kind of non-violent “struggle” – such as learning to play the guitar or saving up for retirement – is *jihad*.

The campaign was designed to obfuscate and whitewash the term’s meaning, a proper understanding of which is necessary for Westerners to understand the Islamists’ ideological justification of jihad (holy war) against infidels.

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<sup>36</sup> Mauro, Ryan, “CAIR to media: ‘Stop Using the Term Islamist,’” *The Clarion Project*, January 6, 2013. <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/cair-media-stop-using-term-islamist>

<sup>37</sup> Weiss, Deborah, “CAIR’s Thought Police: At It Again,” *The Clarion Project*, January 15, 2013. <http://www.clarionproject.org/blog/cair/cair%E2%80%99s-thought-police-it-again>

<sup>38</sup> “CAIR Claims Victory Over the Associated Press’ Definition of ‘Islamist,’” *The Clarion Project*, April 8, 2013. <http://www.clarionproject.org/news/cair-claims-victory-over-associated-press-definition-islamist>

<sup>39</sup> Mauro, Ryan “CAIR Campaigns to Whitewash ‘Jihad,’” *The Clarion Project*, January 7, 2013. <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/cairs-campaign-whitewash-jihad>

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An Investigative Project on Terrorism video<sup>40</sup> featured slides from a CAIR presentation, including one on the “Characteristics of a Journalist.” The slide detailed the characteristics as:

- “They will expect you to do their work. Let them.”
- “Does little primary research.”
- “Under extreme deadline pressure.”
- “Fears charges of inaccuracy.”

Also in the video, Sarwat Husain, CAIR Vice Chair, said, “Media in the United States is very gullible, ok? And they will see that if you have something, especially as a Muslim, if you have something to say, they will come running to you — and take advantage of that.”<sup>41</sup>

CAIR also insinuates that the war on terror was “invented.” An article in CAIR’s newsletter from February 2013 is titled: “Creating America’s War on Terror.”<sup>42</sup>

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<sup>40</sup> See “Stigmatizing Their Critics: An IPT Panel Discussion on Islamist Intimidation.”  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHPWyMTGcN4&feature=youtu.be>

<sup>41</sup> Mauro, Ryan, “CAIR’s Guide to Media Manipulation,” *The Clarion Project*, October 17, 2013.  
<http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/cair’s-guide-media-manipulation>

<sup>42</sup> Mauro, Ryan, “CAIR: War On Terror is Made-Up,” *The Clarion Project*, February 21, 2013.  
<http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/cair-war-terror-made>

## INTERFAITH

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The Muslim Brotherhood document in 2004 that was seized by the FBI laid out its five-phased plan to overtake the West. Phase 2 calls for “gaining public support and sympathy.”<sup>43</sup> Interfaith alliances are used by CAIR to implement this phase by bringing them more legitimacy and influence.

For example: The Ford Interfaith Network’s 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Event, “One Ford, One Community,” was held October 23, 2013 in Dearborn, Michigan. Dawud Walid, Executive Director of CAIR-MI, was the keynote speaker. It was his third time to speak at the annual event.

Walid publicly supported senior Muslim Brotherhood member Mohamed Morsi in the 2012 presidential elections Egypt. Regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict, he said, “One of the greatest social ills facing America today is Islamophobia, and anti-Muslim bigotry. And if you trace the organizations and the main advocates and activists in Islamophobia in America, you will see that all those organizations are pro-Israeli occupation organizations and activists.”

He asserts that the FBI is “manufacturing their own terrorism suspects to give the appearance that they’re actually doing something tangible in the so-called ‘War on Terrorism.’”<sup>44</sup>

Also in October 2013, the Philadelphia Chapter of CAIR named Jewish filmmaker Jacob Bender as its leader. In a letter on the Chapter’s website, Bender expressed his commitment to “defending CAIR against the unfounded and hate mongering attacks of the Islamophobic network.”

Bender, whose bio claims he was an interfaith affairs speechwriter for Jesse Jackson, also said, “As someone who has long supported Palestinian rights and was critical of the [Israeli] policy of occupation, I find no contradiction between my long-stated opinions on the Middle East and those of CAIR.”<sup>45</sup> <sup>46</sup>

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<sup>43</sup> <http://www.clarionproject.org/document/phases-world-underground-movement-plan>

<sup>44</sup> Mauro, Ryan, “Ford Interfaith Network Embraces CAIR-Michigan,” *The Clarion Project*, November 3, 2013. <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/ford-embraces-cair-michigan>

<sup>45</sup> <http://outofcordoba.com/the-team/>

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CAIR joined a coalition led by the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles to sue the NSA. In the summer of 2013, CAIR-Connecticut held an “Islamophobia” workshop for 75 attendees at the All Souls Unitarian Church in New London, sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Fund for Social Responsibility and the congregation. The Islamic Society of America (ISNA)<sup>47</sup>, a Muslim Brotherhood entity, lists the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations as an “interfaith partner.”<sup>48</sup>

Sayyid Syeed, winner of CAIR’s 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award, is Director of ISNA’s Office for Interfaith and Community Alliances. He was videotaped saying, “Our job is to change the constitution of America” in 2006. As ISNA’s main interfaith liaison, he “has established relationships with a long list of churches, synagogues, other faith groups and the Obama Administration.”

From 1984-1994, Syeed was Director of Academic Outreach for the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT).<sup>49</sup> While in that role, an FBI informant in the network of the U.S. Muslim Brotherhood disclosed the IIIT leaders’ six-phase plan: to “institute the Islamic Revolution in the United States.” At that time, the goal was to “peacefully get inside the United States government and also American universities.”<sup>50</sup>

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<sup>46</sup> Mauro, Ryan. “CAIR Appoints Jew to Head Philadelphia Chapter,” *The Clarion Project*, October 20, 2013. <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/cair-chooses-jew-head-philadelphia-chapter>

<sup>47</sup> <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/islamic-society-north-america-isna>

<sup>48</sup> Mauro, Ryan, “CAIR Teams Up with Unitarian Church in Lawsuit Against the NSA,” *The Clarion Project*, July 29, 2013. <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/cair-teams-unitarian-church-suit-against-nsa>

<sup>49</sup> <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/international-institute-islamic-thought>

<sup>50</sup> Mauro, Ryan, “CAIR Honors Islamist for ‘Lifetime Achievement,’ *The Clarion Project*, September 30, 2013. <http://www.clarionproject.org/analysis/cair-honors-islamist-lifetime-achievement>