



HUSSAM AYLOUSH



HUSSAM AYLOUSH VISITED THE WHITE HOUSE TWICE. ON JUNE 11, 2009 HE MET WITH AMANDA BROWN, THEN ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS. ON JULY 8, 2011 HE MET WITH PAUL MONTEIRO, Associate Director, White House Office of Public Engagement

Hussam Ayloush is Executive Director of CAIR-Los Angeles, a position he has held since 1998.¹ He was also a delegate to the 2012 Democratic National Convention.² Ayloush has an extensive record of radical statements and hostility towards the United States and Israel.

Anti-U.S.:

America linked to Israeli “crimes”

- **America is “perceived as a partner in the crimes committed by Israel by the rest of the world and specifically by the Muslim world,”** Ayloush said at a January 2009 “teach-in” in Anaheim, CA. “Today, 1.5 billion Muslims around the world look at America either as an enemy or someone who is enabling someone to commit such crimes.”³

¹ “About: CAIR,” <http://ca.cair.com/losangeles/about/> (accessed September 6, 2012).

² DNC 2012 Convention Delegates, <http://www.democrats.org/2012-convention-delegate-list> (accessed Sept. 7, 2012).

³ Teach-in: “Gaza, Jerusalem and Palestine: What You Need to Know,” Presented by the IIOC Education Committee and CAIR-LA, Masjid Omar Al Farouk, Anaheim, Cal., Jan. 18, 2009.

Saddam Hussein's execution not "legitimate"

- Ayloush attacked the trial and execution of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein –(events that would have been impossible but for the U.S. military operation in Iraq.)
- “[T]he process of the execution and the trial was not a legitimate process to begin with,” Ayloush said, adding that it “showed an attempt to create a major sectarian division among Muslims.”⁴

Evil America, acting like “terrorists”

- Speaking at a CAIR-Los Angeles banquet, **Ayloush explained his vision of a better America.** It would be a nation “that will shut down our present-day internment camp, the infamous Guantanamo Bay. An America that will not illegally hold hundreds of detainees without due process. An America that can defeat terrorists without having to act like one.”⁵

America persecutes, attacks, and humiliates Muslims

- “We were required by Bush administration to play a role of the victim, of a policy of fear, fear-mongering to create fear of the Muslims, fear of the unknown, fear of the dark people, fear of the Asians, fear of the immigrants, to justify politics against those people, to justify policies and invasions, attacks against Iraq, attacks against Afghanistan, to justify all these so-called national security new laws and policies,” Ayloush said at a CAIR workshop. No imam can avoid getting “stopped, humiliated, questioned every time they’re coming back from Mexico, from Canada, from overseas.”⁶

America's war on terror is a “war on Muslims”

- In May 2004, Ayloush said that the war on terror had become a “war on Muslims,” the *Associated Press* reported. Ayloush added that the United States had become the “new Saddam” and should “end this hypocrisy, this hypocrisy that we are better than the other dictator.”⁷

Anti FBI:

- “Unfortunately, the agency [the FBI] seems to have been hijacked by individuals who are either driven by ideological right-wing politics and a goal of undermining President Obama's commitment to end the Bush

⁴ “Year End Review,” Hussam Ayloush Khutbah , Islamic Institute of Orange County at the Masjid Omar Al Farouk, Jan. 5, 2007.

⁵ CAIR – 2nd Annual Banquet, “Let the Conversation Begin,” San Diego, Cal., March 15, 2008.

⁶ “Know Your Rights” Workshop, Part 1 of 2 (Speaker session) Sponsored by: CAIR-LA, Islamic Shura Council of Southern California (ISCSC), MPAC, MAS- LA, MSA-West, Islamic Institute of Orange County (IIOC), Anaheim, Cal., March 29, 2009.

⁷ Ben Fox, “American Muslims Shamed by Prison Photos,” *Associated Press*, May 8, 2004.

years of fear and abuse, are influenced by their anti-Muslim bigotry,” Ayloush said.”⁸

- “When our kids get bullied at school and being called and labeled terrorist, we know who to thank for that: these rogue elements within the FBI.”⁹

Anti-Israel:

- Ayloush seems obsessed with the notion that Israel persecutes Palestinians, that this mistreatment is facilitated by Washington, and that Zionists are attempting to “silence” Muslims:
- **U.S. “partner to the crimes” committed by Israel.** “As Americans, whether we like it or not, we have become partner to the crimes that are happening in Palestine,” Ayloush said. “Why? Because our governments, consecutively, not only this recent one but the ones before, have supported Israel unconditionally with weapons and money, your tax money, my tax money, given anywhere from \$3.5 billion to \$6.7, \$10 billion loan guarantees which never get repaid. **Americans, we are partners in crime to what is happening in Palestine.**”¹⁰
- “We tend to forget that actually the terrorists who committed the September 11 attacks, one of the main grievances they raised, almost the only one they raised, what was it? Palestine. They said it was because of the U.S.’s unconditional support of Israel that we’re doing this.”¹¹
- “An attempt to close down relief for the Palestinians is an attempt at genocide.”¹²
- **“Again, those who support the extremist policies of the state of Israel today are trying to intimidate and silence American Muslims.”**¹³

“Imagine if Black African persons from South Africa were required to take an oath of allegiance to the apartheid system and if one refuses or dares to challenge such injustice he or she would be sentenced to prison (that actually happened under the apartheid regime). Imagine if Native

⁸ Hussam Ayloush blog, “Want to avoid FBI abuse? Here is what a young Muslim man should steer clear of,” Tuesday April 28, 2009, http://hussamayloush.blogspot.com/2009/04/want-to-avoid-fbi-abuse-here-is-what_28.html (accessed Sept. 7, 2012).

⁹ Hussam Ayloush khutbah, “The Best Jihad: Challenging Injustice” ,IIOC, Anaheim, Cal., Sept. 23, 2011.

¹⁰ Teach-in: “Gaza, Jerusalem and Palestine: What You Need to Know,” Presented by the IIOC Education Committee and CAIR-LA, Masjid Omar Al Farouk, Anaheim, Cal., Jan. 18, 2009.

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¹² “Facing Humanitarian Crisis in Palestine,” conference cosponsored by CAIR, the Muslim American Society (MAS), the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC), and the Muslim Students Association (MSA) West Zone, June 21, 2006.

¹³ Khutbah: “A Message to the FBI: American Muslims Are Partners Not Suspects,” Islamic Institute of Orange County, Masjid Omar Al Farouk, Anaheim, Cal., March 6, 2009.

Americans were denied the right to commemorate the loss of their land and heritage, and if they do so, they would be charged with treason and sentenced to prison. That is basically the news coming out of Israel these days.”¹⁴

- **“Israel might have left Gaza three years ago, but it has left it one of the largest prisons and jails in the history of mankind.** Gaza today and the people of Gaza live in the largest ghetto. People are not allowed to enter or leave. Food is not allowed. Supplies [are] controlled by Israel. Airplanes cannot land. Boats cannot come in. Unfortunately, they are turning Gazans into prisoners in their own land.”¹⁵
- “How can a state claim to be ‘democratic’ while at the same time implement[ing] laws and practices that favor only one religion and treat all non-Jews as second class citizens? Is a country that builds roads, schools, towns, and jobs for Jews only democratic?”¹⁶



- **So, it is important to understand that what we are dealing with is a group of hardcore extremist pro-Israel groups who in their goal is [sic] to demonize Islam and Muslims, why is that? Because if they succeed in marginalizing Muslims, making us feel like we're some fringe elements, some harmful fringe elements to society, what will happen? They will keep us out of the way of society at large; they will keep us away from media.**¹⁸

¹⁴ r Hussam Ayloush blog, “Only in Israel: question how Israel can be both democratic and Jewish, and land yourself in prison,” May 28, 2009.

<http://hussamayloush.blogspot.com/2009/05/only-in-israel-question-how-israel-can.html> (accessed Sept. 7, 2012).

¹⁵ MPAC Press Conference, “The Crisis in Gaza” December 30, 2008.

¹⁶ Hussam Ayloush blog, “Only in Israel: question how Israel can be both democratic and Jewish, and land yourself in prison,” Thursday, May 28, 2009.

<http://hussamayloush.blogspot.com/2009/05/only-in-israel-question-how-israel-can.html> (accessed Sept. 7, 2012).

¹⁷Hussam Ayloush Blog ¹⁷ Understanding Israel's racist "Law of Return," Nov. 17, 2009, <http://hussamayloush.blogspot.com/2009/11/understanding-israels-racist-law-of.html> (accessed Sept. 7, 2012).

¹⁸ Teach-in: “Gaza, Jerusalem and Palestine: What You Need to Know” Presented by the IIOC Education Committee and CAIR-LA, Masjid Omar Al Farouk, Anaheim, Cal., Jan. 18, 2009.

- “Our problem is not with Judaism; **our problem is with a bunch of racist criminals who are bloody called Zionists extremists** and they are the ones we’ve seen their actions over the last twenty two days. People have lost their humanity, people have no sense of humanity, people who dare to celebrate the deaths of children.” Israeli soldiers leaving out of Gaza with the victory sign, victory of what and for what? Victory in killing 400 children? That is the bravery of the Israeli soldiers? These are the brave soldiers of this great state of Israel?”¹⁹
- “You will find out that nine out of ten of the Islamophobes who are promoting anti Muslim bigotry in America and conflict between America and the Muslim world are actually people who are known to be right wing pro Israel apologists. Why do they do it? Because their goal is to demonize the Palestinians and anyone who is around them in the circle.”²⁰
- In 1948, **“Jewish, Zionist extremist” groups “ethnically cleansed and destroyed over 530 villages and towns in Palestine and forced over 750,000 Palestinians outside of their homes.”**²¹
- “Israel is the only place in the world today that continues to be built apartheid walls that separate people based on their religion or race.”²²
- “The people of Palestine and the people of Syria have chosen to stand up against injustice, to stand up for their freedom and for their dignity and the dignity of every Muslim and every human being for that matter.”²³
- “We’re witnessing double standards, injustice. **There’s a justice specially for the rich and the powerful, and there’s justice/injustice for the unpopular causes, for the weak. There’s a special justice for those who commit a crime of speaking against Israel, against Israel’s crimes.**”²⁴
- “You are witnessing oppression, and if you don’t take a stance then Allah’s punishment will come.”²⁵

¹⁹ Teach-in: “Gaza, Jerusalem and Palestine: What You Need to Know” Presented by the IIOC Education Committee and CAIR-LA, Masjid Omar Al Farouk, Anaheim, Cal., Jan. 18, 2009.

²⁰ Khutbah by Br. Hussam Ayloush on May 11, 2012 at IIOC entitled: "Don't Forget Palestine". <http://vimeo.com/42039006> (accessed Sept. 7, 2012).

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²⁴ Hussam Ayloush khutbah, “The Best Jihad: Challenging Injustice” IIOC, Anaheim, Cal., September 23, 2011.

²⁵ Hussam Ayloush khutbah, “The Best Jihad: Challenging Injustice” IIOC, Anaheim, September 23, 2011

Other statements:

Terrorists and “Charities”

- "The fact remains, we don't describe extremist Israeli settlers who target Palestinian civilians as 'Jewish terrorists' nor abortion clinic bombers as 'Christian terrorists' - and rightly so. No faith should be falsely associated with the criminal behavior of a few. Not Islam, not Judaism, not Christianity."²⁶
- "As we see one charitable organization after the other having its assets frozen and its offices closed, you know, the shift from fighting terrorism is slowly happening towards a fight against symbols of Islam or Islamic activism in the U.S." ²⁷

Islam the “true religion”

- "He (Allah) is the one who has sent His messenger Muhammad sallallahu alaihi wa sallam, with the guidance, the guidance of Islam, and the true religion, the religion of Islam, so it may prevail over all ideologies, all man-made religions."²⁸
- "Islam is not for Muslims only. Islam is for the whole humanity, as all of us understand."²⁹
- "Islam is a comprehensive message for the mankind, not only for Muslims."³⁰

The evils of informants

- "At a [sic] same time when we're promoting a partnership - with our law enforcement - for the sake for national security, our FBI were [sic] hiring shady characters and individuals to try to instigate against the Muslim community and instigate acts of violence to ruin the reputation of the Muslim community. We feel very betrayed by this very unprofessional behavior."³¹

²⁶ "CAIR-LA: Interfaith Groups Rebuke Rep's Inflammatory Language," September 10, 2008 <http://www.cair.com/ArticleDetails.aspx?mid1=674&&ArticleID=25446&&name=n&&currPage=1> (accessed September 7, 2012)

²⁷ "Marketplace Morning Report," *Minnesota Public Radio*, December 26, 2001

²⁸ Why Islam 4th Annual Fundraising Banquet, Brookhurst Community Center, Anaheim, Cal., Part 1, July 19, 2008, Hussam Ayloush, Sheikh Mohammed Faqib

²⁹ MAS 12th Annual Convention, "Sharing the Guidance & Standing for Justice," Long Beach Convention Center, Nov. 29, 2008

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³¹ "Islamic group says FBI informant instigated rather than informed," KPCC News in Brief, February 27, 2009.

- Ayloush claimed that since 9/11 the FBI has been “actually paying informants as instigators to enter the mosques to monitor, to provoke, and forcefully to recruit Muslims to become informants and threaten them with retaliation for refusing to comply.”
- He added that “Unfortunately there are certain corrupt anti-Muslim, maybe power-hungry, FBI agents who are actually approaching law-abiding and peaceful American Muslims today in their house of worship, in their masjids and coercing them into becoming FBI informants and instigators against their community.”³²

³² Khutbah: “A Message to the FBI: American Muslims Are Partners Not Suspects,” Islamic Institute of Orange County, Masjid Omar Al Farouk, Anaheim, Cal., March 6, 2009.