

## Voice of America Blogger Uses CAIR Deceits on Romney Middle East Advisers

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In her post which appeared in Middle East Voices this week, Cecily Hilleary (pictured above) regurgitated the same Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) talking points about Professor Walid Phares that Brooke Anderson of Beirut's Daily Star did back in January. Both women parroted CAIR spin saying that "many American Muslims have expressed concern about Romney's choice of Walid Phares as an adviser," but neither offered a single shred of evidence to support their claim.

After Anderson channeled CAIR's talking points in her January 6 article, CAIR returned the favor later that same month by channeling Anderson in its own hit piece on Phares. At that point it was fair to say that CAIR was now channeling itself. With so many members of the jihad lobby channeling each other's misinformation about Professor Phares in the Blogosphere, the entire influence operation has taken on an air of virtual incest. Though at this point it is difficult to tell who is channeling whom, it is safe to say that the same group of jihadists are trying to sell the lie that Mitt Romney will lose the entire Muslim vote unless he dumps Phares and other advisers. Reality is that CAIR and the Jihadists fear strategic advice to be provided by top experts in the field, to undermine the influence they have developed during the Obama Administration.

In 1938, the Institute for Propaganda Analysis identified "Card Stacking" as one of seven main propaganda techniques. Card Stacking puts its own argument in the best and its opponent's in the worst possible light by presenting only information that supports its position. In so doing, the propagandist "stacks the cards" against the truth to get its intended target to acquiesce to its position.

In January, CAIR's journalistic tryst entailed citing the talking points it had fed to Brooke Anderson for the Daily Star's hit piece on Phares. CAIR passed the DNA of its anti-Phares agitprop on to Anderson who gave birth to it in the Daily Star. The two became one, positing that Phares had played a leading political role in right-wing Christian militias during the Lebanese Civil War as an adviser to Samir Geagea, "the only Lebanese militia leader who was imprisoned for crimes committed during the 15-year conflict." It didn't matter that the story was false. The goal was to sully a good man's reputation and CAIR and Anderson were stacking the cards against him.

The Daily Star also enjoyed an incestuous relationship with Warren David and the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee when it repeated David's false claim that Phares "leans toward being an Islamophobe." What often gets lost in the jihad lobby's defamatory orgy is the fact that CAIR doesn't represent the Muslim American community, just the Islamists hiding among them. CAIR's disdain for academics who oppose their decidedly Islamist worldview, originates in the Muslim Brotherhood, CAIR's parent organization. CAIR's attempts to discredit Phares are quashed in the praise of liberal and conservative Muslim Americans who laud his efforts in support of democratic and secular Muslims in the Middle East. Phares in fact advises more Muslim organizations representing freedom agendas than CAIR does. This was lost on pedestrian journalist Hilleary.

It bears repeating for the record that Phares was never an adviser to a Lebanese Forces leader. He was a representative of his own small social democratic party which was part of a coalition of political parties overseeing the Lebanese Forces, the defense body of the Lebanese Christian people from 1977 till 1989. CAIR's fabrications which were published in the Daily Star and debunked by Regina Kantara here shows that Brooke Anderson was manipulated by CAIR to publish its lies. She later contacted Phares's office to apologize.

Warren David of the AADC was also discredited by Arab and Lebanese Americans. Phares is constantly praised by Muslim Americans who oppose the Jihadists as confirmed in this story.

There is no doubt that Ms. Hilleary's talking points came from CAIR. This is evidenced in the statement, "many American Muslims have expressed concerns" which is the Islamist party line. It also shows how the Muslim Brotherhood and Hezbollah are planning to manipulate public opinion against Romney's advisers on the Middle East. But again, the public is wise to their schemes and readers will see the Islamist propaganda factory and their backers in Washington behind the attacks.

It is unfortunate that Ms. Hilleary, who worked for Dubai TV and VOA where Dr. Phares frequently appears, didn't report accurately. Her criticism of Long and O'Sullivan, the two other Middle East advisors of Governor Romney, is certainly not credible. I do not know how Congress which funds VOA will look at this biased reporting. The situation is serious as Hilleary wrote for the taxpayer-funded organization. According to MEV's website the organization is "a new

social journalism project powered by the (US Congress-funded) BBG and Voice of America. Designed as a collaborative journalism and engagement platform, it seeks to combine investigative journalism, crowdsourcing, participatory writing and social media technology to redefine how stories in and about the Middle East should be told."

All of this bias against Phares, Long and O'Sullivan raises the specter of penetration of the US bureaucracy by pro-Islamists. Congress should investigate the real story behind Hilleary's article along with other propaganda pieces which are funded by taxpayers.

In the final analysis, the jihad lobby has failed in its efforts to tarnish the image of Dr. Walid Phares, a good and brilliant man.

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Excellent rebuttal by John Hajjar of yet another CAIR operative. But this time this journalist Hillarey works for or uses US Government media, funded by the US Congress. She should be fired from VOA because she used taxpayer tools to advance Islamists lobby interests.

posted by: Atef  
Friday, April 13, 2012 at 09:55 AM

CAIR and the rest of the jihad lobby are outing themselves and their seditious enterprise by attacking Dr. Phares. Keep it up CAIR. You've already been exposed as an unindicted co-conspirator in the largest terrorism-financing trial in US history. Now you are exposing yourself as a hostile influence operation targeting Government.

posted by: Spin Cipher  
Friday, April 13, 2012 at 12:27 AM

Well, I am shocked that anyone else is shocked by the Brotherhood's influence peddling, AKA Islamic penetration, within the halls of Washington power centers.

Anyone who is conversant with the findings from Paul Sperry's, 'Infiltration', in addition with Gaubatz and Sperry's, 'The Muslim Mafia', understands where its at.

Devour BOTH books. The documentary evidence is beyond compelling. It is dead on rights.

posted by: Adina Kutnicki, Israel  
Friday, April 13, 2012 at 12:40 AM

This Hillary has to be a paid agent. No one can be that dumb as to believe what she espouses. I wonder what they pay her.

posted by: Trevor F.  
Friday, April 13, 2012 at 03:43 PM

If CAIR, or Hillarey whatever her name is, are against Dr. Phares, then I say that he is fine with me. Their hatred is testimony to the fact that he must be doing something good. For America.

posted by: Dave from Florida  
Friday, April 13, 2012 at 04:15 PM

When I read things like this, I wonder if Hillaery's parents know what she is doing?

posted by: Hermione J.  
Friday, April 13, 2012 at 05:35 PM