

Something is rotten at the Berkman Center

Evidence suggests that the Viral Peace project at Harvard University's Berkman Center for Internet and Society may be staffed by persons affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood. The manner in which the office was established suggests that members of the Muslim Brotherhood may have been appointed to political positions at the executive level of the Department of Homeland Security where they may guide the Department's operations to avoid harming the Brotherhood's interests. Further evidence links the Berkman center to persons who may be associated with the mafia, money launderers, Russian and Chinese financiers, and key Democratic Party personnel, suggesting that Berkman may be a hub of hostile foreign influence on American decision makers.

About the Muslim Brotherhood

The Muslim Brotherhood is the parent organization of al-Qaeda, al-Shabab, Boko Haram, Hamas, Hizb ut-Tahrir, ISIS, Islamic Jihad, Jemaah Islamiyah, Lashkar e-Taiba, the Palestinian movement, Salafist Call and Combat, the modern Seleka movement, and the Taliban, and it inspired the Iranian revolution of Ayatollah Khomeini and Iran's external military Hezbollah. The Brotherhood's geographically dispersed subsidiaries were brought together in 1991 through the efforts of Hassan Turabi and came under the effective control of Turabi's financial officer Osama bin Laden when Turabi was hospitalized. The Brotherhood's known American front organizations include the Muslim Student Association, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, and the Islamic Society of North America.

The FBI's civil rights division aggressively discouraged investigations into the Brotherhood's finance networks during the 1990s. At that time, unabashed terrorism supporter Abdurahman Alamoudi and his associates were regular visitors to high office functions of the military, White House, and Congress. The Customs Department's investigation into 9/11 financing, Green Quest, ended abruptly when the FBI claimed jurisdictional authority and Customs agreed to halt the investigation. The evidence that Customs collected is believed to have been destroyed as required by federal privacy laws. European investigations into 9/11 financing ended when the State Department refused to provide prosecutors with evidence.

Brotherhood influence at DHS

DHS advisor Mohamed Elbiary posted the sign of the Muslim Brotherhood front group R4BIA on his Twitter account. Elbiary had been a controversial appointee due to previous evidence suggesting support for extremists, and was protected from criticism by DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano.

On April 16, 2014, DHS Secretary Lisa Monaco announced the formation of an international partnership against hate speech and extremism to be hosted at the Berkman Center in coordination with Britain's Institute for Strategic Dialogue. A Berkman press released described this as a “global research and action network focused on youth-oriented hate speech online” that “builds upon the Viral Peace project.” Members of the Viral Peace project can be associated with the Muslim Brotherhood.

The Viral Peace Project

Open source reporting associates four persons with the Viral Peace project, which also operates under the name Generation Change.

- Farah Pandith – Co-founder
- Shahed Amanullah – Liaison to Institute for Strategic Dialogue
- Wajahat Ali – Trainer
- Humera Khan – Trainer

Farah Pandith is listed among the participants¹ of the March 2006 conference *Muslim Communities Participating in Society: A Belgian-U.S. Dialogue* in which American members of the Muslim Brotherhood met with members of the Federation of European Muslim Youth Organizations,² a known financier of Taibah International.³ Pandith's role in the conference is not known.

This writer knows of no derogatory information about Shahed Amanullah.

While this writer knows of no derogatory information about Humera Khan, her background raises a red flag. Khan is linked through Abacus Strategy to Adnan Ozair and Adnan Ansari, each previously VP of product development for the company Saudi Home Loans. Ozair was the director of fundraising for the All-Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) which was one of the suspected al-Qaeda financiers raided in Green Quest. Government evidence introduced in the trial of the Holy Land Foundation lists Wael Alkhaire of ADAMS as an officer of the SAAR network of al-Qaeda financiers.

Wajahat Ali is the author of the Center for American Progress report *Fear Inc - Roots of the Islamophobia Network in America* which smeared several of the leading civilian intelligence analysts focusing on the Muslim Brotherhood by associating them with right-wing extremists. This should have banned him from State Department work, but Ali and Humera Khan were trainers for a Viral Peace / Generation Change activity in Indonesia. Ali has worked for Qatari state television station al-Jazeera.

Qatar is not our friend

Kenneth Timmerman has reported that weapons delivered to Qatari intermediaries for use by Libyan rebels were instead transferred to the Taliban in Afghanistan and used on American forces.⁴

The newspaper al-Watan claimed that Mohamed Morsi made an alliance with the Zawahiri network of al-Qaeda after becoming Prime Minister of Egypt. After being deposed, Morsi was housed at al-Jazeera headquarters in Qatar.⁵ Wadah Khanfar, director of Qatari state television station al-Jazeera from 2003 to 2011, had previously worked as a recruiter for the Muslim Brotherhood in South Africa.⁶

1 https://web.archive.org/web/20061231001122/http://www.usip.org/muslimworld/projects/muslim_youth/brussels_report.html

2 <http://www.globalmbwatch.com/2009/06/25/breaking-news-new-us-special-representative-announced-for-muslim-outreach/>

3 <http://old.post-gazette.com/pg/05363/629642.stm>

4 <http://nypost.com/2014/06/08/how-the-taliban-got-their-hands-on-modern-us-missiles/>

5 <http://www.meforum.org/3739/muslim-brotherhood-al-qaeda-connection>

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/egypts-muslim-brotherhood-finds-havens-abroad/2013/11/05/438f2dfe-463a-11e3-95a9-3f15b5618ba8_story.html

6 <http://www.globalmbwatch.com/2010/04/06/al-jazeera-director-general-denies-muslim-brotherhood-ideology-at-station/>

The Berkman Center

The Berkman Center describes itself as a “think-and-do tank focused on the creation of Internet norms” whose goal is not merely to study Internet culture but to shape it. As an example, one of Berkman's projects is to promote the controversial feminism of Jessica Valenti whose work focuses less on empowering women and more on directing bigotry at men.

Berkman's methodology is to seek out and identify persons of influence in its target area of Internet communities and dazzle them with access to experts, financing, and marketing. It can be presumed that continued access to these learning, financing, and marketing opportunities is dependent upon adherence to the social norms that Berkman seeks to create.

In at least one case the Berkman Center worked in concert with the activist group Women, Action, and Media (WAM) that was directly involved in the subject that Berkman was supposed to be studying. This implies a lack of controls against the tainting of research. WAM is part of the Media Action Grassroots Network (MAG-Net) group whose board chair Pia Infante co-directs the Whitman Institute which invests in offshore funds while funding leftist activists in the United States.

Sascha Meinrath, an advisory committee member of Berkman's Anti-Hate Speech Initiative, is a former vice president of the New America Foundation. The New America Foundation's leadership council includes a Jonathan Soros of Soros Fund Management who is believed to be related to George Soros. Mark Mitchell of the Deep Capture project, funded by overstock.com, identifies the New America Foundation as a front for the Genovese mafia.

Berkman is affiliated with the Global Voices movement, also known as Stitching Global Voices, which seeks to identify and promote journalists in the Third World. Stitching Global Voices received 400,000 Euro from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2014-2015.⁷ Stitching Global Voices was co-founded by Joi Ito of the MIT Media Lab. The board of Friends Of Global Voices includes Rebecca MacKinnon of the New America Foundation; Isaac Mao, a Chinese venture capitalist; and Xení Jardin of BoingBoing, which published propaganda in support of the Taliban⁸ and Kashmiri Jamaat e-Islami.⁹

Wikipedia lists the same Isaac Mao as a vice president of the United Capital Investment Group. Wikipedia lists Russian-Azeri banker Fuad Akhundov, a former engineer in the USSR Ministry of Defense, as founder of a United Capital Investment Group and the chief executive director of Moscow-based Nikoil, likely related to Nikoysl Bank. A 2013 report by Guillermo Contreras of the San Antonio Express-News implicates a United Capital Investment Group in payroll fraud.¹⁰ The IRS accused a United Capital Investment Group owned by a John Walker II of failure to pay \$173 million in taxes.¹¹ The Department of Defense issued a \$141 million contract #SP0600-11-D-1019 to a United Capital Investment Group for delivery of fuel to Djibouti.¹²

7 <https://hivos.org/activity/global-voices-2014-2015>

8 <http://boingboing.net/2010/07/31/time-afghansploitati.html>

9 <http://boingboing.net/2010/08/15/s-is-for-stone-a-gue.html>

10 http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Payroll-fraud-scheme-yields-another-guilty-plea-4392706.php

11 In the Matter of: Wren Alexander Investments, L.L.C., US Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit

12 http://www.militaryindustrialcomplex.com/contract_detail.asp?contract_id=17196

Berkman is a participant in the Global Network Initiative launched by Google, Microsoft, and Yahoo. Senator Richard Durbin attempted to blackmail Facebook and Twitter into joining GNI by threatening them with federal interference in their business operations if they refused.¹³ GNI launched its web page with a quote from Mary Robinson who has been criticized for statements supporting Hamas. GNI has recently endorsed a proposal by UN Women for global political censorship of internet communications.

Whitman Institute

The Whitman Institute's investments include:

- the Palladian Partners and GT Offshore (Cayman Islands) funds managed by Simone Meeks and Charles C. Gerber of Gerber/Taylor Capital Advisors;
- Metropolitan Partners, possibly the Metropolitan Equity Partners group of Douglas Jacobsen of JH Partners, whose team includes several persons previously with the Man Group plc which suggests operations through the Isle of Man;
- MAPCO, which shares the name of a transportation company and a subsidiary of the Delek Group associated with the Israeli investors Yitzhak and Elad Tshuva;
- Fortress Partners Offshore Fund, of the Fortress Investment Group which includes the subsidiary Fortress Transportation; also known as Drawbridge;
- Hudson Realty Capital Fund IV, exclusively managed by Credit Suisse Bank;
- Rosemont-Soleby, probably Rosemont-Solebury Capital Management which held a conference with the Opal Financial group in Dubai on November 3, 2014 to seek Middle Eastern investments and whose subsidiary Rosemont Seneca Partners is co-founded by R. Hunter Biden and Christopher Heinz, relatives respectively of Joe Biden and John Kerry;
- Alliance Bernstein, the company of Robert M. Keith and Joseph J. Mantineo;

¹³ <https://web.archive.org/web/20140626235727/http://www.forbes.com/sites/larrydownes/2011/03/30/why-no-one-will-join-the-global-network-initiative>

Global Network Initiative

The Global Network Initiative describes itself as "devoted to protect and advance freedom of expression and privacy in the ICT sector." Its recent actions are in direct contradiction of that goal.

David Sullivan of GNI condemned free speech activists for opposing a report by UN Women that called for speech restrictions on the Internet.

GNI includes several businesses that are not obviously in the ICT sector.

- Boston Common Asset Management, a "social change" fund
- Calvert Group / Calvert Investments, which runs the Calvert Social Index Fund
- Domini Social Investments
- Foreign and Colonial (F&C) Asset Management, a subsidiary of the Bank of Montreal
- Folksam, a Swedish insurance company
- Trillium Asset Management, which offers "Sustainable Investing" and "Green Investing"
- Walden Asset Management, which offers "socially responsible investing"

The "social" listings could be used as leverage to demand businesses enforce political and behavioral codes upon employees.

Other GNI members of interest include:

- The Berkman Center and the Nexa Center of Italy which head the Global Alliance of Internet and Society Centers
- Movements.org / The Alliance of Youth Movements, a project of Jared Cohen of Google Ideas, funded by Generation Next
- Ernest Wilson of the USC Annenberg School of Communication
- Rebecca McKinnon of the New America Foundation
- PEN American Center, known as a promoter of left-wing writers
- Procera Networks, a provider of deep packet inspection technology

American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

Advocates for Jewish causes have accused members of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) of recruiting and raising funds for terrorist organizations overseas. In 2002, Daniel Pipes described ADC communications director Hussein Ibish as a “far-left” extremist who “does not advocate militant Islam. Instead, he pushes a set of far left-wing views” such as accusing the United States of terrorism. Ibish left the ADC in 2004. ¹⁴In 2003, Debbie Schlusel described ADC Midwest Regional Director Imad Hamad as a supporter of Hamas and Hezbollah who had protested against the arrests of al-Qaeda money launderers. ¹⁵

In 2005 the Militant Islam Monitor reported that the ADC was funded by Saudi prince Waleed al Talal al Saud who had given bonus payments to the families of Hamas suicide bombers. This description matches that of al-Waleed bin Talal bin Abdulaziz al Saud, chairman of the Kingdom Holding Company. ¹⁶

Global Network Initiative board member Greg Nojeim was an activist with the ADC since the Gulf War of 1991. ¹⁷ Nojeim also serves as Director of the Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT). CDT received a \$400,000 grant from the Open Society Foundation in 2010. The name of CDT counsel Alice Leiter is similar to that of the wife of Michael Leiter of the National Counterterrorism Center.

The ADC signed a coalition letter of March 25, 2015 calling for reforms of American surveillance practices. The letter is hosted by the New America Foundation. ¹⁸

Former ADC co-founder James Zogby is a co-founder of the Arab American Institute whose representative Jennifer Audrey Kaufman is a member of the New Organizing Institute (NOI). The NOI advisory board includes Amanda Michel of the Berkman Center and James Rucker of Color of Change.

14 <http://www.danielpipes.org/141/hussein-ibish-us-arabs-firebrand>

15 <http://www.debbieschlusel.com/6282/schlusel-stops-fbi-award-to-terrorist-supporter-the-column-that-started-it-all/>

16 <https://web.archive.org/web/20051220204350/http://www.militantislammonitor.org/article/id/743>

17 <http://www.law.virginia.edu/html/alumni/uvalawyer/spr10/unclesam.htm>

18 <http://www.debbieschlusel.com/6282/schlusel-stops-fbi-award-to-terrorist-supporter-the-column-that-started-it-all/>

The UN and "Cyber Violence"

The self-contradictory notion of "online violence against women" or "cyber violence" spread from a January 2013 report of the Association for Progressive Communications (APC) Women's Rights Program. APC's "Take Back the Tech" initiative had been using the phrase since 2009.¹⁹ APC members include May First / PeopleLink which is affiliated with Riseup Networks²⁰ and is a member of MAG-Net. The phrase originated with a 2002 paper by Susan C. Herring that equated several nonviolent activities such as wire fraud with the act of physical assault.

Since 2013 the phrase has been adopted by UN Women as a prominent UN agenda item. While some at the UN use "cyber violence" to describe online threats of violence, others use the phrase to describe disagreement with political extremists as an act of violence that deserves suppression by state and private interests. Jac Sm Kee is among those who are aggressive in driving this effort. Another is Erika Smith of Mexico whose translation service Tlatolli Ollin / Words In Movement claims to have worked for the Ford Foundation and the embassies of the United States, Canada, France, and South Africa.

A report issued by the UN Broadband Commission on "cyber violence against women and girls" described "blasphemous libel" as a form of cyber violence. As this comes only a few years after a failed movement at the UN to place a worldwide ban on blasphemy against Islam, it is possible that the "cyber violence" campaign may have been adopted by parties seeking such a ban as a means of sneaking it through the back door.

19 <https://web.archive.org/web/20090225232025/http://www.apcwomen.org/node/599>

20 <https://archive.is/mfPkh>

Google

Google was one of the three co-founders of the Global Network Initiative.

Julian Assange of Wikileaks warns that "Google is not what it seems"²¹ and alleges that Google CEO Eric Schmidt is a political operative for Hillary Clinton. While Assange is not a reliable source, there are enough suspicious coincidences that his warnings should be taken into consideration.

Google CEO Eric Schmidt is chairman of the board of directors of the New America Foundation.

Multiple reports accuse Google's Jared Cohen of being involved in the Muslim Brotherhood's overthrow of allied and neutral Middle East governments. One report accuses Cohen of going rogue in Gaza and meeting unknown parties without the knowledge of State oversight.²²

Sue Gardner

Sue Gardner is affiliated with Global Voices, the Tor onion router project, and the Omidyar Foundation's First Look media. The Omidyar Foundation was previously a financier of the Berkman Center. While Gardner was director of Wikipedia, the organization directly funded and encouraged activism on Wikipedia in support of the ideologies of the Berkman Center and the Sylvia Rivera Law Project.

Cloudflare

In March 2015 Cloudflare hired lobbyists Mike Nelson and Heather West who began promoting the ideologies of the Berkman Center and the United Nations "cyber violence" movement rather than Cloudflare's interests. Heather West was an employee of the Center for Democracy and Technology from 2007-2010.

21 <https://wikileaks.org/google-is-not-what-it-seems/>

22 <http://www.law.virginia.edu/html/alumni/uvalawyer/spr10/unclesam.htm>