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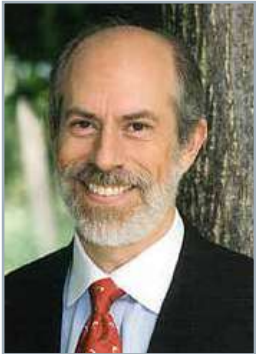
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WINNING THE WAR FOR THE FREE WORLD

By Frank Gaffney



I want to think with you about the challenges Americans are facing in what we ought to call the War for the Free World. That characterization is far more accurate than the widely used but ultimately vapid “War on Terror,” to say nothing of President Obama’s favored euphemism: “Countering Violent Extremism.”

First, my preferred term makes clear what is at stake. In this struggle, everything is on the line. Our enemies want nothing less than to destroy the Free World, and most especially the nation that has been for decades its leader, champion, and bulwark: the United States of America.

Second, by calling it the War for the Free World, we are reminded that what we’re in the midst of, at the moment, is simply the latest phase of a protracted conflict that has raged at least since World War I.

Embolden, Undermine, Diminish

Ronald Reagan in August 1961 memorably said of this epic struggle: “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. It isn’t passed on to our children through the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on to them to do the same.”

Then what about our generation’s threat to freedom? Today we face myriad adversaries. And unfortunately there are more of them, and they are more aggressive, because of this President and his policies.

His policies add up to an Obama Doctrine, an agenda never explicitly stated by him, but which I have summarized in nine baleful words: *Embolden our enemies. Undermine our friends. Diminish our country.*

The cumulative effect of such policies over the past six years is not hard to discern. In Europe, they have encouraged the Kremlin’s current tyrant, Vladimir Putin, to seize by force sovereign territory for the first time since World War II. In Asia, they have contributed to the acceleration of Chinese plans for regional and ultimately global domination.

China’s ambitions are now playing out ever more palpably in the amassing of power and its projection into the South China Sea, as well as through colonial and mercantilist operations in virtually all the world’s other strategic choke points and resource-rich lands.

Rise of Global Jihad

Worst of all, President Obama has deliberately and explicitly enabled the rise of the global jihad movement—arguably the most immediately dangerous of our foes.

From his 2009 inaugural address and his first foreign interview as president with *al Arabiya*, to his apology tour stops in Cairo and Turkey, to his Presidential Study Directive 11 endorsing Muslim Brotherhood takeovers in the Levant, to the present negotiations with Iran, Barack Obama has embraced and empowered Islamic supremacists at every turn.

They are now on the march, both overseas and inside our own country. In the aftermath of murderous attacks at the hands of Islamists on three continents just this week, we must come to grips once again with the danger this kind of violent jihad poses to the Free World and all of its peoples.

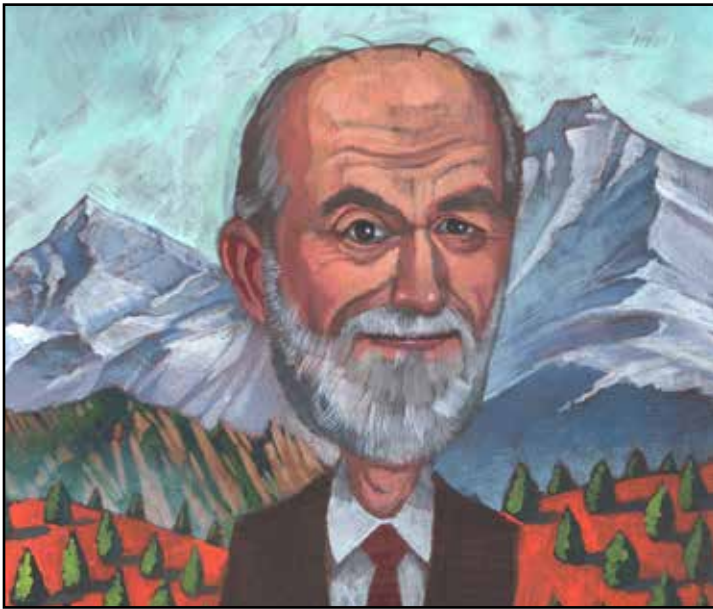
In addition, that danger is greatly exacerbated by another type of jihadism that has gone largely unremarked in this country for the past five decades. The prime movers behind it are members of a group President Obama has actually considered to be a partner and the rightful inheritor of the secular Sunni states of the Middle East: the Muslim Brotherhood.

Too few Americans are aware of the chilling implications of a secret Muslim Brotherhood document entered into evidence in the largest terrorism financing trial in U.S. history—the Holy Land Foundation prosecution. It’s called *The Explanatory Memorandum on the Strategic Goal of the Group in North America*.

Freedom must be fought for.

Frank Gaffney (M.A., Johns Hopkins) was a Reagan appointee in the Defense Department, 1983-88, prior to founding the Center for Security Policy, which he still heads. A speaker at all six Western Conservative Summits, he gave this speech at the WCS15 Gold Awards Banquet on June 27, 2015.

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Visionary Leader: Frank Gaffney was presented with this portrait by Centennial Institute artist Benjamin Hummel, on the occasion of receiving the 2015 Stephen H. Long Award for Visionary Leadership in Service to the American Idea. A soldier, explorer, inventor, and Colorado summiteer, Major Long, as the citation explained, was a soldier, explore, and Colorado summiteer who “helped open our country’s heartland and won a place in its heart.”

It has been proven in court to be the Brotherhood’s secret plan for, in the memo’s words, “eliminating and destroying Western civilization from within by their [own] hands and the hands of the believers, so that God’s religion is made victorious over all other religions.”

America and the West are, in short, on notice about this enemy, its seditious agenda, and how it is stealthily, patiently, and successfully advancing not so much nonviolent as pre-violent “civilization jihad” right under our noses. Or at least we should be on notice.

The time has come for a concerted counter-jihad campaign to defeat our generation’s most immediate foe. This is not to say we can ignore those who are also dangerous—and becoming more so by the day—like the Chinese and Russian governments. We must work to deter and disable the threats they pose, as well.

Urgent Priorities

But we have to *vanquish* the Islamic supremacists—irrespective of the particular banner they may operate under—who are actively seeking our destruction through one means or another. I would suggest four urgent priorities for this counter-jihad campaign:

Vanquish the Islamic supremacists.

First, we must defeat the incipient nuclear deal with Iran that is not simply paving the way for the mullahs to get the bomb, as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned Congress in March. Team Obama’s negotiators are building a *superhighway* for that purpose.

Incredibly, under Republican leadership, Congress has made it exceedingly difficult to reject this accord. But we are obliged to try to do so, lest we facilitate the creation of a threat that will not only imperil our ally, Israel. It will pose an existential danger to this nation, as well.

Second, we have to deny our Islamist enemies—and others—what amounts to a “kill shot” on America. The Iranians and the rest all know that the United States’ Achilles heel is our vulnerable electric grid.

If they are able take out that most critical of critical infrastructures, we will lose our country and perhaps as many as nine out of ten of our people. The good news is that we know how to make our electric grid resilient against various man-induced and naturally occurring perils.

The bad news is that we have yet to take those technically straightforward and relatively inexpensive steps, primarily because the nation’s electric utilities themselves have used their resources and political clout to stymie any progress. We must arouse public concern to overcome such resistance and secure our grid.

Stealth Colonization

Third, we need to stop importing more jihadists. Investigative work by Ann Corcoran and James Simpson at the Center for Security Policy has documented how the Islamic supremacists have joined forces with the hard left to wield demography as a weapon.

This red-green axis uses our refugee resettlement, asylum, visa lottery, and other legal immigration programs—along with illegal alien-smuggling and visa overstays—to engage in what Mohammed called the *hijra*. This targeted migration, amounting to a stealth colonization, has already brought an estimated 1.9 million Muslims to this country since September 11, 2001.

No doubt many of these Muslim immigrants are peaceable and seeking the American dream. But we know that from Minnesota to Texas, from Arizona to Boston, countless radical jihadists have been allowed to migrate and/or to incubate here.



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– John Andrews, Director



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We must stop further immigration of those whose shariah program obliges them to strive for our submission. We must also prevent more jihadist mosques, cultural centers, and other Muslim Brotherhood organizations from springing up to compound the threat we face from those already here.

Fourth, the final counter-jihad priority is to stand up for our freedoms by practicing them. This very speech I am giving tonight, like so much of what we do at the Center for Security Policy, violates shariah blasphemy laws. And as we saw in Paris and Garland earlier this year, that is a capital offense.

Even if Americans do not fall prey to the Obama-Clinton agenda of formally restricting expression that Muslims deem offensive, we are at risk of having the same end accomplished through another means: self-censorship.

Some of those who urge such restraint observe that we already have restrictions on free speech. For example, it is illegal to shout “fire” in a crowded theater. That’s true—unless there actually *is* a fire. The shouted alarm then becomes obligatory to save lives.

Since 9/11, under both Republican and Democratic administrations, our government has been enjoining us to do something similar if, say, we observe a suspicious package unattended in a public space. What are we supposed to do?

“See something, say something.”

I believe it is every bit as incumbent upon us, when we see evidence of shariah and jihad—of either the violent or the pre-violent, civilization jihadist kind—to say something about that too, again in order to save lives.

These four initiatives are practical, near-term, and necessary. I appeal for your help in pursuing them, along with subsequent phases of the counter-jihad campaign. Let this be our critical contribution to defeating this generation’s existential threat to freedom.

There is one more thing our country requires in the months ahead, if we are to prevail in the War for the Free World: We need a national-security course correction under the leadership of a new Commander-in-Chief.

A number of those who would like the job are speakers here at the Western Conservative Summit. Most, if not all, of the 2016 contenders say the right sorts of things. For instance, they aver a commitment to the time-tested practice President Reagan used to call “peace through strength.”

But I respectfully suggest that, welcome as such statements are, they are not enough. For that matter,

We need a course correction.

WCS15: HUGH HEWITT’S POLITICAL NOTEBOOK



This was the third year that Salem radio host, columnist, and author Hugh Hewitt has spoken at the Western Conservative Summit. In a June 28 column for Washington Examiner, he made these six observations:

1. All of the GOP would-be nominees at the gathering — Ben Carson, Carly Fiorina, Mike Huckabee, Rick Perry, Rick Santorum, and Scott Walker — received warm welcomes. But hallway chatter clearly pointed to Fiorina and Walker as “winners,” as Fiorina again proved the ability to convert previously uncommitted activists, and Walker proved adept at confirming incipient commitments to himself.
2. *Washington Examiner’s* Byron York quizzed most of the contenders, and I quizzed Walker. York ought to be on the Fox News debate panels. He knows the questions Republican primary voters want asked and answered, and he moves through them deftly and with courtesy and firmness.
3. I asked Walker, as I did Jeb Bush on my radio show earlier, if he would push Senate Republicans to break the filibuster, using the “Reid Rule” employed by Harry Reid to pack courts last year in the event that this is necessary to repeal

Obamacare root and branch. Bush said he might go that far if necessary; Walker emphatically confirmed that he would.

4. Rick Santorum remains by far the most underrated candidate of the GOP field, as his experience both as a senator and a candidate shows in his unfailing good humor and ready answers for any question of substance. I said it four years ago, and I say it again: Don’t underestimate the product of Western Pennsylvania, where nothing is easy and everything is earned.

5. On *King v. Burwell*, Chief Justice John Roberts has his defenders among conservatives, who see in his declaration that “[t]his Court is not a legislature,” a crucial modesty about the job of judges. Pure politicians are glad he kept Obamacare whole and firmly around the neck of that nightmare law’s grandmother, Hillary Clinton.

6. On *Obergefell v. Hodges*: While there is considerable division within conservatives generally and among Republican activists specifically on whether state legislatures and electorates ought to allow for same-sex marriage, there is near unanimity among all on the center-right that it was judicial imperialism to impose it by the majority vote of nine unelected justices.



Frank Gaffney on the Threat Hugh Hewitt on the Summit

Fresh from Centennial Institute's sixth annual rally on the right, here are an old Reagan hand's game plan for resisting global jihad and a national radio host's analysis of early trends in the 2016 presidential race.

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it is not enough even to have the right instincts. While the right ideas and instincts are certainly necessary conditions for America's next president, they are not in themselves sufficient.

Given how perilous our situation is at the moment—let alone how much more grave it may become over the next 18 months—we require three more things:

First, we need a nominee who is knowledgeable about national security. He or she must have given it serious thought, gone to school on the challenges of our time, and be able to articulate and espouse a course of action that will enable us to rise to those challenges.

Offer a Real Choice

Next we need a 2016 campaign that offers the American people a real choice between the security policies that have brought us to our present, parlous state and those that offer a better chance of securing freedom in the years ahead.

No more national campaigns in which the common defense is an afterthought or a throw-away line. No more campaign consultants who insist that our candidates steer clear of, or at least give short shrift to, national security priorities.

We have seen the fruits of such advice in the last two Republican presidential nominees' losses. We simply cannot afford to continue to hide under a bushel one of our brightest winning issues. And the country certainly cannot afford a continuation of the disastrous Obama-Clinton policies.

Finally, we must develop in the course of this presidential campaign, starting now, an aroused and informed electorate—millions of voters awake enough to welcome and support the needed course correction, determined enough to recognize and accept the sacrifices that will be entailed.

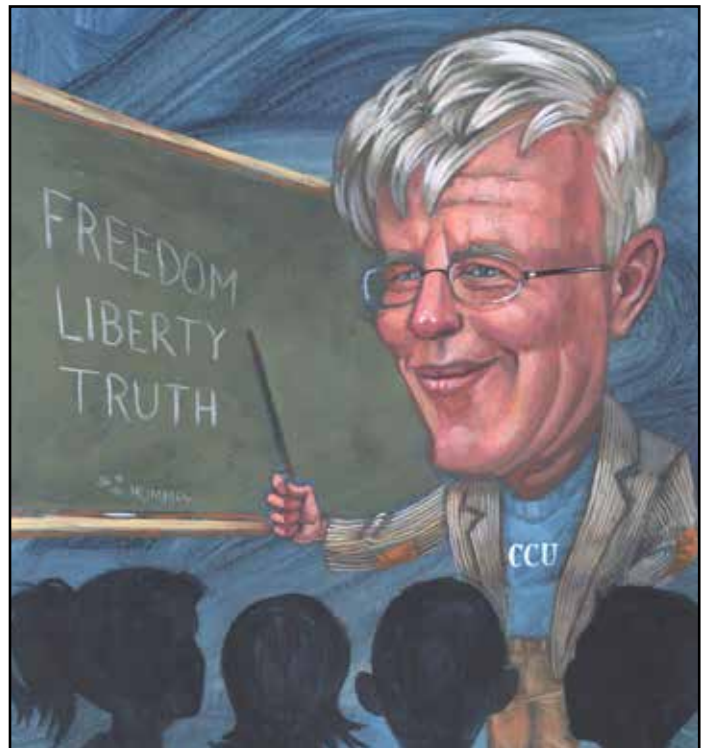
Such a mobilization is not a small task or an easy one. But by taking it on, our contender for the White House can help establish the sort of winning coalition—spanning the

Will we accept the sacrifices?

demographics from security moms to Hispanics and blacks to many Jewish voters—that will provide the margin of electoral victory and, no less importantly, the mandate for changes in national security policy come 2017.

I appreciate greatly the chance to work with you to wage in these ways the War for the Free World—and the encouragement you have given me with this Stephen Long award to redouble my own efforts to ensure we prevail. May God bless this Western Conservative

Summit and these United States of America. ■



Suiting Up: Staff artist Benjamin Hummel painted a CCU team jersey on Hugh Hewitt, ahead of his residency at Colorado Christian University as a distinguished visiting professor of politics and communication for the 2015 fall semester. His daily Salem Radio show on 120 stations will also originate from the campus. Hewitt warmed up for the teaching stint by leading 150 students from 21 states through the second annual Young Conservatives Leadership Conference (YCLC15), June 21-26 at CCU.

For more on YCLC15 and WCS15, visit WesternConservativeSummit.com