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MAGA for the Middle East

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The loudest voices declaring that Trump’s second term would mark the official beginning of fascism in America come from academic creatures. Ordinary people do not care much about things like fascism, communism, or any other *-ism*. As polls show, Trump’s popularity among those ordinary people who voted for him has not declined, and if anything, it has increased.

-isms remain trapped in universities until the moment ordinary people encounter them at their own doorstep. If it were any other way, European Jews would have fled long before Nazi officers arrived in their neighborhoods to separate them from the rest. People only recognize the wolf when its teeth have already sunk into their flesh.

Therefore, right now, we can only discuss this wave of fascism with American academic creatures who see it as an existential threat to the United States. Though we don’t have much to discuss with them anyway, we can ask a simple question:

Isn’t this American fascism that you claim is on the rise a product of Christian nationalism? Aren’t you the ones saying that radical Christianity is resurging and threatening to undo a century of civil progress, women’s rights, minority rights, and the separation of church and state? Isn’t this religious extremism meddling in your government and determining your rights the very same thing that you are terrified of?

Then why do you advocate for the exact same thing in our Middle Eastern nations?

What’s the difference between a radical Christian who insists that women belong in the kitchen, raising children and serving their husbands, and a radical Muslim who preaches the same? Why do you find such rules acceptable for the Middle East and justify it by word-vomiting in journal articles or performing mental acrobatics in your institutions to convince the rest of your people that misogyny is part of our “culture” and should be respected? Why is it that whenever efforts (foreign or domestic) emerge to pressure or remove these regimes, you rush to demand reconciliation and “peace”? How is it that when facing radical Christians in your own country, you stand against them as if you’re waging ideological jihad, yet for radical Muslims in the Middle East, you only propose that the oppressed should reconcile with their oppressors?

Why do you recognize the flag of the radical Islamists like Al-Julani or the Taliban, who seized power in Middle Eastern countries, as the official national flag, yet a single pickup truck with a Confederate sticker is enough for you to declare a *Christian Nazi fascist* threat? Why is anyone wearing a red MAGA cap labeled a fascist, yet you proudly wear the keffiyeh, which, despite its historic significance to us, in recent decades has been nothing but the emblem of the extremists and terrorists who oppress Middle Eastern societies? Why did you raise Hamas and Hezbollah flags in Western cities and universities when Israel attacked Gaza in response to October 7th? And if you didn’t personally raise them, why did you stay silent while others did?

Why is a Christian Hamas a terrifying threat to you, yet an Islamic Hamas a heroic resistance for Palestinians?

Why should Middle Easterners look at your university campuses, conference halls, and classrooms only to see open support for the very people who take pleasure in tormenting them?

You call Trump *Hitler* for ideologies like insisting that child rapists should be executed. Yet you are so blinded by your **racism of low expectations** that you advocate for Middle Eastern rulers who give medals to child rapists, and don’t even recognize child marriage as an issue.

What exactly is your problem with us Middle Easterners?

Chosen Refugees

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Gazans: *Wallah* we are all martyrs for *Quds* (Jerusalem). If *Quds* isn’t under our rule, we shall all sacrifice our lives to take it. But for now, if you don’t mind, *please* allow us to leave our “homeland” so we can survive.

West and Arabs: Of course not! We didn’t spend billions of dollars on anti-Zionist propaganda just for you to pack up and leave!

Gazans: So are we considered refugees or not?

West and Arabs: Yes, you are. And you must return to your indigenous homes.

Gazans: Well, according to UN regulations, aren’t refugees supposed to be granted asylum in other countries, like, maybe, in your countries?

West and Arabs: Not in that sense, no. You’re not refugees in that way.

Gazans: But if we stay here, we’ll be killed. Whether quickly or gradually. You know, the whole “genocide” and “famine” tales?

West and Arabs: Do not worry! We’ll spend a few billion more on anti-Zionist propaganda so they won’t dare to kill you, *inshallah*.

Gazans: How about you just give us those billions, and we’ll go settle somewhere else to live?

West and Arabs: Absolutely not! We will never allow you to go to another country. How dare you abandon your home, *Felestin*?

Gazans: Then at least let’s sell Gaza to Trump and get some stability this way.

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West and Arabs: We will never let it seem like someone like Trump has won.

Gazans: Then send your own forces to govern Gaza so that there's no more conflict with Israel.

West and Arabs: No. Gaza must be ruled by you, the people of Gaza. Have you forgotten that your sole purpose in life is to die for the liberation of Quds? Astaghfirullah!

Gazans: But we don't want to rule this place! Have you forgotten all the opportunities and resources we had to build it? Instead, we focused on terrorism and producing high-quality *Paliwood* victimization specials for Western radicals to justify their antisemitism!

West and Arabs: Too bad. Speaking of *Paliwood*, shut up and go back to filming your kids and weaponizing them. **Yalla! Let's free Palestine!**

God's People

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Anti-Americanism, both within the U.S. and abroad, is no longer a political stance. It's a pastime. They use an imaginary America as a measuring stick, and then mock the real America for failing to meet impossible expectations: *“Oh wow, you couldn't even defeat all the forces of nature and Zeus himself? What happened to all that talk about being the most powerful country in the world?”*

When a polar blizzard hits, the kind that would economically collapse entire countries, they say, *“Oh wow, why did your electricity go out for two days?”*

When a wildfire spreads at a scale that would prompt days of national mourning in other countries due to human casualties alone, they sneer, *“Oh wow, why don't you have enough fire trucks?”*

Losers need hobbies like this to cope with their own inadequacies. And within a religious framework, these are exactly the kinds of people that God dislikes. *God favors those who take action, who move forward. Like the Israelis.*

On the morning of October 7, the losers laughed at Israel, predicting it would be gone in months. And yet, today, nothing remains of the so-called *Axis of Resistance*. And this happened despite Israel making mistake after mistake, miscalculation after miscalculation, and its cautionary approach to minimize Palestinian deaths that prolonged the war.

God overlooks incompetence easily. What matters to him is movement, so he can bless it (This line plays on the Persian saying: From you, movement; from God, blessing (barkat)). **The dismantling of the Axis of Resistance wasn't just the work of a handful of intelligent officers. It was the result of barakah granted to those who dared to act, even if they were full of faults.**

A loser's life can be neat and error-free, but it will never be blessed.

Now, what if you, like many of us, don't buy into religious frameworks?

It doesn't change a thing. Anyone can reach the conclusion that it's simply better not to be a loser. That barakah—or whatever you want to call it—will always come from a place you never expected. You can figure out who or what sent it later.

The List

As the world's largest “state” sponsor of terrorism, the Islamic Republic in Iran funnels most of its annual budget into various organizations, institutions, foundations, committees, and associations to further spread propaganda, embezzle money, micro-manage every aspect of life through its totalitarian approach, and destroy the lives of Iranians—and, in the near future, the world. With the growing worldwide support for Islamic Republic-funded terrorist militant groups like Hamas, this future might be closer than you think.

Here's a short, comical (yet real) list of places where the Islamic Republic likes to spend its terror-earned money. You can read the complete list with previous entries on our website—Yusof Ruyanfar

- 1- Headquarters for Commemoration of the Islamic Revolution's Fajr Ten-Day festival (31 separate headquarters for each province) (Persian: ستاد گرامیداشت دهه فجر انقلاب اسلامی)
- 2- Martyrs and Veterans Committee of the Central Headquarters for the Islamic Revolution's Fajr Ten-Day festival (Persian: کمیته شهدا و ایثارگران (ستاد مرکزی دهه فجر))
- 3- Headquarters for Commemorating the Week of Islamic Revolution Art (Persian: ستاد بزرگداشت هفته هنر انقلاب اسلامی)
- 4- Verses of Sacrifice and Effort Headquarters (Persian: ستاد آیه‌های ایثار و تلاش)
- 5- Congress Headquarters on the Role of Imam Khomeini (RA) in the Sacred Defense (Persian: ستاد کنگره نقش امام خمینی (ره) در دفاع مقدس)
- 6- National Steering Headquarters for Contemplation in the Holy Quran (Persian: ستاد ملی راهبری تدبیر در قرآن کریم)
- 7- Governance and Blockchain Core of the Growth and Innovation Center at the Institute of Culture and Islamic Thought Research (Persian: هسته حکمرانی و بلاکچین مرکز رشد و نوآوری پژوهشگاه فرهنگ و اندیشه اسلامی)
- One of the only children's ER in Ahwaz, Khuzestan, Iran, has been forced to shut down due to lack of resources, including doctors and nurses. But Alhamdulillah we have a blockchain core in a useless research center that receives more money than our hospitals.*
- 8- Foundation for the Preservation and Publication of the Works of Martyr General Qassem Soleimani (Persian: بنیاد حفظ و نشر آثار شهید سپهبد قاسم سلیمانی)