

The New Face of War

...it's a whole new front line attack...

by Kat Rowoldt

If the question was thrown out to name the participants in WW1 or WW2, many people, hopefully, would be able to figure out who was on what side in those wars. They would be naming countries, detailing what country invaded which land. Invasion with tanks and soldiers made it very clear when someone declared war on another.



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Rev. Joe Carey who was in attendance.

Today we hear discussions of cyber war. Technology has become the new battlefield that has our attention. The thought of someone accessing information about us, manipulating our data, or worse yet, stealing our identity, for their own personal use is a frightening thought. How do we regain our identity? What do we do?

Oh, if that was truly the new face of war.

Those things are fixable, though very time-consuming and frustrating. The new war is much uglier, more damaging, extremely destructive, and deadly.

Many of you know I recently completed a three-part report from the Capitol on what I witnessed over a week's time concerning legislators trying to get information on terrorism in our state. Then how the media failed to cover the issue and created their own news. The grand finale was on the Capitol steps: "Texas Muslim Day at the Capitol." That story was done; I thought I was moving on.

Turns out, there is more to tell. This problem is far more advanced than I knew and I will be on it for a long time to come.





When I was heading to San Antonio on Thursday, February 23rd, like I've been doing for a couple of years, to cover Lt. Colonel (ret.) Roy White's San Antonio Act! for America meeting, I heard the ding that indicates something just landed in my email box. I felt compelled to take a quick glance. I reached over and grabbed my phone while cruising down I-10 at 82 miles per hour. I put the phone

at the top of my steering wheel, made a couple of clicks to see the emails. One caught my eye from Roy White titled: *Please Attend Tonight if Possible*.

Oh my, that's odd; Roy never has to ask us (the handful of people he had emailed) to attend, I thought. We'd talked earlier in the week about me just skipping this meeting; Karen Lugo was this month's speaker; I knew her well from the forum on terrorism I'd just covered in January. I'd decided not to skip and it sounded like it was a good thing I was on my way.

Opening the email I discovered the reason for the request.

Tonight's meeting was going to be the target of a full-blown CAIR protest. Obviously I didn't read the full email and details at 82 mph. I had the info I needed. I began making calls through my car phone to get the prayer warriors on board. I stopped in Kerrville to read the full email.



More emails about the protest had come in, too.

Sarwat Husain, President of CAIR San Antonio, who I'd interviewed at the Capitol on Muslim Day, had put out a call to everyone in her circle of influence to be there that evening to protest what she was calling a "hate group" meeting to "stop mosques" from being built. (*What?!!!* Wow. This was going to be another first for me.) Husain had invited the press to cover it.

Here's what CAIR posted.:

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(San Antonio, Texas 2/22/17) on Thursday, February 23, the San Antonio, Texas, chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-San Antonio) will join progressive, interfaith

organizations* and elected officials at a news conference to condemn an anti-mosque event hosted that evening by the hate group ACT for America.

WHAT: Interfaith Coalition/Progressive Groups to Condemn Hate Group's Anti-Mosque Event

WHEN: Thursday, February 23, 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Outside Village Parkway Baptist Church, 3002 Village Parkway, San Antonio, Texas 78251

CONTACT: CAIR-San Antonio president Sarwat Husain, 210-378-****, *****@cair.com

***SPONSORS:** Council on American-Islamic Relations San Antonio chapter (CAIR-San Antonio), Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP), Indivisible 21, Iraq Veterans Against War (IVAR), Move-SA, Refugee and Immigration Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES), San Antonio Peace Center, Vets Against Islamophobia, In Common Defense PAC.

SPEAKERS: Sarwat Husain: President CAIR-SA, Congressman Joaquin Castro: Dist. 20, Congressman Lloyd Doggett Dist. 35, Rep. Diana Arevalo Dist. 16, Manuel Medina: Chair Bexar County Democratic Party, Judith Norman: JVP, Trish Florence: Indivisible 21, Sheikh Said Atif.

The ACT for America event features a speaker who will outline how to "push back" against the constitutionally-protected construction of mosques in Texas and around the nation. The mission statement of the San Antonio chapter of the ACT for America hate group states: "Islamic ideology if implemented partially or fully denies US citizens their individual rights granted by God and guaranteed in the American Constitution and Bill of Rights."

ACT San Antonio Meeting - Karen Lugo, Attorney: Mosques in America

Sarwat Husain, president of CAIR-San Antonio, said: "The distorted and un-American message offered by hate groups can result in hate crimes, such as the attack on five mosques in our state in the past few months."

ACT for America has been designated as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). The SPLC has named "Brigitte Gabriel" as a member of the nation's "Anti-Muslim Inner Circle."

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This looked to me like a premade fits-all announcement for a news conference *looking* for an event to attach itself to—and they found one. It was a perfect fit, too. Both Roy and Karen were part of the forum held at the Capitol just a few weeks ago about Homeland Security. CAIR wasn't happy this had happened just days before their event. They held a press conference at the same time as the



forum to pull press from it. Hmm . . . looks like they were doing the same thing here in San Antonio.

At the request of ACT!'s guest speaker, Karen Lugo, no media was going to be allowed at the meeting, and everyone was required to get a ticket and go through screening for security purposes. This had been set in motion from the get go: After she'd read what the media had

done to the terrorism forum in Austin at the Capitol, Karen asked Roy to set these parameters around this meeting so nothing she said would be falsely pulled out of context. Everyone had to pre-register to attend. These instructions were included on the ticket. No backpacks, large bags, purses, media, etc., were going to be allowed into the meeting.

I had emailed Karen on Wednesday to verify that I would be allowed to video her presentation, understanding her concerns about the press, and yes, she was allowing me to video the event because she knew I'd package it in its entirety and not pull sound bites out of it. She did request that it be for my audience only. We didn't know then that my video footage would be critical after the event. It is the only documentation of what really happened at the event, both inside with the speaker, and outside with the protestors.

I called David Hussey, too, who usually comes to the meetings in San Antonio to assist me; he needed to know what was happening. He decided to arrive even earlier now. He has about a two-hour drive to attend. I was so sorry the rest of my team had been left behind this time.



I headed directly to Roy's house. I would be staying the night there with his family. I arrived to find the yard work abandoned, tools left lying in place, and Roy on the phone inside.

I learned that he'd heard about the protest via Pastor Branson, of Village Parkway Baptist Church, where the event was going to be held. When CAIR San Antonio posted their protest on Facebook, it tagged the church, and he was alerted. He immediately asked for extra police presence, alerted the church security team, and certain others with CHLs were made aware that their attendance would be a blessing.

I love Texas! I knew everyone sitting around me would be well armed.

Roy and I quickly discussed matters, as we both had different schedules in front of us. We would meet at the church by 3:30. I had two interviews scheduled, one there at 3:15. Before I was out the door to go grab a bite to eat, Roy commented that Brigitte (Gabriel, founder and president of Act! for America) had changed her position on those who are called "moderate Muslims," opening up Act! for America to people such as Dr. Zuhdi Jasser, to potentially share their views now. Previously her stance was that a true Muslim

accepts Sharia Law as absolute law. Jasser does not believe in Sharia Law, calls it man-made law. I commented that it was odd that Brigitte had changed her stance and I left.

As I was finishing up my lunch, Roy called to see if I was going back to the house. He had left his iPad and 380. I headed back the house to get them and chatted with his wife about the latest developments.

Driving to the church, I tried to grasp the reality of what being caught up in a protest against something I was a part of could be like. I thought of the Pamela Geller event in Garland. It ended well, but could have been have very bad. I remembered other events when someone wanted to make a point and people were harmed or killed. I was thankful for the uncanny way we'd gotten notice of what was to come; we would be well prepared.

David arrived at the church just moments after me. My first interview would be with Pastor Branson to discuss Texas' 2017-2018/85th legislative session, and immigration/refugee issues. How timely to have this appointment now to discuss tonight's protest.



My second interviewee, Roger Venguta, had arrived at the church at the same time David and I had. He was an immigrant from India, now a naturalized citizen, who headed up President Trump's campaign in San Antonio. Upon conclusion, I discovered the San Antonio police had arrived at the church and a briefing about that night's event was going on. I stepped in.

They'd known about the protest before Pastor Branson had called them. The lead officer was well-versed in these situations. Everyone was advised what to do and how to handle it. It sounded like we'd have at least three officers working the protest, two constables inside, the church security team, and numerous armed attendees.

David and I whisked Karen away for a quick bite to eat. They had the best of chats discussing motorcycles, private airplanes, and dogs. I was busy thinking about how to capture the two events happening at the same time, same location, with only one camera and one photographer. I needed a second camera and videographer.

Arriving back at the church, people were already gathering, media, too. To get into the main doors we had to walk through the crowd. No issues getting in or through security. Now all the last-minute fury and buzz was happening.

You can imagine the additional chatter before the meeting. Happily, a really nice number of folks were turning out for the meeting, even after Roy had told them about the protest via email. Branson stepped out and gave the media an interview and answered their questions. They were kept outside, and those who had sneakily registered to attend the event were blocked from entering.



Roy had alerted Act!'s home office about the planned protest earlier in the day. He told me that Act! for America had called back and instructed him to cancel the meeting; it was being seen as an anti-mosque event and they did not want that.

This was the second perplexing thing coming from Gabriel/Act!.

He told them he was not going to cancel, that things were under control, and this was a well-planned meeting to tell citizens about permitting issues, especially in family neighborhoods. It was not anti-mosque.

David volunteered to shoot the footage we needed of the protest and ventured out with a GoPro in hand someone had loaned us. CAIR had purposefully moved everyone down and onto (trespassing) the church's property to get the church's name behind them in all the media photographs and footage. Police and security allowed that behavior as long as everything remained peaceful—plus, it kept them out of the street.

David was shocked to see a Rabbi and people who appeared to be Christians, with their clerical collars and crosses, standing side-by-side in alliance with CAIR—which has a documented connection to Hamas. Maybe they just don't know who Hamas is?

Outside there were shouts of discontent with our meeting, stating that Act! is a hate group, while inside we learned about issues affecting family neighborhoods across the country. At times we could hear the shouting, but could not hear their actual words.

Inside, we looked in some ways like the United Nations. There were people from India, Malaysia, France, Mexico, Iraq, and even west Texas (lol). We were there to hear facts from an attorney, who specializes in the U.S. Constitution, speak on what is happening around the country in permitting new mosques, which is part of her new book: *Mosques in America*.

Karen's book is only half about city hall and the permitting of religious buildings in America. The other half is about the clash of cultures and how Americans are conceding on the battles in their local communities. She doesn't blame CAIR or Islamists for this, she faults Americans for losing faith in American exceptionalism and letting go so easily. She spoke on both points.

Thankfully the event went on without incident. I thought it interesting that CAIR never contacted the church and asked them not to host the meeting. If they really don't want something to happen, that's their standard mode of operation. They are quick to frighten venues and get events cancelled at the last minute. They did not do that this time.

There was one fatality that evening. Something died. Roy White's relationship with ACT! had been severed. I wasn't aware that when Roy had informed the home office he was going to go ahead with the meeting, he'd offered them a letter of resignation to protect them in case something went horribly wrong. If nothing happened, set it aside; if it did, then let the world know he was acting outside of ACT!'s rules.



ACT! leadership contacted him five minutes before the meeting began to inform him that they'd determined he needed to go. They fired him. He was no longer the ACT! San Antonio chapter leader. Those of us who heard this news, after the meeting concluded, were shocked. Roy had let Pastor Branson know before he started the meeting, in case Branson felt he needed to cancel. Nope. Let's have the meeting.

That night, when we made it back to Roy's house, his phone was blowing up. The same the following morning, even mine. People around the nation and world had heard the news through various circles. No one loved and breathed ACT! like Roy. He is/was as loyal as they come.

The dust is still settling. It may be a while before we know the full ramifications on ACT!. Roy will be just fine; his integrity is fully intact.

Based on numerous letters that have been forwarded to me from key people across the nation, ACT! was truly the one who lost the most that night. Many people are cancelling their financial support of ACT!, disassociating themselves from the organization, and only time will tell the ultimate cost.

But here's the reason for sharing this story: Remember how quickly Lt. General Michael Flynn was targeted and gone? Don't think that was of Flynn's doing. He was purposefully targeted and removed. He was already cleaning house of folks that needed to go. Flynn was on ACT! for America's Board of Directors. I guess he still may be, I haven't checked. Now we see Roy targeted (numerous articles from the Texas Capitol events) over the last few weeks and now he is gone. Not a coincidence, my friends. It just doesn't smell right. Two very influential men with ACT! as a nexus removed from their duties.



I can't help but be reminded of a movie I saw decades ago, *Stepford Wives*, a satirical thriller based on the novel by Ira Levin. The movie centers on a community where all the wives seem to be perfect cooks, moms, wives, etc. The new wife in town, a photographer, is at first excited with all her new friends, soon finds herself intimidated by them, then perplexed by their actions, and finally terrified at what she is discovering happening around her. Folks, it's beginning to feel to me like we, too, will soon discover our quaint little world we live in isn't as true as it appears to be.

While our reality isn't a community of perfect wives, this is far scarier. To someone outside the

circle, someone who is not paying attention, this story would appear much different. Stepford, Connecticut appeared like the absolute best place to live and raise a family. One-by-one they began changing out the women for replicas that looked and sounded just like the original wives. But they were robots, not

lovers, not creative chefs, not loving mothers, just robots. No one could tell at first.

Today, one-by-one key positions are being taken over (changed out) by Islamic radicals that have the intent of over taking our country, but they too appear to be the best, most talented, most qualified person for the role they have assumed. Like the Trojan Horse gift, welcomed into our society, without the



understanding of what they are preparing to do. Jihadists want this, the United States of America, to be an Islamic country; not the America we know and love with apple pie and baseball games. As I was writing this story, two significant events occurred.

On Fox & Friends they showed footage of a Louisiana town hall. When a pastor was asked to come forward and open the meeting with prayer, attendees in the audience began

screaming "Pray on your own time!" They yelled and screamed until he left. I'm not sure if he prayed or not.

Around 2:30 today (Saturday, February 25th), the DNC announced who their new chair would be. I had just turned on the sound a few minutes before because I knew that Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN) was in the running. Ellison was the first Muslim elected to Congress, now one of two. He is connected with the Muslim Brotherhood and other radical organizations.

There was a moment of joy when I heard that Thomas Perez had been elected DNC chair. That died quickly. He immediately turned and nominated Ellison to be his Deputy Chair, which was approved immediately. In his comments accepting the position, Perez acknowledges that ". . . it will be great to have 57 state parties that work." *What?* "57" refers to the number of Islamic states in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). Is Perez a Muslim, too?

People, it's happening all around us. The nice, friendly wives of Stepford are not who they seemed to be. The sudden influx of Muslims who are seeking various offices across our nation, demanding prayer rooms in our schools, encouraging everyone to be a part of the interfaith movement, they, too, are not who they seem to be, either. CAIR twisted words and created a "cause" to generate people to come out and protest. These orchestrated events are carefully planned to

build the image they want in the community: that they are the peaceful, loving neighbors we all want. I beg to differ. Have you talked to anyone in Austria, England, or Germany lately?

We are at war. We must recognize the new enemy. It isn't someone riding in a tank toward our Capitol. It just might be someone you'd never consider a threat. We must begin to ask important and literal questions; questions that demand detailed and accountable answers. The acceleration peddle is being pushed. We must wake up and realize what is happening all around us and our family. It's time to pray.

Until next time

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