

Our Response

...in defense of Truth...



by Kat Rowoldt

It is utterly disheartening to watch people with a lack of knowledge on a topic, or media vultures, take tainted bait to feed their audiences. This is especially disconcerting when you are fully aware of the truth about an event, the topic that was taught, and you understand the very core of what these divisive forces want to accomplish. This type of deception goes back to the very first part of the book of Genesis, when the devil himself twisted truth, pulling truth out of context, to deceive Eve. There is nothing new under the sun.

The latest hit piece about an event I facilitated was published in the *Texas Observer*, May 29th. <https://www.texasobserver.org/jihadi-circuses-the-anti-muslim-police-training-in-san-angelo-was-worse-than-we-thought/> The men and women who attended this event -- law enforcement, pastors, and civilians -- know the truth they learned that day. For the law enforcement officers who had their TCOLE hours rescinded, what they learned cannot be rescinded. I spoke with the majority of those in attendance, and they encouraged me to not only move forward with the full 3-day training on this topic, but do another 1-day training for themselves and other officers, as well. To paraphrase what they told me: “Kat, we need to know this. We cannot do our jobs to protect you and our communities without this training included into what is required.” That says volumes.

The following article by Ken Casper addresses the errors and deception of the *Texas Observer* article. As you noticed, I have attached a link to it for your reference. We will be following up with several additional articles to give you the truth about the event. If you would like to comment on this topic, you may by emailing me at ChristianReporterNews@gmail.com with the subject line: FEEDBACK. Thank you.

What Are They Afraid Of?

by Ken Casper

On May 29, 2018, the *Texas Observer* published an article by one of its writers concerning a training session that was conducted in San Angelo, Texas, by John Guandolo about the Islamic Threat in our country. It was a hit piece, written by someone who didn't know what he was talking about, and displaying the depth to which American journalism has sunken. Unlike Mr. Bova, I will substantiate my comments.

His headline reads: “*Jihadi Circuses*”: *The Anti-Muslim Police Training in San Angelo Was Worse Than We Thought*

First question: Who is “we”? No answer is given.

Second question: What did “we” expect? Again, no answer.

Third question: Worse than what? What is the standard by which this is being judged? No answer to that either.

The next sentence was a quote: *Why is it OK for Muslims to torture?*” John Guandolo asked nearly 30 West Texas cops during a May 4 training. “Because Muhammad did it,” they answered.

The intent, it would seem, is to leave the impression that the Q&A is false and vicious. It is neither. The question is valid, and the answer is correct, but that fact is never mentioned.

The writer’s lack of objectivity is quite apparent when he refers to John Guandolo as a notorious anti-Muslim. A good journalist would present facts and leave that conclusion to the reader. But this author is not a good journalist, and as I will shortly show, doesn’t know facts he could easily have verified with a minimum of research, starting with Google.

Bova then notes that the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) rejected the training for continuing education credit. He alludes to two letters but doesn’t explain that the first letter approved the training, saying it contained “no concerning material that would cause reason to deny continuing education hours for law enforcement attendees.” Only after receiving pressure from Muslim advocacy groups did they reverse their decision in a second letter. That’s hardly complete or objective reporting. It should have been noted that one of those groups was CAIR, The Council on American Islamic Relations, an un-indicted co-conspirator in the 2008 Holy Land Foundation trial, the largest terrorist conspiracy trial in American history.

Too bad Mr. Bova wasn’t curious enough to wonder why there were two letters on the same subject. A few questions, e.g., Who objected? Were their objections valid? could also have raised this report to higher standards.

Twice Mr. Bova refers to a recording of the training session. He states it was made by an employee of TCOLE and reviewed by TCOLE Director Kim Vickers, and that the Observer received a copy of it and the attendance roster through a public information request.

Was the recording made openly? If not, why not? The answer to the first question is no, the recording was not done openly. The answer to the second question is obvious. A request was made at the beginning of the session to turn off all cell phones, so the person recording the audio was aware what he was doing was at least disrespectful and chose to hide it. In fact, the slides and graphics had been turned in and approved by TCOLE before the training began.

The tone of Mr. Bova’s report suggests Mr. Guandolo’s presentation was inaccurate and biased, yet he never identifies a single false statement or occasion of bias. Twice he reports Guandolo asking the attendees why Muslims engaged in conduct we find abhorrent—the use of torture, marrying a 6-year-old girl—and twice the response is “Because Muhammad did it.” That answer is correct, as any imam will tell you.

On the other hand, Bova makes several misstatements and errors of fact in his article. Twice he reports Guandolo explaining or interpreting 14th century Islamic law. Wrong! Islam was established 1,400 years ago in the 7th century. Clearly the reporter doesn't know what he is talking about. This is basic stuff, easily obtained with a few minutes research—or by listening carefully to the recording of the session.

In one paragraph, Bova states: *Guandolo attempted to paint a picture of Islam as a unified, totalitarian system unlike other religions. “There is nothing radical, extreme, orthodox or fundamentalist about the Islamic State,” he said, repeatedly claiming that al-Qaida and ISIS accurately represent the entire religion.* These two statements contradict each other. How can Islam be totalitarian unlike any other religion but not be radical and extreme?

Guandolo went on to say, *“many seemingly moderate Muslims will convert into militants when ordered, and that Muslim leaders regularly mislead law enforcement in order to conceal their mission of overthrowing the West.”* This statement is also true. Guandolo gave the specific source(s) for it. This is another example of Bova reporting statements that appear to be outrageous without explaining that they are accurate, which is precisely why they are outrageous.

It is important to note Guandolo stated repeatedly that his stance is not anti-Muslim but anti-Islam. It is a critical distinction, yet one Mr. Bova never reported.

Mr. Bova's article is full of inaccuracies (14th century Sharia), unsubstantiated value judgments (notorious) and bias (brown-skinned TSA agents). It qualifies him as a propagandist but not a journalist. He has been used, apparently willingly, to defame an honorable man and to subvert the truth.

If, however, Mr. Bova truly believes the slanderous claims he is making, he is passing up a golden opportunity to profit by them. Mr. Guandolo made the offer at the May 4th training session, as he does at all his public appearances and on his website at www.understandingthethreat.com/, to pay \$1,000 in cash to anyone who can prove any of his statements about Islam and the threat it poses to the American Way of Life to be false or inaccurate. To date no one has been able to successfully challenge him—including imams and Islamic scholars.

Let's get back to the title of this article: *What are They Afraid of?*

“They” refers to two groups, Muslims and their politically correct promoters. What they are both afraid of is the Truth.

Muslims know Americans will reject Sharia law once they know its content and realize it is completely incompatible with our Constitution and Bill of Rights. We fought a civil war to end slavery. Muslims still practice it—and always will—because the Koran tells them to. We call having sex with a 9-year-old girl pedophilia. But Mohammad did it, so for Muslims it is permissible. We call the sexual abuse and exploitation of minors, referred to as “child grooming,” to be the depths of corruption and depravity. Islam, however, has no respect for the humanity of people, even children, who are not Muslim.

Non-Muslim promoters of Islam are ignorant and naïve on two fronts: Most of them don't know what Islam really stands for—an unbending and unbendable theocracy. Or they think they can use Islam to achieve their own political goals. A study of history will demonstrate they are fooling themselves. They will be the new caliphate's first victims.

Propagandists like Gus Bova are pawns. He probably wouldn't endorse Islam if he knew anything of substance about it. Unfortunately, he doesn't have a thirst for knowledge to learn about his subject. At the moment he probably believes Islam is a religion of peace. He's in for a rude awakening.

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