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## Islam is Coming to America, Too!

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Dutch Parliamentarian Geert Wilders gave a speech in Nashville at the Cornerstone Church, reproduced below.

James Freeman Clarke (1810-1888), was an American theologian, philosopher, author, and abolitionist. He also became one of the first American scholars to study and write about Eastern religions, including, notably, Islam. Freeman Clarke's 1883 *Ten Great Religions*, includes this remarkably compendious assessment of Islam—a most fitting introduction to Wilders speech:

The religion of Mohammed is the exact opposite to that of Greece. If the Greek faith was inspired by humanity, variety, and freedom, that of Islam taught unity, submission, and the absolute sovereignty of one God. Every Mohammedan was the servant of the one true God, and his mission was to convert the world to Allah and to his prophet.

Islam saw God, but not man; saw the claims of deity, not the rights of humanity; saw authority, failed to see freedom,—therefore hardened into despotism. . . .

### *Speech by Geert Wilders, at Cornerstone Church, Nashville, 12 May 2011*

Dear friends from Tennessee. I am very happy to be in your midst today. I am happy and proud to be in this impressive church.

My friends, I am here to speak words of truth and freedom. Do you know why America is in a better state than Europe? Because you enjoy more freedom than Europeans.

And do you know why Americans enjoy more freedom than Europeans? Because you are still allowed to tell the truth. In Europe and Canada people are dragged to court for telling the truth about Islam.

I, too, have been dragged to court. I am an elected member of the House of Representatives in the Netherlands. I am currently standing in court like a common criminal for saying that Islam is a dangerous totalitarian ideology rather than a religion. The court case is still pending, but I risk a jail sentence of 16 months.

Last week, my friend Lars Hedegaard, a journalist from Denmark, was fined because in a private conversation, which was recorded without his knowing, he had criticized the way women are treated in Islamic societies.

Recently, another friend, Elisabeth Sabaditsch-Wolff, a human rights activist from Austria, was fined because she had criticized Islam's founder Muhammad. She had said that Muhammad was a pedophile because he had married a 6-year old girl and raped her when she was 9. Unfortunately, there are many similar cases.

I am especially happy to be in your midst because here I can say what I want to say without having to fear that I will be dragged to court upon leaving this church.

My dear American friends, you cannot imagine how we envy your First Amendment. The day when America follows the example of Europe and Canada and introduces so-called "hate speech crimes," which is only used to punish people who are critical of Islam, that day America will have lost its freedom. My friends, let us hope that this never happens.

Last week we celebrated Liberation Day in the Netherlands. We celebrated the liberation from the Nazi occupation in 1945. Many American soldiers, including many young Tennesseans, played a decisive role in the liberation of the Netherlands from Nazi tyranny. We are immensely grateful for that. Young Americans gave their lives so that the Dutch might be free. I assure you the Dutch people will never forget this.

Unfortunately, however, the Europe which your fathers and grandfathers fought and died for is not the Europe we are living in today.

I travel the world to tell people what Europe has become. I wish I could take you all on a visit to my country and show you what Europe has become. It has changed beyond recognition as a result of mass immigration. And not just any mass immigration, but mass immigration driven by the dangerous force of Islam.

My friends, I am sorry. I am here today with an unpleasant message. I am here with a warning. I am here with a battle cry: "Wake up, Christians of Tennessee. Islam is at your gate." Do not make the mistake which Europe made. Do not allow Islam to gain a foothold here.

Islam is dangerous. Islam wants to establish a state on earth, ruled by Islamic sharia law. Islam aims for the submission, whether by persuasion, intimidation, or violence, of all non-Muslims, including Christians.

The results can be seen in Europe.

Islam is an ideology of conquest. It uses two methods to achieve this goal: the first method is the sword. Do you know what figures are on the flag of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, a country where Christian churches are banned and Christians are not even allowed to wear a tiny crucifix? There is a huge sword on that flag, just below the Islamic creed. The message is clear. Without the sword Islam would not have been able to spread its creed.

The second method is immigration. Islam's founder, Muhammad, himself taught his followers how to conquer through immigration when they moved from Mecca to Medina. This phenomenon of conquest through immigration is called al-Hijra. My learned friend Sam Solomon has written a perfect book about it.

I had a copy of Sam's book sent to all the members of the Dutch Parliament. But most of them are worse than Saint Thomas in the Bible. Thomas did not believe what he had not seen. Most politicians refuse to believe the things they see before their very eyes.

In Europe we have been experiencing al-Hijra for over 30 years now. Many of our cities have changed beyond recognition. "In each one of our cities" wrote the well-known Italian author Oriana Fallaci shortly before her death in 2006, "there is a second city, a state within the state, a government within the government. A Muslim city, a city ruled by the Koran."

How did the Europeans get into this situation? It is partly our own fault because we have foolishly adopted the concept of cultural relativism, which manifests itself in the ideology of multiculturalism.

Cultural relativism advocates that all cultures are equal. However, cultures wither away and die if people no longer believe that its values are better than those of

another culture.

Islam is spreading like wildfire wherever people lack the guts to say that their values are better than the Islamic values.

Islam is spreading like wildfire because the Koran explicitly tells Muslims that they are "the best of peoples ever raised up for mankind" and that non-Muslims are "the worst of creatures."

Islam is spreading like wildfire everywhere in the West where political, academic, cultural, and media elites lack the guts to proudly proclaim, as I believe we all should proclaim: Our Judeo-Christian Western culture is far better and far superior to the Islamic culture. We must be proud to say so!

Multiculturalism is a disaster. Almost everyone acknowledges this today, but few dare say why. Let me tell you why: Multiculturalism made us tolerate the intolerant, and now intolerance is annihilating tolerance.

We should, in the name of tolerance, claim the right not to tolerate the intolerant. Let us no longer be afraid and politically correct, let us be brave and bold. Let us tell the truth about Islam.

Before I continue I want to make clear that I do not have a problem with people. I always make a distinction between the people and the ideology, between Muslims and Islam.

Indeed, I have no problems with Muslims, but I do have a problem with the totalitarian Islamic ideology of hate and violence. The fact that there are many so-called moderate Muslims does not imply that there exists a moderate Islam. A moderate Islam does not exist and will never exist.

And because there is no such thing as a moderate Islam, the Islamization of our free Western societies is an enormous danger.

Only two weeks ago, the British press revealed how the so-called "London Taliban" is threatening to kill women who do not wear veils in the London borough of Tower Hamlets.

In some neighbourhoods Islamic regulations are already being enforced, also on non-Muslims. Women's rights are being trampled. We are confronted with headscarves and burqas, polygamy, female genital mutilation, honor-killings where men murder their wives, daughters, or sisters because they do not behave in accordance with Islamic rules.

Polls show that the influence of those Muslims who live according to Islam's aggressive requirements is growing, especially among young people.

Among 15 year old German Muslims, 40 percent consider Islam more important than democracy.

Among Muslim university students in Britain, 40 percent support sharia. One in three of those students considers it legitimate to kill in the name of Islam.

Christians are asked to follow the example of Jesus. Muslims are ordered to follow the example of Muhammad. That is why Islam is dangerous. While Christianity preaches love, Islam preaches hatred and practices violence: Hatred and violence for everyone who is not a Muslim.

Muhammad personally participated in the ethnic cleansing of Medina, where half the population was once Jewish. Muhammad helped to chop off their heads. On his deathbed, he ordered his followers to cleanse Arabia of all Jews and Christians.

To this very day, Christian symbols are prohibited in Saudi Arabia. If you wear a cross in Saudi Arabia, they send you to jail.

And now, Europe is beginning to look like Arabia.

Just today, a poll revealed that in Brussels, the capital of the European Union, half the Islamic youths are anti-semitic. It is dangerous for Jews to walk the streets in Brussels.

If you wear a cross or a kippah in certain urban areas in Europe today, you risk being beaten up. In the capital of my own country, Amsterdam, a tram driver was forced to remove his crucifix from sight, while his Muslim colleagues are allowed to wear the veil.

In June 2008, the Christian church authorities in the Danish town of Arhus decided to pay so-called “protection money” to Islamic so-called “security guards” who assure that church goers are not harassed by Islamic youths.

On March 31st, 2010, Muslims entered the Roman Catholic cathedral of Cordoba, Spain, and attacked the guards with knives. They claimed the cathedral was theirs.

Last month, the bishops of Sweden sent out a letter to priests advising them to avoid converting asylum seekers from Islamic countries to Christianity, because the converts would risk losing their lives.

In the Netherlands, the city authorities in Amsterdam register polygamous marriages. The authorities in Rotterdam serve only halal meals in municipal cafeterias. Theaters provide separate seats for women who are not allowed to sit next to men. Municipal swimming pools have separate swimming hours for men and women, Muslim lawyers do not have to stand when the judges enter court rooms.

Meanwhile Jews are no longer safe on our streets. In Amsterdam, the city of Anne Frank, Jews are again being harassed in the streets. Even political leaders acknowledged that life has become unsafe for Jews in Holland. Do you know what they said? They advised Jews to emigrate. Jews are already running for Israel. But I say: Jews must not leave, violent Muslims must leave!

What is needed, my friends, is a spirit of resistance.

I repeat: What we need is a spirit of resistance.

Why? Because resistance to evil is our moral duty. This resistance begins with expressing our solidarity to Christians, Jews, indeed, to all people worldwide, who are the victims of Islam. There are millions of them.

We can see what Islam has in store for us if we watch the fate of the Christians in the Islamic world, such as the Copts in Egypt, the Maronites in Lebanon, the Assyrians in Iraq, and Christians elsewhere.

Almost every day, churches are arsoned and Christians are assassinated in Islamic countries.

In a report on the persecution of Christians in the world, Archbishop Twal of Jerusalem, wrote recently—I quote: “In the Middle East to be Christian means accepting that you must make a great sacrifice. All too often and in many places, Christians suffer various threats. On some occasions, their homes and churches are burnt, and people are killed. How many atrocities must we endure before somebody somewhere comes to our aid?”

Indeed, how many atrocities before we come to their aid?

Rivers of tears are flowing from the Middle East, where there is only one safe haven for Christians. You know where that is. The only place in the Middle East where Christians are safe is Israel.

That is why Israel deserves our support. Israel is a safe haven for everyone, whatever their belief and opinions. Israel is a beacon of light in a region of total darkness. Israel is fighting our fight.

The jihad against Israel is a jihad against all of us. If Israel falls, we, too, will feel the consequences. If Jerusalem falls, Athens, Rome, Amsterdam, and Nashville will fall. Therefore, we are *all* Israel. We should always support Israel!

Today, we are confronted with political unrest in the Arab countries. The Arab peoples long for freedom. However, the ideology and culture of Islam is so deeply entrenched in these countries that real freedom is simply impossible as long as Islam remains dominant.

A recent poll in post-revolution Egypt found that 85 percent of Egyptians are convinced that Islam’s influence

on politics is good, 82 percent believe that adulterers should be stoned, 84 percent want the death penalty for apostates. The press refers to the events in the Arab world today as the Arab spring. I call it the Arab winter.

Islam and freedom, Islam and democracy are not compatible.

The death of Osama bin Laden last week was a victory for the free world, but we will be confronted with Islamic terrorism as long as Islam exists, because Islam's founder Muhammad himself was a terrorist, worse than Bin Laden.

And here is another truth: The rise of Islam means the rise of sharia law in our judicial systems. In Europe we already have sharia wills, sharia schools, sharia banks. Britain even has sharia courts.

In my own country, the Netherlands, sharia is being applied by the courts in cases relating to divorce, child custody, inheritance, and property ownership. Women are always the victims of this because sharia discriminates against women. This is a disgrace. This is not the way we should treat women.

My friends, I told you that we have just remembered Liberation Day to commemorate the young Americans and all the heroes who offered their lives to free the Netherlands from Nazi tyranny. It would be an insult to them if we Europeans would give up that precious freedom for another totalitarian ideology called Islam.

That is the goal for which my party and I work day after day. And we are having success.

In the Netherlands, we are successfully starting to roll back Islam. The current Dutch government is a minority government which can only survive with the backing of my party, the Party for Freedom.

We have 24 seats of the 150 seats in parliament and we support the government, in return for measures to prohibit certain aspects of sharia law. We have achieved that the Netherlands will soon ban the burka and the niqaab.

We will also restrict immigration from non-Western countries by up to 50% in the next four years. We are not going to allow Islam to steal our country from us. It was the land of our fathers, it is our land now, our values are based on Christianity, Judaism, and Humanism and we will pass this on to our children with all the freedoms that the previous generations have fought for.

Let those who want to rob us of our freedoms stay in their own countries. We do not need them. If you want to wear a burqa, stay in Saudi Arabia. If you want four wives, stay in Iran. If you want to live in a country where the Islamic ideology is dominant, stay in Pakistan. If you don't want to assimilate in our society, stay in Somalia.

But don't come over here.

We are also going to strip criminals who have a double nationality—for instance Dutch and Moroccan—who repeatedly commit serious crimes, of their Dutch nationality. We will send them packing, back to their homeland.

My friends, what the Party for Freedom has achieved, shows that it can be done. We can fight the Islamization of our societies.

Dear friends, here is my warning. Make no mistake: Islam is also coming for America. In fact, it is already here. America is facing a stealth jihad, the Islamic attempt to introduce sharia law bit by bit. Last March, a judge in Tampa, Florida, ruled that a lawsuit against a mosque and involving the control of 2.4 million dollars, should proceed under Islamic law.

My friends, be aware that this is only the beginning. This is also how it started in Europe. If things continue like this, you will soon have the same problems as we are currently facing.

Leaders who talk about immigration without mentioning Islam are blind. They ignore the most important problem Europe and America are facing. I have a message for them: it's Islam, stupid!

My friends, fortunately not all politicians are irresponsible. Here, in Tennessee, brave politicians want to pass legislation which gives the state the power to declare organizations as terrorist groups and allows material supporters of terrorism to be prosecuted. I applaud them for that. They are true heroes.

Yesterday and today, I met some of those brave legislators. They told me that Tennessee in particular is a target of Islam. Help them win their battle. They need your support.

While Tennessee is in the frontline, similar legislative initiatives are also being taken in the states of Oklahoma, Wyoming, South Carolina, Texas, Florida, Missouri, Arizona, Indiana. It is encouraging to see that so many politicians are willing to resist Islam.

This gives us hope and courage. I am not a pessimist. We can still turn the tide—even in Europe—if we act today.

There are five things which we must do.

First, we must defend freedom of speech. Freedom is the source of human creativity and development. People and nations wither away without the freedom to question what is presented to them as the truth.

Without freedom of speech we risk becoming slaves. Frederick Douglass, the 19th century black American politician, the son of a slave, said—I quote—"To suppress free speech is a double wrong. It violates the rights of the

hearer as well as those of the speaker.”

I have already told you about my court case. This legal charade will not, however, prevent me from saying the truth. Never. I will speak out, even if they drag me before 500 courts and threaten to jail me for a thousand years.

The fact that we are being treated as criminals for telling the truth must not deter us. We are doomed if we remain silent or let ourselves be silenced. Let us not forget, this is our first and most important obligation: defend the right to speak the truth.

Second, we must end cultural relativism and political correctness. We must repeat it over and over again, especially to our children: Our Western culture based on Christianity and Judaism is superior to the Islamic culture. Our laws are superior to sharia. Our Judeo-Christian values are better than Islam’s totalitarian rules.

And because they are superior and better, we must defend them. We must fight for our own identity, or else we will lose it. We need to be warriors for the good, because the good is worth fighting for. Neutrality in the face of evil is evil.

Third, we must stop the Islamization of our countries. More Islam means less freedom. There is enough Islam in the West already. We must stop immigration from non-Western countries, which are mostly Islamic countries. We must expel criminal immigrants. We must forbid the construction of new hate palaces called mosques.

We must also close down all Islamic schools because educating children in a spirit of hate is one of the worst things imaginable. We must introduce anti-sharia legislation everywhere in the free world. Enough is enough.

Fourth, we must take pride in our nations again. We must cherish and preserve the culture and identity of our country. Preserving our own culture and identity is the best antidote against Islamization.

And fifth, last but certainly not least, we must elect wise and courageous leaders who are brave enough to address the problems which are facing us, including the threat of Islam—Politicians who have the courage to speak the truth about Islam, politicians who dare to denounce the devastating results of the multicultural society, politicians who—without political correctness—say: enough is enough.

You and I, Americans and Europeans, belong to a common Western culture. We share the ideas and ideals

of our common Judeo-Christian heritage. In order to pass this heritage on to our children and grandchildren, we must stand together, side by side, in our struggle against Islamic barbarism.

That, my friends, is why I am here. I am here to forge an alliance. Our international freedom alliance. We must stand together for the Judeo-Christian West.

We will not allow Islam to overrun Israel and Europe, the cradle of the Judeo-Christian civilization.

My friends, we will stand together. We will stand firm. We will not submit. Never. Not in Israel, not in Europe, not in America. Nowhere. We will survive. We will stop Islam. We will defend our freedoms. We will remain free.

Thank you.

—*American Thinker*, May 13, 2011

## Amsterdam Court Acquits

by Geert Wilders

Yesterday was a beautiful day for freedom of speech in the Netherlands. An Amsterdam court acquitted me of all charges of hate speech after a legal ordeal that lasted almost two years. The Dutch people learned that political debate has not been stifled in their country, and they learned they are still allowed to speak critically about Islam and that resistance against Islamization is not a crime.

I was brought to trial despite being an elected politician and the leader of the third-largest party in the Dutch parliament. I was not prosecuted for anything I did, but for what I had said. My view on Islam is that it is not so much a religion as a totalitarian political ideology with religious elements. While there are many moderate Muslims, Islam’s political ideology is radical and has global ambitions. I expressed these views in newspaper interviews, op-ed articles, and in my 2008 documentary, “Fitna.”

I was dragged to court by leftist and Islamic organizations that were bent not only on silencing me but on stifling public debate. My accusers claimed that I deliberately “insulted” and “incited discrimination and hatred” against Muslims. The Dutch penal code states in its articles 137c and 137d that anyone who either “publicly, verbally, or in writing or image, deliberately expresses himself in any way that incites hatred against a group of people” or “in

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any way that insults a group of people because of their race, their religion or belief, their hetero- or homosexual inclination or their physical, psychological, or mental handicap, will be punished.”

I was dragged to court for statements that I made as a politician and which were meant to stimulate public debate in a country where public debate has stagnated for decades. Dutch political parties see themselves as guardians of a sterile status quo. I want our problems to be discussed. I believe that politicians have a public trust to further debates about important issues. I firmly believe that every public debate holds the prospect of enlightenment.

My views represent those of a growing number of Dutch voters, who have flocked to the Party for Freedom, or PVV. The PVV is the fastest growing party in the country, expanding from one seat in the 150-seat House of Representatives in 2004, to nine seats in 2006 and 24 seats in 2010. My party’s views, however, are so uncommon in the Netherlands that they are considered blasphemous by powerful elites who fear and resent discussion.

That’s why I was taken to court, even though the public prosecutor saw no reason to prosecute me. “Freedom of expression fulfills an essential role in public debate in a democratic society,” the prosecutors repeatedly said during my trial. “That comments are hurtful and offensive for a large number of Muslims does not mean that they are punishable.”

The Netherlands is one of the few countries in the world where a court can force the public prosecutor to prosecute someone. In January 2009, three judges of the Amsterdam Appeals Court ordered my prosecution in a politically motivated verdict that focused on the content of the case. They implied that I was guilty and ordered my prosecution. The case was subsequently referred to the Amsterdam Court of First Instance.

The judges who acquitted me yesterday already had a peremptory ruling from the appeals court on their desk. They decided, however, to follow the arguments of the public prosecutor, who during the trial had once again reiterated his position and had asked for a full acquittal.

Though I am obviously relieved by yesterday’s decision, my thoughts go to people such as Danish journalist Lars Hedegaard, Austrian human rights activist Elisabeth Sabaditsch-Wolff and others who have recently been convicted for criticizing Islam. They have not been as fortunate. In far too many Western countries, it is still impossible to have a debate about the nature of Islam.

The biggest threat to our democracies is not political debate, nor is it public dissent. As the American judge Learned Hand once said in a speech: “That community is

already in the process of dissolution . . . where faith in the eventual supremacy of reason has become so timid that we dare not enter our convictions in the open lists to win or lose.” It has been a tenet in European and American thinking that men are only free when they respect each other’s freedom. If the courts can no longer guarantee this, then surely a community is in the process of dissolution.

Legislation such as articles 137c and 137d of the Dutch Penal Code disgraces our democratic free societies. On the basis of such legislation, I was prevented from representing my million-and-a-half voters in parliament because I had to be in the courtroom for several days, sometimes up to three days per week, during the past year-and-a-half. Such legislation should be abolished. It should be abolished in all Western countries where it exists and replaced by First Amendment clauses.

Citizens should never allow themselves to be silenced. I have spoken, I speak, and I shall continue to speak.

—*The Wall Street Journal*, June 24, 2011, p. A 13

## Geert Wilders Acquitted

by Robert Spencer

In a great victory for decency and sanity, the Court of Amsterdam has acquitted Geert Wilders of all of the spurious “hate speech” charges that have been hanging over his head for several years now. This is a decisive defeat for the Islamic supremacist forces that have been trying to destroy the freedom of speech and compel dhimmi Western governments to label the truth about Islam and jihad as “hate speech.” It is good to be able to report that it is still not illegal to tell the truth in the Netherlands and in the West in general—but we are not out of the woods yet.

Wilders remarked: “I am delighted with this ruling. It is a victory, not only for me but for all the Dutch people.” He could have added—and for all free people the world over, who can by this ruling stave off at least for awhile longer the attempts to criminalize speaking accurately about a radically repressive ideology that would use our self-enforced silence about its nature and intentions to advance unopposed. Wilders continued: “Today is a victory for freedom of speech. The Dutch are still allowed to speak critically about Islam, and resistance against Islamization is not a crime. I have spoken, I speak, and I shall continue to speak.”

This should be axiomatic. It should be commonsensical. It should be taken for granted by every free person in every free society: that to criminalize criticism of any ideology or belief system establishes that ideology or belief

system as a protected class, and gives it carte blanche to do whatever it pleases in the society at large. Criminalizing speech or thought is thus a clear path to authoritarian government, and the death of any free society.

Yet no one seems to grasp that, or to care. And so Wilders' case was a close-run thing. It was not certain that the verdict would go his way, and shameful that the case proceeded at all. Amsterdam judge Marcel van Oosten said Thursday that Wilders' statements about Islam, which were in every case true and accurate, were "acceptable within the context of public debate." How generous of Marcel van Oosten, to determine with all the weight of his judicial authority that speaking unpleasant and unwelcome truths was "acceptable within the context of public debate!" What van Oosten should have said, had he had any clear understanding of the real implications of this case, was that the idea that Wilders should have been prosecuted at all on the charges of offending Muslims, and inciting hatred and discrimination against them, was absurd on its face.

If offending someone and inciting hatred is a crime, then freedom fighters ought to be able to bring charges against the Leftists and Islamic supremacists who routinely demonize and defame them. But of course, it never works that way. "Hate speech" laws in the Netherlands and elsewhere in the West are designed wholly and solely to criminalize non-Leftist thought—as well as criticism of Islamic supremacism and jihad, which forces such as the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and its allies have been largely successful in convincing Western elites to regard as "racism."

Nonetheless, it is certainly a good thing that Wilders was acquitted. It is a great victory for common sense. But this is by no means the end of the Islamic supremacist challenges to the freedom of speech and the freedom of expression in the West. The OIC is bent on using Western "hate speech" codes to enforce Sharia blasphemy laws upon the non-Muslim states of the West, making honest discussion of Islam and jihad a crime to be punished instead of a necessary task in our defense against the Islamic supremacist threat. The forces that were responsible for the persecution and prosecution of Wilders will not give up. The lawyer for those who brought the charges against Wilders, a compliant Dutch dhimmi named Ties Prakken, said that the plaintiffs were "deeply disappointed" that Wilders had been acquitted. They are even now considering taking their charges against Wilders to another European court or even to the United Nations—where OIC states constitute the largest voting bloc.

They will, of course, also pursue similar charges

against others. We may only hope that this verdict will set a strong precedent that will make it even less likely that they will succeed in the future. But in any case, they will continue their relentless practices of character assassination against anyone and everyone in the West who dares to speak the truth about Islam.

And so we will not be completely clear of this quasi-Stalinist show trial that almost succeeded in silencing Europe's foremost voice for freedom, and not able to defend ourselves fully and adequately against the Islamic supremacist threat, until "hate speech" laws are definitively rejected as the tools of tyranny that they manifestly are.

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## Keeping Up With Van Jones

by **Brendon S. Peck**

Back in 2009, the public knew little about Van Jones. Perhaps, if anything, we knew only that he was one czar among many in the Obama administration. Like most czars, he did not need to be confirmed by Congress.

However, as more was learned about his radical background, Van Jones was exposed. Americans were repulsed by what they heard.

With his hateful statements and Communist views revealed, a personal history of radicalism emerged—a left-wing goody bag assorted with an affinity for anarchism, anti-capitalism, Communism, trutherism and, as Jones put it, "rowdy" Black Nationalism.

As the pressure grew, Van Jones was forced to resign as "green jobs" czar in the fall of 2009. But he wasn't finished.

Today, nearly two years removed from the White House, he continues to delight "progressives" with his brand of Robin Hood-style "justice."

In a manner one would expect from a class warfare peddler and propagandist, Van Jones recently asserted that America was "robbed" and that "somebody has our money." Just who are the villains in this worn-out narrative? Why, Wall Street and the wealthy. This serves only to fuel class envy and the culture of entitlement.

Such rhetoric may seem little more than red meat for "Rebuild the Dream" conference goers—the event at which Mr. Jones spoke this month—but his calculated and oft-repeated charge is designed to influence the ill-informed. For the left-minded, excoriating the rich or, more generally, capitalism, has long been in vogue. It is sadly effective.

While class warfare will undoubtedly remain part of

the narrative, radicals like Van Jones are not blind to the current political climate. In fact, their adaption to it, whilst advancing their agenda, provides them with a much desired platform. In the mold of Saul Alinsky, they know their true motives must be masked. Until they achieve power, that is.

Jones himself employed this thinly-veiled tactic, no doubt useful during his stint as Obama's green jobs czar. After all, it was a convenient front in his pursuit of Communist-inspired redistributive wealth policies and worse. Just listen to his words.

On the "green economy": It would be "pushed" until it became "the engine that transforms the whole society," and the entire capitalist system. Capitalism, in his warped worldview, is an economic framework that advances "exploitation and oppression."

To achieve a new system of "eco-capitalism," the steps taken to achieve the "complete revolution" of the 1960s would be followed. Not surprisingly, a key component centers upon the redistribution of wealth.

Note: One ought not forget that wealth redistribution has long been embraced by President Obama. ObamaCare, for instance, is a redistributive instrument. Indeed, so comfortable is he with an economic framework that "spreads the wealth around," Obama once underscored the need for a constitutional re-interpretation to achieve this end.

Indeed, despite the fact that some on the left have expressed displeasure with the President's actions, they know he is a solid ally.

Mr. Jones made clear as much when he stated that the views of the socialist Working Families Party, embodies the very "framework" and disposition of the Obama White House.

And like Obama, who desires a profound "transformation" of American society, Van Jones similarly characterizes his eco-agenda as a movement envisioned to be "much deeper than a solar panel." But is the movement resonating beyond the committed faithful?

Currently, the public is deeply concerned about debt, deficit, and jobs. As such, fewer Americans are susceptible to—or convinced by—the rhetoric of "eco-apartheid" forwarded by Jones and his ilk. This presents a challenge for the radical, but ever adaptable. They press their message . . . with the needed cosmetic alterations.

At the Rebuild the Dream conference, Van Jones sought to arm like-minded attendees with "evidence" of America's fiscal health. He argued, like Michael Moore, that "America is not broke," and that it was a "lie" to suggest as much. The evidence to support his claim was,

of course, weak, devoid of reason, and focused upon the left's usual suspects.

To Van Jones, corporate compensation, an "unfair" corporate tax structure, the Bush tax cuts—that Obama extended, mind you—and the cost of two war campaigns are central causes of our economic woes. This assessment is patently false. It willfully ignores the real drivers of our debt and deficit. That being perilous levels of government spending and borrowing. America already has a record federal debt of \$14.3 trillion and rising, up 35% since Obama took office.

We are spending away the future, a burden for those not born—a fiscal nightmare.

Yes, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have proven costly, in both blood and treasure. But the financial burden borne pales in comparison to our government's spending on an ever-growing entitlement state. Currently, nearly 60% of the U.S. Federal budget is consumed by Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

Worse, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), federal spending on entitlements, including ObamaCare, will more than double by 2050, eating "all tax revenues by 2049."

It is against this backdrop that Van Jones would have us believe that soaking the rich would alleviate the "suffering" of the poor. This is mere rhetoric. The fact is there are not enough wealthy Americans in the U.S. to cover the cost of the spending spree that is the federal budget.

Remember, Congress will spend \$3.7 trillion this year. And even if the government took all the income from those making 250,000 dollars this year—the liberal definition of "rich," it would take in only \$1.4 trillion. As Bill Whittle, writer and host of *Firewall* underscores, using this approach would fund the government for only 141 days of the year.

While thoughts of nationalizing the assets of "the rich" surely enter the chimerical dreams of America's radicals and leftists alike, Whittle's exercise illustrates the folly of their thinking.

Van Jones' Marxist crusade is ill-conceived. Confiscatory tax policies will not expand the tax base, nor increase job opportunities for the millions eager to work. Instead, it would further discourage investment amongst those who have the capacity, the resources, and the desire to create jobs. Certainly, it is true that none of this matters to Van Jones or progressives.

To them, it is not about economic growth. Instead, it's about "fairness," even if that means less prosperity for all.

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