

GEORGETOWN HAS A MUSLIM PROBLEM

Georgetown University, which identifies as Catholic, has a Muslim problem. There is nothing new about this, but now that it is front and center, it can no longer be ignored.

On July 15, Robert Groves, the interim president of Georgetown, testified before the House Committee on Education and Workplace. He told the panel that one of his tenured professors, Jonathan Brown, a convert to Islam, is no longer chairman of the university's department of Arabic and Islamic studies.

Iran is the primary source of terrorism in the Middle East, and a potential nuclear threat to Israel and the U.S. It was due to the escalating attacks on Israel that the U.S. bombed Iranian nuclear facilities in June. Brown, who holds an endowed chair at Georgetown, responded by saying Iran should attack U.S. military bases in the Middle East. "I am not an expert, but I assume Iran could still get a bomb easily. I hope Iran does some symbolic strike on a base, then everyone stops."

The Georgetown president told federal lawmakers that "Within minutes of our learning of that tweet, the dean contacted Professor Brown. The tweet was removed. We issued a statement condemning the tweet. Professor Brown is no longer chair of his department. He's on leave, and we're beginning a process of reviewing the case."

Brown's hatred of the Jewish state was made plain after Hamas attacked Israel on October 7, 2023. In an unprovoked barrage, the Iranian-backed terrorists killed 1,200 men, women and children, leaving 3,000 injured. Brown, the son-in-law of convicted terrorist supporter Sami Al-Arian, defended Hamas.

More than that, he said "Israel has been engaged in a genocidal project for decades."

This is vintage Brown. He is such an extremist that he claims Israel has a Nazi-like history. "Israel will go down in history as a country whose main claims to fame are genocide, racial fanaticism on the level of the Third Reich and religious fanaticism that makes ISIS look mellow."

Similarly, Brown wonders why so many Jews have "embraced genocide as a core tenet." Indeed, he contends that this is "an inalienable part of their faith." Just as obscene, he portrays the Israeli army as evil, saying it is "objectively the most effective child-killing machine in modern history."

It should not come as a surprise that the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is standing by their man, even after Brown's admission that he *hopes* Iran strikes U.S. military installations. In 2014, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) designated CAIR a terrorist organization. And on July 15, Rep. Elise Stefanik said that CAIR was a co-conspirator in a terrorist-financing case and has ties to Hamas.

In a letter to Groves, CAIR pleaded its case for Brown, arguing that the investigation should be called off and he should be fully reinstated.

Bill Donohue wrote to Groves as well, but his my recommendations were very different from the one CAIR made.

Brown may be the most conspicuous anti-Jewish professor at Georgetown, but he is hardly alone. Mobashra Tazamal also teaches there and his specialty is "Islamophobia." He is known for comparing Israel to Nazi Germany. Nothing phobic about that—it's simply a malicious lie.

To understand why Georgetown has a Muslim problem, all we need do is follow the money.

In 1977, Libya bought an endowed chair for \$750,000. This was done under the auspices of Muammar Gaddafi, the brutal dictator and ally of the Soviet Union. In 2005, Saudi Arabia gave \$20 million to establish a Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding. It is known for banning Christianity and oppressing women, two issues that are a flagrant violation of the mission of this Jesuit-run institution. But this is chicken feed compared to what Qatar has given.

Qatar has greased Georgetown to the tune of *over \$1 billion*. These include funds to operate Georgetown's Qatar campus. This has real-life consequences: everything from research to faculty hiring and curriculum development reflect the priorities of the Qatari regime.

Didn't anyone at Georgetown complain about this arrangement? Yes, the *Georgetown Voice* did, but it is a student newspaper. The administration and faculty simply ignored their plea to close the Doha campus. Money talks.

At the D.C. campus, Brown was a beneficiary of Qatar generosity. The regime funded a post he occupied, the Alwaleed bin Talal Chair of Islamic Civilization in the School of Foreign Service. But the real damage done by the Qatar-Georgetown nexus is not Brown's chairmanship—it is the damage done by those who graduate from the university's School of Foreign Service.

The report does not exaggerate when it says that this school “has produced more U.S. diplomats and ambassadors than any other institute. Many alumni have been shaped by ideologically slanted curricula and faculty with close ties to foreign leaders. These graduates go on to shape policy—often in ways aligned with the worldview of their financial backers.”

In short, Georgetown's Muslim problem is a direct result of being bought by those whose values are about as anti-American and anti-Catholic as gets.