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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON MUSLIMS GO TO FAR

U.S. Representative King has called for Congressional hearings to determine if U.S. Muslims pose a threat in our own nation. He claims U.S. Muslims are becoming "radicalized" and we need the hearing to determine how serious the threat is. Under the circumstances the very thought of that is very scary as well as hypocritical.

It reminds me of the hearings held decades ago when representatives rang the bell of fear over "Communist infiltrators". Hundreds of thousands were tracked and watched, their every move documented, and thousands lost their jobs and lives for merely being suspected "Commies". During WWII we rounded up Japanese-Americans after Congressional hearings and threw them into "detention camps", simply for being Japanese and that they might be a "threat" to the U.S.

U.S. Representatives like King sound the alarm now for Muslims. However, his fear bell hasn't raised the issue of Christians, Jews, Blacks or any other ethnicity or race. It singles out Muslims to attempt marginalizing them.

Why are we not holding fear mongering hearings on Catholics. The Vatican is a Christian government that opposes free religion, other than Catholicism, in its borders. During WWII the Vatican took Jewish children to the Vatican and forcefully converted them, as well as supported Nazi Germany. Today it has been conclusively proven that thousands upon thousands of children in every nation with a Catholic population were molested and raped by Catholic priests and the Vatican helped cover it up. Why are we not holding Congressional hearings on the threat Catholics pose?

Or how about the Jewish Defense League. Let's not forget how only a few years ago Earl Krugel and Irv Rubin, both high level JDL members, plotted the bombing of an Arab U.S. Representative. Both Krugel and Rubin admitted to a number of crimes including a fire bombing of a "revisionist" Historical society. No Congressional hearings have been held to determine the threat of Jews in the U.S. Had they been Muslim rather than Jewish we'd be in hearings until our ears started to bleed.^{1,2}

Why not hold Congressional hearings on the possible threat of Blacks or Hispanics every time a gang related killing happens? After all, more people have been killed in gang related crimes than have been killed by Muslims on U.S. soil, even including 9-11.

We don't hold those hearings because it would be idiocy at its peak. So why are we now even considering wasting time on those

hearings for Muslims in the U.S.? It's absolute insanity. Rather than pushing fears we should support the Muslim population in the U.S. They are our people, our brothers, our sisters, our friends. They are U.S. citizens and should not be marginalized. History has shown that marginalizing a people — like Japanese, Jews, Irish, Blacks, Hispanics, etc. — has always come back to bit us in the ass. So why are we doing it again and who is next?

The biggest threat in our nation is not Muslims, or any other ethnicity, religion or race, it is the radical extreme "conservatism" that has been sprouting extremist parties like the Tea Party³. Our nation is built on moving us toward a more perfect democracy. These congressional hearings are a step back, not forward.

If we are going to hold hearings like this it should be about every threat group, not just Muslims. It wasn't a Muslim who left a bomb at a Martin Luther King parade in the state of Washington recently. Singling out Muslims now is bigoted. And Peter King should be ashamed.

FOOTNOTES

(1) I'm not suggesting we should. I'm pointing out only that if we are going to hold hearings on "home grown threats" it should include every domestic threat and not single out Muslims.

(2) On Detroit paper called Krugel and Rubin "activists". If a Muslim had been arrested for similar crimes we'd call them Terrorists.

(3) The White Supremacists in prison have begun calling the Tea Party "The best 'White Nationalist' party available."