

Rising Concerns over Muslim Refugee Resettlement in US: 1330amWEBY Interview with Ann Corcoran



Ann Corcoran's brief video on Muslim Refugee Resettlement in the US has gone viral since being put up on YouTube on April 20, 2015 by the Center for Security Policy. It has had over 200,735 hits to date climbing every day. Clearly, Corcoran's message has resonated among concerned Americans. [Watch](#) it on YouTube:

The CSP YouTube video is a complement to her recently published book on the problems confronting America over the threat of mass Muslim migration that has transformed Europe and now troubles grass roots America, ["Refugee Resettlement and the Hijra to America"](#) .

Corcoran and her team chronicle news and developments about this issue on the blog where she is editor, [Refugee Resettlement Watch](#). You may have read our interview with Erick Stakelbeck, [ISIS Threat to America](#) in the current edition of the NER where he drew attention to the Somali refugee communities in the American heartland sending jihadi terrorists in Somali and Syria. He spoke of young Somali émigré men who have joined up with, first Al Shabaab in Somalia, and now increasingly, join the Islamic State to fight for the self-declared Caliphate in Syria and Iraq. We have drawn attention to the problems of Somali refugee resettlement in *NER* articles and *Iconoclast* posts over the past eight years. They have covered severe cultural and integration problems in the American heartland in places like

[Shelbyville, Tennessee](#), [Emporia, Kansas](#), [Greeley, Colorado](#), [Minneapolis, Minnesota](#), [Columbus, Ohio](#), and [Lewiston, Maine](#).

The Somali émigré jihadis aren't the only terrorists among admitted refugees. Think of the brothers Tsarneav who perpetrated the Boston Marathon Bombing in 2013. See our NER article, "[Refugee Jihad Terror in Boston.](#)" An ABC investigation [reported](#) that dozens of terrorists have been admitted fraudulently under the US Refugee Admission Program.

One example was two Iraqi refugees, al Qaeda operatives, arrested in Bowling Green, Kentucky in 2011 convicted in 2013. They were charged with sending weapons and cash to Al Qaeda. They lied on their Federal Refugee Admission forms about their prior terrorist involvements in Iraq. One had constructed IEDs, involved in killing four members of a Pennsylvania National guard unit in 2006 in Iraq. A check of fingerprints on the shards of the IED caught the perpetrator. [Watch](#) this 2013 ABC Report. Recently, one of those convicted, [Mohanad Shareef Hammadi](#), filed a motion seeking to overturn his conviction because his counsel said he wouldn't get life. That episode briefly raised the criticism of Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY).

In excess of 250,000 Somali and Iraqis have been admitted to the US as refugees. An estimated one million have immigrated to the US from Muslim lands. Through births and admittance of relatives under the problematic P-3 Family Reunification Visa program the impact could mean millions of additional Muslim émigrés in the US. Virtually all of the Somali and Iraqi refugees were Muslim. Endangered Christians and other minority religion accounted for less than 8 percent of Syrian Refugees admitted under the State Department administered [US Refugee Admissions Program](#). Eleven Christian, Jewish and special interest NGOs or voluntary agencies (VOLAGS) are paid by the billion dollar State Department refugee program to process and place refugees in American communities. VOLAGS like Catholic Charities, Lutheran World Services, Hebrew

Immigrant Aid Society and the International Rescue Committee. The total annual federal and state program costs of refugee resettlement are estimated to range in excess of \$12 to \$20 billion annually.

The [UN High Commissioner for Refugees](#) establishes priorities for US Admissions under [the Refugee Act of 1980](#). An Act co-sponsored by the late Edward Kennedy and then Senator, now Vice President in the Obama Administration, Joe Biden. The US may be poised to accept another wave of over 75,000 Syrian refugees over the next five years. Doubtless they and growing number of Muslim refugees from elsewhere in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia will be “seeded” in American cities under the Fostering Community Engagement and Welcoming Communities Project of the [Office of Refugee Resettlement](#) with the Soros-backed NGO, “[Welcoming America](#)”.

But now there is pushback by American cities, as witnessed by concerns expressed in letters to Secretary of State Kerry by Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-SC), chairman of the [House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security](#). Both The House Subcommittee and the [Senate Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest](#), chaired by Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL) hold annual hearings over refugee allotments. Gowdy’s [letter](#) of April 13, 2015 was prompted by constituent complaints in Spartanburg, South Carolina of the establishment of a VOLAG office to processing Muslim refugees. He wrote Secretary Kerry seeking answers as to why the office was being established and had not been reviewed with state and local agencies. He ended his letter:

I request that any plans to resettle refugees in the Spartanburg, South Carolina, area be placed on hold until my constituents and I receive your substantive responses to the questions and information requested in this letter. Additionally, before moving forward, both the Spartanburg community and I should have time to substantively review

the information and be comfortable with the information provided.

As previously stated, I am troubled by the lack of notice and coordination with my office and the Spartanburg community, particularly local officials, regarding the plans to resettle refugees in the area. In that vein, I request at least one month's notice prior to the arrival of the first refugee[s] in the Spartanburg area.

To find out more about what could become an important issue for evaluation of 2016 Presidential candidates, **be sure to listen to an interview with Ann Corcoran of RRW by Jerry Gordon and Mike Bates on [1330amWEBY](#) "Your Turn."** The program will air at 5:30PM CDT (6:30PM EDT), Tuesday, May 12th. You may Listen Live [here](#). The recorded program will be archived and posted following the broadcast. A transcript of the interview may appear in the June edition of the NER.