

Terrorist-linked Blogger Attacks Trump Advisor



On May 22, Jonathan Easley published a fine article in *The Hill* on Dr. Walid Phares' work with the Trump campaign. Dr. Phares, an expert on Middle Eastern affairs, has naturally been contacted by many Muslims, both here and abroad to gain some understanding about how a future Trump administration may deal with their home countries once he is elected as America's 45th President. The headline of Mr. Easley's piece was slightly misleading, "[Trump Camp quietly courts Muslims](#)," as it implied the Trump campaign had directed Dr. Phares to reach out to Muslim groups in the US, even though Dr. Phares corrected this misperception both in that piece itself as well as in later interviews.

Never one to let facts get in the way of a good yarn, Saif Alnuweiri, a young Qatari immigrant (on a [student visa](#)?), former fact checker for the *New York Times* and currently an intern with the *National Memo*, jumps in with both feet, calling Dr. Phares a "former Christian Militia Commander" in [his hysterical title](#) drawing on an old and discredited article by [Hezbollah propagandist As'ad Abu Khalil](#) in the far left magazine *Salon* from 2011. Even that execrable screed did not describe Dr. Phares as a "Christian Militia Commander." Like the birth of Athena, this idea seems to have sprung from the head of Mr. Alnuweiri whole. [Joe Conason](#), take note. Though the sole purpose of the *National Memo* these days seems dedicated to trafficking in the most absurd anti-Trump conspiracies, the title of this article is clearly defamatory – the rest of it, however, is just silly.

Alnuweiri sneers at Dr. Phares' assertion that Muslims in America may be concerned about American policy toward their

home countries citing [a survey](#) put out by the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) which cites “Islamophobia” as American Muslim’s primary concern. He also asserts that Dr. Phares “has close ties to several known Islamophobes.” Undoubtedly, that list will have to be lengthened considerably due to the fact that [fully half of the entire electorate supports](#) Trump’s proposal to temporarily ban foreign Muslims from entering the country. We’re all Islamophobes now.

Furthermore, Alnuweiri sniffs at Dr. Phares’ assertion from his book, [Future Jihad](#) that, “Jihadists within the West pose as civil rights advocates, interested solely in the ‘rights’ of their immigrant communities,” though it is well-known that an entire alphabet soup of [Muslim American associations](#) are fronts for the [Muslim Brotherhood, or Ikhwan](#). Mr. Alnuweiri seems to be