



Michael Hayden: Trump Is Helping ISIS

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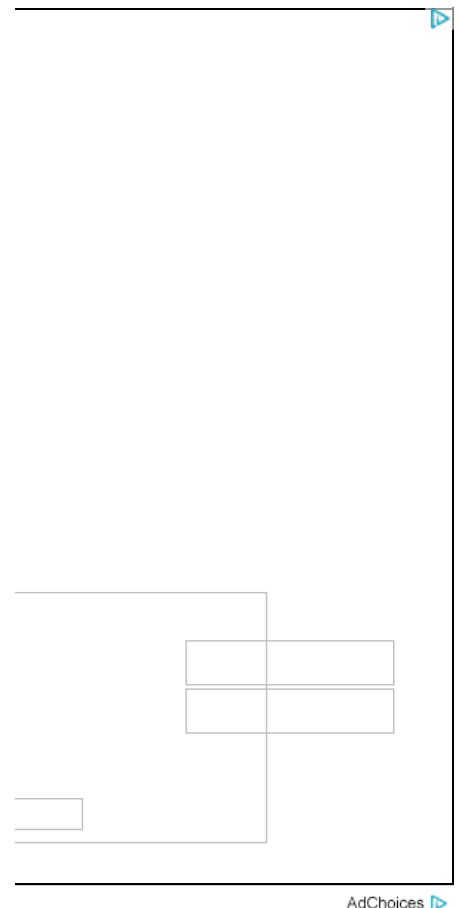
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Former NSA/CIA Director Michael Hayden pauses while he speaks during a Reuters CyberSecurity Summit in Washington May 12, 2014. Hayden told the Guardian in an interview published Sunday that Donald Trump’s rhetoric on Muslims is helping ISIS.

Donald Trump [may have vowed](#) to “bomb the shit” out of the Islamic State, but his anti-Muslim rhetoric may actually be *helping* the terror group, according to one of the United States’ top foreign policy experts.

Michael Hayden, the former head of both the CIA and the NSA, [explained in an interview with the Guardian](#) that “the jihadist narrative is that there is undying enmity between Islam and the modern world.”

“When Trump says they all hate us, he’s using their narrative,” Hayden said. “He’s



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feeding their recruitment video.”

[Trump has proposed](#) banning all Muslims, a religion of 1.6 billion people, from entering the U.S.

“Until we are able to determine and understand this problem and the dangerous threat it poses, our country cannot be the victims of horrendous attacks by people that believe only in jihad, and have no sense of reason or respect for human life,” he said in December, days after 14 people were shot and killed by terrorists in San Bernardino, California. The shooters, [Syed Farook and his wife Tashfeen Malik](#), were Muslim.

In the months after the San Bernardino shooting, as well as November’s deadly terror attacks in Paris, Muslims across the U.S. have [seen an increase in violence and harassment](#). Last month, one Trump supporter in D.C. allegedly called a woman wearing a hijab a terrorist and a “worthless piece of Muslim trash.” [A group of men in Kansas](#) reportedly beat up a Muslim student while shouting Trump’s name.

Trump has dismissed concerns that his xenophobic rhetoric is hateful. The former reality TV star, who has also made [racist statements](#) about Mexican immigrants, said that two of his fans who beat up a Hispanic man were simply [“passionate.”](#)

Editor’s note: Donald Trump regularly [incites political violence](#) and is a [serial liar](#), [rampant xenophobe](#), [racist](#), [misogynist](#) and [birther](#) who has repeatedly pledged to ban all Muslims — 1.6 billion members of an entire religion — from entering the U.S.

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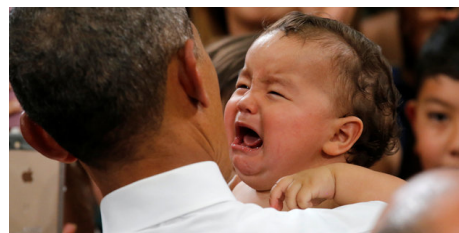
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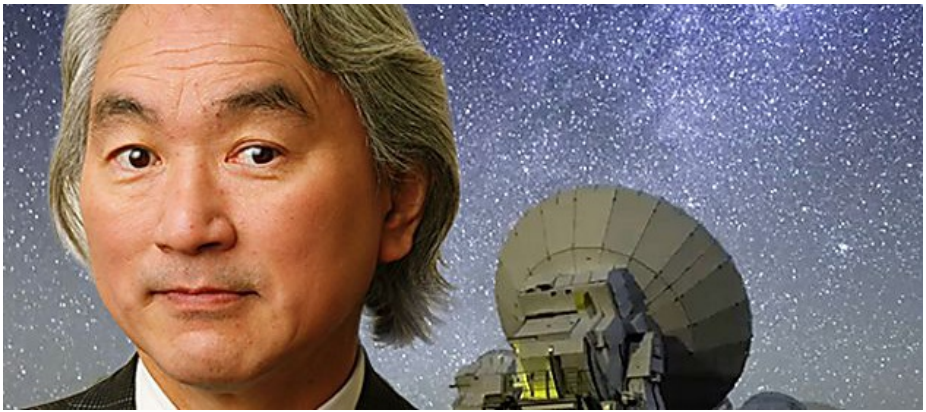
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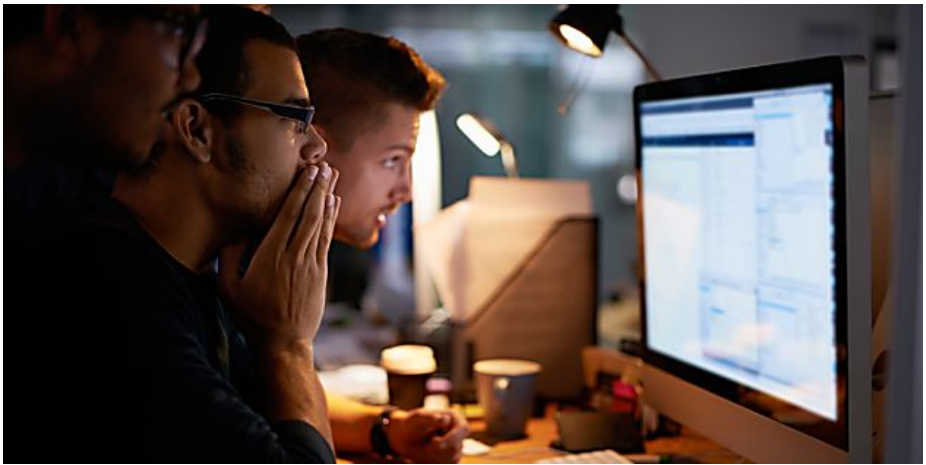
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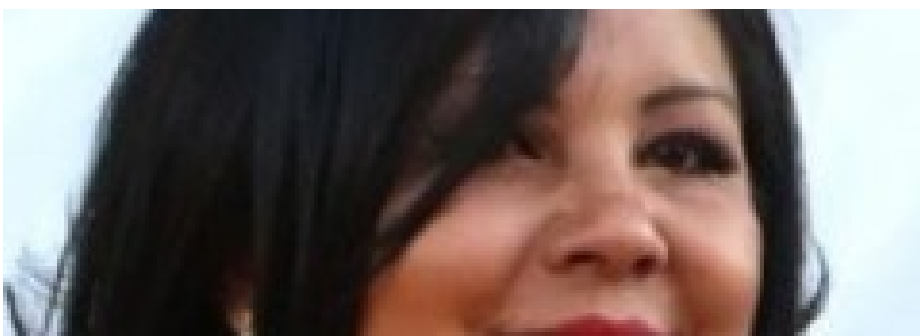


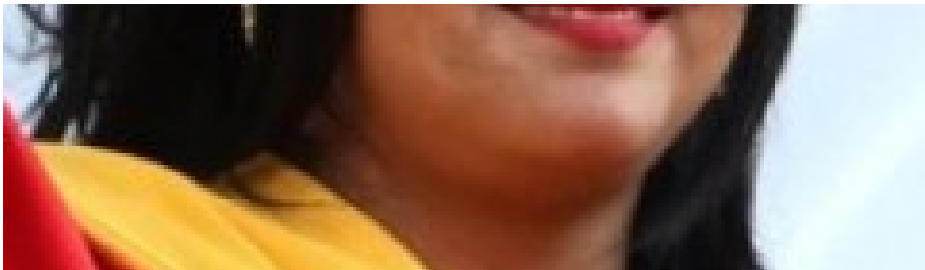


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Eileen Shaeffer


Hillary Clinton was dead right when she said early on that Trump was helping ISIS with their recruiting. It is beyond inconceivable why a rational adult would vote for this man to lead the free world. Inconceivable.


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Kevin A. Tarrant · Freed-Hardeman University


Because the GOP have dumbed down the electorate. Breeding a whole country of voters that vote against their interest and can't see the con game Trump is playing.


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Johnious Doeious


Donald Trump sounds like a bully on the playground. His voters were also bullies, except all grown up, just like their savior.

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Ronald Bruce Robinson

Anyone who votes for Trump is voting for someone who appeared as a celebrity guest on "THE ISIS APPRENTICE."


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Tom Tuttle · Works at Peace Corps Thailand


Donald Trump is clearly inviting a terror attack. Trump supporters are just like militant Islamists. They look forward to it. They have no sense of direction and nothing else to do. Trump supporters are very likely to be the next anti-american terrorists.


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Donald Fields · American University


Trump would get a huge bump in popularity if there is another terrorist attack, and that fact is inviting one. The terrorist know that if they could pull off a disastrous attack just before the election, their ally, Trump, would benefit greatly. Let's hope the good guys can keep us safe, and let's make sure Trump never becomes President.


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Susan Caylor Funderburk · Retired. at GE


No one should go around smashing cars full of widows. It's sad enough that they lost their husbands.

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Roberta Atkins · Sacramento, California

He can taste it!

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**Willa Cunningham**

I see Trump for what he really is and am shocked no one else can see the same. I know a lot of people are for Trump simply because they are against "Washington" but never hear anything about how the REPUBLICAN congress are the ones who would never work with President Obama is getting things done like building roads, bridges, etc.

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**Linda Greyser** · Boston, Massachusetts

I see it. Millions of us see it. Not to worry...we have got to believe that the American people will not elect that man as president. While there are his supporters out there, I believe that most of us know what to do on election day. STOP TRUMP! Keep the faith.

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**Hector Vargas**

You might read what Mary Matilin said this weekend about the republican party, I like many, am an EX republican, And we are EX republicans because of a reason, The reason is, IF you so not agree with the extremist right wing, They call you names and treat you like the enemy, It is as plain and simple as that, I hated hilly in the 1990's, But I will vote for her, She is sane

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**Lynnnda Diaz**

Linda Greyser I agree with you 100% we all need to work towards a collective consciousness to save this country on election day.

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**Shane Shepherd**

He's the candidate of hate both domestic and abroad

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**Russell Cowsert** · Dallas, Texas

How so?

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**Pat Paliotti Mulrath**

And so are his supporters, why do you think they support him, because they hate the same people

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Russell Cowsert Read the article.

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**Dennis Busch**

Based on the number of terrorists attacks in USA compared with the number of gun related attacks on Americans by Americans, Americans are more dangerous to Americans than ISIS is or ever will be. BAN GUNS!!

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**Jack Johnson**

How do you get rid of the 400 million guns already in circulation?

And not surprisingly, 7 other brain dead partisans also liked your ridiculous comment...

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**Christopher Smith** · Principal (school) at Impact Charter Elementary

Let me see if I understand liberal "logic." So, we have nice, peaceful Muslims going about their business, then, through some means, word filters back to them that this guy is running for President in the United States and he has said that because the overwhelming majority of terrorist acts the world over are committed in the name of Islam, that these peace-loving Muslims are now going to take up arms and start killing innocent people? Huh? Is that what you want us to believe?

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Richard Foster · University of California, Los Angeles

Now replace the word "Muslims" with "Christians" and you will see no difference at all. Religion is the terror of mankind and will be our downfall.

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Christopher Smith · Principal (school) at Impact Charter Elementary

Richard Foster except no one, certainly no organized force on a mass scale, is going around killing in the name of Jesus.

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Susan Pojer · Columbia University in the City of New York

Christopher Smith What about killing abortion doctors and bombing abortion clinics?

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Eric Helin-Hultquist · Works at Soiree Cocktail Alchemists

The US and it's agencies spawned the rise of ISIS. Now they're going to try to scapegoat Trump for their own creation? I'm no Trump fan but let's put the blame where it belongs. Warrantless and illegal wiretapper Gendrool Hayden former head of the CIA is blaming Trump??? Give me a break!!!

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Shane Shepherd

The Iraq war and removal of Saddam paved the way for ISIS

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John Grimes · Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Shane Shepherd Damn straight! Why do people ignore this fact?

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Ruly LZ

Shane Shepherd Thank you. At least one person here bothers to get their facts from actual responsible media outlets.

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Bruce Walker · University of Hartford

Trumps' statements give a false impression to the world that the US hates anything which is not both white and American.

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Peter Combs · Owner at Plcombs, Antiques & Asian Art

Hayden was a clown at the NSA and CIA, during his tenures the epic failures under his leadship runs for pages.... His stances on the 4th Ammednmendt conductin drone strikes based on "the behavior of vehicles" and claiming spying on Americans was allowed under basically any circumstances the NSA deemed fit to use.

His three years at the CIA ending in 2009 left behind a trail of erroneous information, fibs and BS about Iraq, Al Qaeda and the future of Afghanistan, they guy was NEVER right on anything...

For him to be lecturing anyone is frankly laughable.

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Jim Pyacek · Nevada City, California

Breach in logic: Attacking the speaker instead of the argument.

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Jack McCallister · University of Cincinnati

Jim Pyacek ha, that's pretty much the liberal standard. Always attacking speaker's, before even bothering to hear what they say.

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Tom Baker · Illinois State University



Tom Baker · Illinois State University

according to international security expert Peter Combs?

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Suzie McMillan · New York, New York

We live in the freest country in the world. We have a moral obligation as, human beings and as Americans, to stop the systemic indifference to the rise of this vile and powerful hatred spurred on by this CLOWNBOX. It will be too late to reverse the damage by November...

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