

The THREAT OF SHARIA Committee

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To: National leaders and legislators

Dear Concerned Citizen,

The authors of this letter are retired or former Army officers who collectively served over 280 years to include active service in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our purpose in writing is to express our grave concern about the advance of Islamic Sharia in America. We see our cherished way of life being eroded. The very freedoms we enjoy are being used against us under the freedom of religion provisions of our Constitution. Unless our government takes action to prevent the spread of Sharia, it will be advanced to our detriment and our loss of personal freedom.

Is this letter a condemnation of all followers of Islam? No, it is however a condemnation of radical Islam which seeks to impose Sharia on our great country on the grounds that Sharia is an expression of the Muslim faith. Quite the contrary, Sharia is Islamic Law which was promulgated in the Seventh Century and has changed little since then. Sharia is the antithesis of the laws of our land which stem from our Constitution and the premise that all men are created equal. Under Sharia, fathers must kill their daughters and wives for certain violations of that law; wives may be summarily divorced by their husbands; for some offenses violators must be stoned to death or have their extremities cut off. Women are severely restricted in what they may wear, must have a male family member escort when they leave the home and are not fit subjects for higher education. To impose such mandates and restrictions upon American citizens would be a gross violation of our laws; we rightly take pride in being a "nation of laws."

By ignoring the hard fact that Sharia is a body of laws, and not a religion, America comes closer to the day when the application of Sharia in our land will be a reality rather than a threat. Sharia should be recognized for what it is. Sharia is the legal foundation of a theocratic, dictatorial government that radical Islam seeks to impose on America; a form of despotism no less foreign to American freedoms than communism, fascism, and other forms of dictatorships. Sharia combines church and state. Sharia's substantive content is the complete opposite of America's constitution and derivative laws whose content assure liberty and justice for all and thus shape our unique way of life.

Congress should legislatively prohibit Sharia and the practice of Sharia in America. Those American citizens who follow Islam would continue to enjoy American freedoms and way of life so long as they do not promote or follow Sharia. We solicit your support in convincing members of The Congress to pass the proposed legislation.

We request your active support in this important matter.

Sincerely,

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