

# Katharine Gorka

- Katharine Gorka is a national security analyst who serves as a **policy adviser in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**. She previously served on the “[landing team](#)” for the Trump administration’s DHS transition team. Her husband, [Sebastian Gorka](#), currently serves as the Deputy Assistant to President Trump.
- Gorka founded and served as president of the now-closed [Council on Global Security](#) think-tank. Additionally, she founded and led [Threat Knowledge Group](#) consulting firm, which [provided](#) “counter terrorism” training for the U.S. government and military.
- Before joining the Trump administration, Gorka was a [contributor](#) to *Breitbart*, where she has argued that there must be something in “Islam” that would “[explain](#) the behavior of some Muslims.” She claimed that understanding this will be the “most important weapon in the ever-escalating battle between the West and ISIS.” **Gorka adheres to the claim, commonly made by [those who run anti-Muslim groups](#), that Islam is an [inherently violent religion](#).**
- In another *Breitbart* article, Gorka **warned of the dangers of adopting “Sharia-compliant banking”** in Western countries, focusing on England, as it “weakens their [Muslims] ties to the non-Muslim community,” and thus creates a “parallel society.” Gorka went on to [claim](#) that “Islamic finance” has “chauvinist and supremacist” origins and would “strengthen Muslim identity,” which could be a “recipe for disaster” for Britain.
- Gorka has [advocated](#) an “**ideological war**” with the “**Islamists.**” (“[Islamist](#)” is a term for an Islamic political or social activist. As experts have noted, it has in the media become a “[catch-all](#) for everything from politically active Muslims” to Muslim militants. Those who work for anti-Muslim groups often used to cast suspicion on Muslims.)
- In 2014, she **supported legislation to designate the Muslim Brotherhood**, a political party in a number of countries in the Middle East, **a terrorist group**, and to impose sanctions on its “affiliates, associated groups, or agents.” Anti-Muslim groups and those who run them, like [Frank Gaffney](#) and his [Center for Security Policy](#) (CSP), have advocated for this designation as well. The [legislation](#) named mainstream U.S. Muslim organizations, such as the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), as Muslim Brotherhood groups. **Gorka herself has claimed CAIR is one of these “front groups.”** She has [stated](#) that the “Muslim Brotherhood,” is “both threatening regional stability in the Middle East and aspires to make the United States a Muslim nation.”
- In a 2013 lecture, Gorka [claimed](#) without evidence that the Organization of Islamic Cooperation ([OIC](#)) — the second largest intergovernmental organization after the United Nations (UN) with a membership of 57 states — was the “headquarters” of the “enemy” of the West.
- Gorka was the co-editor of *Fighting the Ideological War: Winning Strategies from Communism to Islamism*, a volume of essays **highlighting the “Islamist threat” to the United States** written by individuals including Gorka’s husband, [Sebastian Gorka](#), and Dr. John Lenczowski, who previously served on [CSP’s National Security Council](#). She [argues](#) that defeating terrorism requires “our being able to call the enemy by its proper name: Global Jihadism.”
- In 2014, Gorka [defended](#) Congresswoman Michele Bachmann and four other congress members who in 2012 **claimed without evidence that the Muslim Brotherhood had infiltrated the U.S. government**, and who [accused](#) Huma Abedin, one of Hillary Clinton’s top aides, of having ties with the Muslim Brotherhood. Republican John McCain (R-AZ) [denounced](#) such claims calling them “sinister,” and the US State Department [responded](#) to the allegations against Abedin as “vicious and disgusting lies.”
- Deeply critical of the Obama administration, Gorka [wrote](#) in 2014 that the Department of Homeland Security was wrong to emphasize that Islam is a “religion of peace.” In a 2013 article for the [Westminster Institute](#), which she helped [establish](#) in 2009, Gorka [argued](#) that “constitutions based on Islam” “codify” the “principles of inequality and oppression.”

**IMPACT:** Katharine Gorka has a history of promoting anti-Muslim conspiracy theories and now serves as a policy advisor in the Department of Homeland Security.