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IMPACT: Ryan Mauro is an analyst at the anti-Muslim organization, the Clarion Project. Mauro regularly makes anti-Muslim accusations and unfounded claims on *Fox News* programs and during trainings for law enforcement officials. He is a proponent of policies that criminalize Muslims and Muslim communities.

- [Ryan Mauro](#) is **National Security Analyst and Shillman Fellow at the Clarion Project**, which he joined in 2012. According to his [public professional profile](#), Mauro has been a **contributor on *Fox News* since 2010, and an adjunct professor teaching “counterterrorism issues” since 2011 with Liberty University Online.**
- From 2009 to 2014, Mauro was a **contributor to *Front Page Magazine*, published the [David Horowitz Freedom Center](#), an anti-Muslim organization.** Mauro has **written articles sponsored by [Islamist Watch](#), a project of the Middle East Forum, an anti-Muslim think tank founded by Daniel Pipes,** whom the Center for American Progress (CAP)'s Fear Inc. report [describes](#) as a “misinformation expert” in the “Islamophobia Network.” Mauro was also a **frequent contributor to the [Center for Security Policy's Secure Freedom Radio and podcast](#) from 2011 to 2016.**
- Mauro is [listed](#) as a **team member of the Christian Action Network (CAN), a “public advocacy and education organization” that promotes homophobic and Islamophobic claims and viewpoints.** CAN, which [describes itself](#) as “based on biblical principles, values, traditions and American ideals,” has produced documentaries on what it [describes](#) as the “encroachment in American society” of “Islamic Sharia law.”
- The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) has [described](#) **Mauro's views as conspiracy theories, including the claim that terrorists have taken over parts of the U.S., making them “no-go zones” for non-Muslims.** In 2010, Mauro [wrote](#) in *Frontpage Magazine* in an article that has since been removed from the website that, “Islamist groups are, as we speak, hard at work creating Muslim states-within-states in the U.S.” The **“no-go zone” myth has been debunked [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).**
- Mauro **heads the [Fuqra Files](#),** an online initiative of the Clarion Project that [went live](#) in December 2016. The **initiative advances conspiratorial claims about [The Muslims of America \(TMOA\)](#) and predominantly rural African-American Muslim communities.**
- Mauro has previously **collaborated with [ACT for America](#), an anti-Muslim grassroots network with chapters around the country.** In 2015, Mauro was one of the [speakers](#) at ACT for America's National Conference and Legislative Briefing, which was keynoted by [Ayaan Hirsi Ali](#). In a 2014 appearance on *Fox News*, Mauro [disclosed](#) that he coordinated with local ACT for America activists in Texas during his investigation into what he claims about a “terrorist enclave” in Texas.
- On April 26, 2016, **Mauro [presented](#) at the New York Tactical Officers Association Conference**, a three-day training conference that, as reported in *Alternet*, was advertised by [direct mailing](#) to “every SWAT and crisis negotiation team in the United States” and every “state, local and federal law enforcement and corrections agency in the Northeast.” Mauro **lectured on the topics of the “Global Threat of Islamic Extremism (ISIS, Al-Qaeda, Iran)” and the “Threat of Islamic Extremism in America/New York State.”**

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- In August 2016, **Mauro also presented in San Diego, California, at the California Association of Tactical Officers symposium**, which was titled: “What Law Enforcement Needs to Know About Islamic Terrorism” and was open only to full-time law enforcement.
- In July 2016, **Mauro wrote on *Breitbart News* that then-Senator and Vice Presidential Candidate **Tim Kaine “embrac[es] Islamists,”** appointed “a Hamas supporter to a state immigration commission,” and “honor[ed] a Muslim Brotherhood terror suspect.”**
- In a March 2014 Clarion Project article re-published on the Center for Security Policy website, **Mauro argued that the “Islamist Muslim Brotherhood” has overwhelming “influence at the highest ranks of the Republican party’s apparatus.”** Mauro also claimed that “the ultimate goal” of “Islamist ideology” is to “replace the American Constitution with Islamic sharia law.”
- Mauro has made **statements that advocate the criminalization and surveillance of Muslims.** According to reporting in April 2016 by *Huffington Post* journalist Christopher Matthias, “Mauro’s continued embrace of the terror accusation” against the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the largest Muslim civil liberties organization in the US, “highlights his role in a multimillion-dollar network of hate groups, think tanks, politicians and talking heads who regularly spread fear and misinformation about Islam.”