

Clare Lopez

- Clare Lopez is the Vice President for Research and Analysis at the **Center for Security Policy (CSP)**, which is considered by the Southern Poverty Law Center to be an anti-Muslim hate group. A former CIA operative, she was an advisor to the Ted Cruz campaign for national security, and is reportedly being **considered for deputy national security advisor** to President-elect Trump.
- Along with Frank Gaffney, the president of CSP, Lopez has published papers and given interviews and presentations in which she **claims that the Muslim Brotherhood has infiltrated the US government**, and that Sharia law is taking hold in American courts.
- Lopez **believes President Obama** and his administration have a “pattern” of “enabling” or directly **supporting Muslim terrorist groups**. She claims that Obama and Huma Abedin, an aide of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, both have ties to the Muslim Brotherhood, which Lopez and her colleagues consider a terrorist group.
- In 2012, she said about this about the influence of the Muslim Brotherhood in the Obama administration: “The **infiltration** is obviously very deep and very broad within the bureaucracy, not just the top level, but throughout the federal system, including the intelligence community, but I think also it has to do with the leadership at the top...the leadership of the worldview that is not pro-American. It is third world...”
- Speaking of the need to investigate supposed Muslim Brotherhood infiltration in the US, she said that Senator Joseph **McCarthy was “spot on”** in the approach he took in Congressional investigations in the 1950s.
- Like other potential Trump administration appointees, she has asserted there is an “**unholy alliance**” between “US Muslim Brotherhood” and Black Lives Matter movement.
- Lopez **believes that the religion of Islam encourages violence**. In a speech to an American Jewish group in 2013, she said, “When Muslims follow their doctrine they become jihadists.”
- With the Center for Security Policy, she has also advanced the false notion that Muslims are undertaking “**civilization jihad**” in America. She also repeated the debunked claim that 80% of American mosques promote extremism.
- Lopez also claimed there were Muslim “**no-go zones**” in Minnesota. This claim about “no-go zones” in Europe and America arose after the attacks in Paris and Brussels, has been debunked.
- Since 2011, Lopez has expressed her views in articles penned for **Breitbart**, the website run by Steve Bannon, who was tapped to be President-elect Trump’s chief strategist.

Impact: A potential Trump administration appointee, Clare Lopez promotes falsified claims about Muslims in America, particularly the notion of a Muslim Brotherhood infiltration under President Obama.