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Subject: MEF Will Not be Cancelled; Your Help Requested



TO: Middle East Forum Board of Governors, Volunteers, and Supporters

FROM: Gregg Roman, Director

RE: MEF Will Not be Cancelled, A Call to Action

A tsunami of extremism is sweeping the Western world, threatening the most fundamental premises of our way of life. Did you know that nearly 40 percent of liberals want to [change the name](#) *United States* to one “that better reflects the contributions of Native Americans & our diversity as a people”? And that “scientific, linear thinking” is now considered [racist](#)?

Further, Middle Eastern extremists are actively supporting that tsunami.

- [Al-Qaeda](#) offers its version of Islam as the cure for America’s racial strife;
- [The Iranian](#) regime congratulates Americans who shout “Death to America”;
- Turkey’s [Erdoğan](#) takes up and warps the cause of George Floyd; and
- [Palestinian TV](#) tells its viewers to “pray to Allah that these flames will burn the sons of Zion, America.”

This support helps explain why the Middle East Forum has been targeted for de-platforming and cancellation. [Three internet providers](#) in the UK as well as the British Library restricted or blocked Daniel Pipes’ website; Outbrain, the web advertising platform, suddenly dropped MEF as a client; [Google search](#) results and Facebook feeds have selectively made our writings disappear.

But we are here to stay; proud, defiant, and politically incorrect when necessary. The Middle East Forum is on your side in the ideological war now raging, fighting to preserve a way of life where facts, reason and decency matter.

Indeed, we are busier than ever:

- MEF’s campaign on Capitol Hill had a key role in [Al Jazeera](#) being [forced](#) to register as a foreign agent;
- A case in [India’s Supreme Court](#) involves research by MEF;
- MEF has taken the [mayor of Tel Aviv](#) to Israel’s Supreme Court to fight against censorship of our Israel Victory message;
- The entire board of directors of [Islamic Relief](#), the world’s largest Islamist charity, resigned after international media investigated their antisemitism based on MEF research; and
- We have spurred federal investigations of Middle East Studies programs, working with the White House, Department of Education, and Congress to hold to account: (i) the [Duke/University of North Carolina](#) consortium for Middle East Studies; (ii) [Georgetown University](#); (iii) the [University of Arizona](#); (iv) the [University of California at Berkeley](#); and (v) [Yale University](#) .

We published [362 articles](#) in the first half of 2020 on topics ranging from Islamists appropriating the [Black Lives Matter](#) movement and [Rep. Ilhan Omar’s](#) radical supporters, to Israel’s new alliance with the [United Arab Emirates](#) and Bahrain, and [Ankara’s](#) destabilizing the Middle East. Our work appeared in mass publications ([The New York Times](#), [The Wall Street Journal](#)), D.C.-focused publications ([The Hill](#), [The Washington Examiner](#)), and specialist publications ([Defense News](#), [Foreign Policy](#)).

Our webinar audience has quadrupled since we began the thrice-weekly series in March. Recent topics have focused on internal crises in [Islamic societies](#); the pervasiveness of radical Islam being preached at [American mosques](#); jihadists infiltrating [Western societies](#) while posing as refugees; and why the left has turned on [Israel](#). Each 20-minute session is led by a subject matter expert from the Forum's [staff](#) or [writing fellows](#) roster, or experts such as Alberto Fernandez (former U.S. State Department official), and Hussain Haqqani (Pakistan's former ambassador to the U.S.). To sign up for notices of future events, [click here](#). For past ones, go to [YouTube](#) or [Soundcloud](#) .

Also, we have responded to the pandemic and economic fluctuations by cutting our payroll by 20 percent, slashing our Education Fund donations, and are now looking to relocate to a smaller office.

Given this exemplary record, I thank you, despite the upheavals, for your consideration to contribute to the Middle East Forum in 2020.

I invite you to send a tax-deductible contribution, most easily by clicking [here](#) (for more options, please see the end of this email). We depend on your enlightened self-interest more than ever.

I look forward to thanking you for [your support](#).

Yours sincerely,



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