

David Horowitz Freedom Center



Attack Dog Against Palestinian Human Rights Activists and Academics

A circular graphic with a dark blue background and a white border. Inside the circle, the text "#Islamophobia" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The circle is connected to the text below by a vertical line.

#Islamophobia

Southern Poverty Law Center calls Horowitz "The Godfather of the Anti-Muslim Movement"

The David Horowitz Freedom Center is a primary funder and promoter of Islamophobic, racist, and anti-immigrant voices, ideas, and media platforms. DHFC works to prevent mosques from being built and paints Muslims (especially Palestinian Muslims) as terrorists and enemies of the US and Israel. The CEO and founder, David Horowitz, has called Islam "a sick death cult."

Attacks on Students and Academic Freedom

A cornerstone of Horowitz Center's work is the on-going, vicious attacks on student organizations and faculty who speak out on the question of Palestinian rights. The Center has credited themselves with covering university campuses with posters that defame – by name and picture – students and faculty. In an attempt to silence them, they use false accusations of antisemitism, racist and Islamophobic stereotypes and even outrageously false claims of terrorism against them. When university administration or community members defend those being intimidated and attempt to protect academic freedom, the Center threatens lawsuits.

Friend and Supporter of White Supremacists

The Horowitz Foundation consistently celebrates, partners with and defends white supremacists. The Foundation recently gave awards to several prominent white supremacist public figures. This includes Milo Yiannopoulos, known for his unabashed hatred toward immigrants, women, queer and transgender people and Black Lives Matter activists. Horowitz also named Steve Bannon, right wing extremist Trump advisor and head of the reactionary Breitbart News, the 2016 "Man of the Year" in his Frontline Magazine.

The Money Behind Horowitz

The funders of the Horowitz Center have funded a range of ultra-rightwing agendas and political candidates whose work and beliefs are anti-immigrant, anti-labor, Islamophobic, climate change-denying, anti-gay marriage and pro-privatization. Key funders of the Center include the right-wing billionaire Koch Brothers and the Lynde & Harry Bradley Foundation. The Koch Brothers literally profit from the wars fueled by the role of Israel and the US in the region: their wealth comes from oil and other energy sources whose prices rise as a result of instability in the Middle East.



To learn more about the people funding and promoting backlash against the Palestinian movement and other movements for justice, check out the Business of Backlash online at <http://www.ijan.org/resources/business-of-backlash/>

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