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[00:00:00] **Frank Gaffney:** Welcome to this edition of a BanSharia.com webinar series aimed at exposing what Sharia is, what it would mean if it were adopted in a country like the United States, and what it is the intent of those who adhere to Sharia to do to accomplish such an imposition on a free country with a Constitution and a republic founded upon it that is absolutely antithetical to virtually everything that Sharia entails.

[00:00:56] In the course of the series to date, we have looked at some of [00:01:00] the horrible things that Sharia does to women, to children, to freedom, the consequences of the totalitarian, well, toxic death cult that is Sharia for those who either have actually experienced liberty or those who simply aspire to it.

Today's program will talk about a facet of Sharia that is not only abhorrent, again, antithetical to the Constitution of the United States and the freedoms based upon it, but that is evidence that the express purpose of Sharia and its adherents is to destroy that constitutional republic, to replace it [00:02:00] with a totally foreign, and again, I would say demonic program that is both political in character, military, and legal, and follows in the tradition of Muhammad, a warlord, a conqueror.

[00:02:22] "Sharia is Sedition" is the title of this particular program, and we're going to talk about both what that doctrine is that makes it seditious, what its practice is that makes it illegal, and what we need to do about the distinct possibility that left uncorrected, unaddressed, we will find seditious conspiracies promoting Sharia burgeoning across our land and [00:03:00] imperiling the Republic and just about everything we hold dear that we, most of us anyway, take for granted by virtue of the fact that we've known no other than freedom and this constitutional governance of the people, by the people, and for the people.

We're going to begin with a woman who has graced these programs on several occasions in the past, for which we are profoundly grateful.

[00:03:34] She is a serious student of Islam, having not only a master's in the subject to her credit, but she is a doctoral candidate continuing to expand her knowledge and expertise from outside of the Muslim world, but very much knowledgeable about particularly what [00:04:00] Sharia and its tenets portend.

Her understanding of all of this is further enhanced by the fact that she lives in the Netherlands, a country that is now beset by Sharia supremacism, is very much in the throes of the struggle to establish whether Sharia will become, as it is designed to do, the dominant legal and political and military system of her country.

[00:04:38] Her name is Sonja Dahlmans. She is a remarkable and thoughtful commentator on these matters, not least from the perspective of someone who has studied closely the utterly inhumane character of Sharia, especially, [00:05:00] as I mentioned earlier, for women, children, and other living things. I might add dogs, by the way, to that list.

Sonja has been extraordinarily generous with her time today, and we are grateful that, in addition to an appearance on our program Securing America on Real America's Voice, she has made a late night of it to join us to contribute at the outset to our understanding of how Sharia and its code of conquest contravenes the kinds of legal systems that in her country, the Netherlands, and in ours, again, too many of us take for granted.

[00:05:49] Sonja, thank you so much for joining us, staying up late, and the floor is now yours, ma'am.

[00:05:55] **Sonja Dahlmans:** Thank you, Frank. You're welcome. Yeah, when [00:06:00] you think about Sharia dominance, often people think, you know, it's not that bad, or they think it's not bad yet, because they assume there's going to be some sort of a conquest.

[00:06:17] But it is, in my view, the little things that are easily ignored because we don't want to make a fuss. We want to stay in a more comfortable position towards each other in society. Just think about that when you go to a supermarket and you buy meat. You would have no idea that in some of the countries in Western Europe at least, a part of that meat will be halal, and there is no distinction.

[00:06:52] You know, it's not even 100% halal, so Muslims can eat it, but the meat is being mixed, [00:07:00] is what supermarkets actually told me when I phoned them about this. But there's also schools or homes for the elderly where halal is on the menu because it is easier.

The comments are, you know, "We don't care what we eat, and if Muslims care about it, why not all eat halal meat?" And if you say, "Well, I'm not a Muslim, I don't follow Islamic

dietary," people really think you're a bigot when you just say you don't want to follow the religious prescriptions of a religion you don't follow, you don't believe in.

[00:07:45] It is these small things, these small steps, that are already happening. And for example, in the United Kingdom, when the House of Parliament, I think it was, was being restored, and in the meantime the members of Parliament had to go [00:08:00] somewhere, well, that just happened to be owned by, I think it was Qatar, not quite sure about that, but a Muslim country, one of the Gulf states.

[00:08:10] And so, you know, what British people love to do is have a beer, have a drink after work, was no longer possible in that building. So British Parliament, members of Parliament, so they are the representatives of the democratic state that, you know, Great Britain is, were no longer able to have a drink after work because Sharia demands that you don't drink alcohol.

[00:08:39] And again, it seems like such a little issue, doesn't it? But just think about that. Just think about the fact that in a democratic country that is, specifically the UK, by the way, the king is the head of the Church of England, [00:09:00] Islamic Sharia goes before common practice, which is insane when you think about that.

[00:09:09] And there are all sorts of these little kinds of things that are happening sometimes at school. Children, even in primary school, are now told that during Ramadan, it is not mandatory, but it is, you know, respectful towards people of other religions, meaning Islam, to also not eat in front of Muslim children.

[00:09:38] Well, why not? First of all, Muslim children at that age don't have to follow, it's not mandatory to follow Ramadan prescriptions. But second, within Christianity, the whole idea of fasting is that you learn to control your passions, whether other people fast with [00:10:00] you or not. You're supposed to smile.

[00:10:02] I'm an Orthodox Christian. We are told to smile during fasting time and not let other people see that we're fasting. Sometimes that isn't very easy, fasting, but you continue, and you don't show that to the outside world, how difficult you find it at times.

But now children are told that they should also not eat in front of classmates who are following Ramadan. That is not in every school, but just the fact that it happens sometimes is already, you know, beyond all, I think, understanding, because so many small things at the end of the day will form a bigger problem, right? It just adds up.

[00:11:00] And that sort of thing is, I think, something that people don't really think about when they think about Sharia, that it starts with these little things.

And yeah, we're having the football match today between Morocco and France, a former mandate of the French government, Morocco, not a colony, but a mandate, and the Dutch police had already, two days ago, told, you know, the spokesperson spoke to

the press and told us, the public, that they did not interfere with the massive riots because they didn't want to start a war, quote, unquote.

[00:11:47] And for today, you know, everything in Paris is being, you know, shops are being protected, window sills, everything is [00:12:00] being prepared to cause the least damage because we apparently are accepting this sort of behavior without even addressing it. But also, you know, the only authority that is allowed to use violence is the police or the military police, and they, in the Netherlands at least, said, "We're not going to do anything because, you know, it might even get worse."

[00:12:27] What sort of message does that give you? Now, I'm not saying rioting is Sharia. It most certainly is not. But you just see the atmosphere, the emotions, the fear that is creeping into these societies where, you know, the biggest problem we discussed a few weeks ago in the United Kingdom, British children being sexually abused, and hardly anyone daring to say anything, because, you know, they feared that [00:13:00] pointing out who the perpetrators were and still are, it's still happening today, would mean that they would be racist or Islamophobic.

[00:13:09] So yeah, it's, as I said, all sorts of smaller steps that I think are building some sort of foundation that is very unhealthy. And yeah, that is what is happening.

[00:13:28] **Frank Gaffney:** This is a manifestation of what I've come to call the frog-boiling of a Western society. How do you boil a frog without it jumping out of the pot? Incrementally, slowly.

That is taking place in the Netherlands unmistakably today. You've mentioned Great Britain. One could add France, and I wouldn't be surprised if we don't see some demonstrations, shall we say, maybe even rioting in the streets [00:14:00] of French cities in the course of the aftermath of this game, depending on how it comes out.

[00:14:06] But throughout Europe, in part thanks to the incremental insinuation of Sharia and its adherents, notably by the Turks. We've heard a lot in recent days about how wonderful the Turks are and how important to NATO they are, as a result of their hosting this summit in Ankara.

But it is interesting that Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the man who has engineered the migration of millions of Muslims into Europe, Turks among them, but also Syrians and North Africans and the like, who are not assimilating. In fact, he is discouraging them from assimilating in the interest of having them transform [00:15:00] Europe.

It's happening, and I think what Sonja's testimony represents is an indication of where this leads. Ultimately, it is to a very different program of governance, not just serial accommodations of submission, but actual governance.

[00:15:20] I'm very pleased that we have with us to talk a bit more about how this translates into, in the United States specifically, sedition, the objective of replacing, overthrowing, transforming our government and country.

A man who has been studying these matters closely in the course of his career in the United States Army, in the course of his career as a representative in the House of Representatives in his native state of Washington, and now in his [00:16:00] capacity as a pastor, but also a trainer for law enforcement personnel, for military, for intelligence, for other political leadership, as well as civic leaders of other kinds, community leaders and citizens, in association with a wonderful organization founded by Lieutenant General Mike Flynn and his sister Mary Flynn, called America's Future.

[00:16:38] Our next presenter is all of that, Reverend, the Honorable Matthew Shea.

[00:16:45] **Matthew Shea:** Thank you. Yeah, right now we're actually training a team down here in Texas right now, and there's been such a hunger for finding more out about Sharia, what it means for the United States of America. It's been pretty [00:17:00] incredible, and it's in large part thanks to you and doing these webinars and all of the writing that you have done over the last two decades warning people about this ahead of time.

[00:17:13] And in regards to the United States Constitution, there is a very clear call in Article V and Article VI for the President of the United States and then all lesser officers in the United States to take an oath to protect and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. And that includes ideological systems that are coming here to not assimilate or not have their own free speech, but to actually destroy and replace the United States Constitution and our constitutional republic.

[00:17:50] And I think for a lot of Americans, when you say that, they harken back maybe to the Red Scare or to McCarthy. What [00:18:00] we're talking about today, Sharia is very clear that it is not supposed to be just the law of the land that it's in, but it is supposed to be the law of the whole world, and that it applies even to non-Muslims, whether they like it or not.

[00:18:19] That shocks a lot of Americans, but I specifically want to hone in on the point that Sharia is incompatible with Western civilization, but specifically incompatible with the Constitution. And therefore, if someone takes an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and yet allows Sharia into their jurisdiction, whether that be a judge allowing a Sharia court to decide something, which has happened in Texas, or whether that is the acquiescence of our legislators at the state and the national level, that by definition allowing an [00:19:00] ideological system, a theopolitical construct, a complete way of life, in to replace our Constitution and our way of life, that is by definition sedition.

[00:19:12] And I want to be, again, very specific on this. For example, Article I, Sections 8 and 10 of the United States Constitution require a free market, and yet Sharia, really if I was going to sum it up in one sentence, talks about a one-world economy.

Article IV, Section 4 of the United States Constitution requires a republican form of government, yet Sharia says it is the only system and the only form of government that can be in existence in a nation.

Article VI of the United States Constitution says that the Constitution is the supreme law of the land, and as I mentioned, Sharia says it has to be the supreme law of the [00:20:00] land. So anyone who is Sharia-compliant cannot, as a matter of fact then, also take an oath to protect and defend the Constitution because one of those two things is a lie.

[00:20:13] The First Amendment specifically protects our God-given unalienable right to free speech, to religion, to peaceably assemble, and yet Sharia says that only Islam can be the religion, and any other religions must either convert or submit to Islam. And if they are Jews and Christians and Zoroastrians, they need to pay the jizya, or a tax, to be under that system, and they must feel the submission of Islam.

[00:20:47] The Second Amendment, we take for granted, I think, especially in places like Texas, the right to bear arms, and yet under Sharia, there is no ability to bear arms for the [00:21:00] kafir or for those who are infidels.

The Fourth Amendment, no unreasonable searches and seizures, and yet under Sharia, property of kafirs or infidels can be seized as part of just warfare, or even if there is really little reason it can be seized.

[00:21:24] The Eighth Amendment, no cruel and unusual punishments, and yet under Sharia, and specifically the hudud or the criminal code under Sharia, people can be crucified or beheaded for, quote, “causing mischief in the land.” That would be what we know as evangelism as Christians.

The Ninth and Tenth Amendments very clearly say that our rights come from the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and yet under Sharia, and if you read it clearly, rights come from Sharia, and it only [00:22:00] gives rights to those who have submitted to Sharia.

[00:22:04] You have the Thirteenth Amendment, which abolishes slavery and the incidences and badges of slavery, and yet under Sharia, slave trading is allowed and actually is still practiced to this day in places like Africa.

The Fourteenth Amendment really clearly, and I’m not going to get into birthright citizenship even though that’s a hot issue right now, but the Fourteenth Amendment clearly protects women, says there’s equal protection under the law, and yet under Sharia, women are property.

[00:22:39] And Frank, this is not to mention talking about dogs and the fact that dogs are haram in Sharia, and most Americans love their dogs, and yet they would be banned under Sharia law.

This court case down in Texas where a woman was [00:23:00] trying to get out of a marriage, and yet a judge said, “No, it’s okay. We’re going to allow the Sharia court to decide what should happen in this family matter.” Absolutely incredible that that happened on U.S. soil.

[00:23:14] No foreign court order, no other law is supposed to supplant our law, and particularly any other religious law, whether that’s Catholic canon law or whether that’s Sharia law, can ever take away the God-given unalienable rights that are protected by our Constitution otherwise.

[00:23:37] So these are the things that I’m talking about when we mention the Constitution and we talk about officers, judges, elected officials all over the United States at every level taking an oath to protect and defend the Constitution.

You cannot protect and defend that oath by allowing any appearance, any [00:24:00] favor, any protection of Sharia law in your jurisdiction.

[00:24:06] This again is a very clear and should be a very clear, bright line. And I think as we go forward and have these discussions at the state and the local level, more and more people are waking up to this and the realization that this is actually happening on our watch right now, and it’s our job to stand up against it.

[00:24:25] **Frank Gaffney:** Matt, thank you. This was an extremely helpful presentation because it’s one thing to think about the Constitution in the abstract, and freedoms and so on that flow from it. But you have given us chapter and verse how incompatible, how I argue not just unconstitutional, anti-constitutional Sharia is in so many different respects, and how profound the impact of having it be the supreme law of the [00:25:00] land would be on every American, without exception.

[00:25:07] I did want to ask, and it’s not a rhetorical question, I mean it in all seriousness, because it is an increasingly common phenomenon. Going back to what you just were saying about the oath of office, we not only have avowed Muslims, Sharia-adherent Muslims, taking the oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, so help me God.

[00:25:47] But they’re saying it with their hand on a book that says very explicitly, unless I’m mistaken, it is not only [00:26:00] allowed to lie to infidels, you must lie to infidels if it serves the purpose of advancing the faith.

Have I got that right, Matt? And if so, what are the implications of people not only taking this oath, but doing it in this fashion?

[00:26:18] **Matthew Shea:** You know, this is a great question and a very important issue. When somebody does put their hand on a book that seeks to overthrow every other form of government in the entire world, and it's not just the Constitution of the United States, the constitution of any country—

[00:26:40] **Matthew Shea:** And so when somebody puts their hand on a book and swears to protect and defend the Constitution and that book says that you can lie, as you rightly pointed out, in the furtherance of Sharia and spreading it throughout the world until it is dominant, then what that is is [00:27:00] a fraud. That is a false oath, and in many states there are laws against taking a false oath, and I think this is going to become an issue here in the next five years that we're going to have to face.

[00:27:10] Now, over the last 100 years, very little prosecutions have happened over people intentionally violating their oath or taking a false oath. Very little case law is on this anywhere in the United States. But right now, this is at the core of this issue. Do oaths actually have a meaning? Does this actually mean something?

Obviously, the Founding Fathers thought it did or they wouldn't have included it in the Constitution of the United States and required every subordinate officer to take such an oath, let alone the United States military, which this has also happened in.

[00:27:48] So for all of us right now, we need to understand that when somebody takes a false oath like that, where there is a system that they are believing in that will overthrow the Constitution, what [00:28:00] they're really doing when they put their hand on that book and swearing that oath is repudiating the Constitution of the United States. They're not protecting and defending it.

And we need to make a decision now as a country that if our oaths do mean something, that there need to be consequences for false oaths and for the hypocrisy that is coming with some of this. That may sound harsh to some people, but this is, I think, really a bright line and a very clear issue.

[00:28:28] **Frank Gaffney:** Indeed it is. And let me just clarify this one point because I asserted that, as my understanding, the Quran obliges a Muslim—

[00:28:45] **Matthew Shea:** To duty.

[00:28:46] **Frank Gaffney:** Under Sharia to lie if it advances the faith, not just condones it. Am I right about that, or is that overstating it?

[00:28:46] **Matthew Shea:** No, that's not overstating it. It's a duty actually.

[00:28:47] **Frank Gaffney:** Duty.

[00:28:48] **Matthew Shea:** I would go a step farther. Yep.

[00:28:51] **Frank Gaffney:** I want to come back to this oath business because I think you're absolutely right. You've taken that oath of office. I've taken that oath of office. I think most of [00:29:00] the people that are following these issues have at one point or another, whether they've served in the uniform of the United States military or served in a government role at any level, taken it.

The oath is sometimes slightly modified, but it is consistently about binding you. And by the way, not over some term of office. It is an open-ended obligation to support and defend the Constitution, or words to that effect, against, again, all enemies foreign and domestic.

[00:29:45] So we'll come back to that at the end. Can you stay with us, Matt, or do you have to scoot? I know you're in the middle of training, and thank you for your time, if you do have to go.

[00:29:45] **Matthew Shea:** I have about two minutes, if—

[00:29:47] **Frank Gaffney:** Two minutes. I can keep going. All right. We've done what we needed to do, and you've been incredibly helpful. Thank you for fitting this time in. And I know we had several of your other colleagues who we would have happily had join us, and they would have happily joined us but [00:30:00] for the fact that they are attending to this really important function.

[00:30:02] And let me just say, I think of all of the things that are being done at the moment, you were very kind to talk about these webinars. This is a small service compared to what you, John Guandolo, and your colleague, and I'm drawing a blank on his last name—

[00:30:24] **Matthew Shea:** John Bennett.

[00:30:25] **Frank Gaffney:** John Bennett, of course, Honorable John Bennett, a former member of the House of Representatives in the state of Oklahoma.

What you've been doing with America's Future and in other settings, to train people both in Texas and across our country, is incalculably important, because it gives them an understanding of what we're up against and what must be done about it, and I cannot thank you enough for it.

[00:30:51] Could you quickly tell people how they can get access to this kind of training, and your [00:31:00] great insights?

[00:31:01] **Matthew Shea:** They can go to AmericasFuture.net, and again, this is a team that we're training almost every week. And we would love to come to whatever area we need to.

[00:31:14] **Frank Gaffney:** Let me just make one last point, if I can, before you scoot. In the state of Texas, I think as a direct result of years of this kind of training, John Guandolo was doing it, I think, for at least five or six years that I know of, maybe longer, and others, including you guys, who have until recently been serving in other capacities, have joined him.

There's no doubt in my mind that the 1.9 million Texans who voted for Proposition 10 in the March 3rd Republican primary, a five-word proposition that simply said Texas should [00:32:00] prohibit Sharia law, was a direct result of what people had been learning about what Sharia law is and what its implications are.

[00:32:13] I think if that proposition had been put to people who had not been similarly equipped, the outcome may have been, you know, still quite negative to Sharia, I would hope. But it was crushingly so, ninety-five to five in that particular vote.

So thank you to you and your colleagues for all you're doing, and thank you for finding a few minutes to share these really important insights with us for this program, Matt.

[00:32:39] **Matthew Shea:** Absolutely. Thank you, Frank, and it takes a team.

[00:32:42] **Frank Gaffney:** Bless. It does indeed. God bless you.

I'm so pleased to have with us once again Dr. Karen Siegemund of the American Freedom Alliance. She is its president and the driving force behind tremendously important work that that organization does in [00:33:00] raising awareness about these sorts of issues.

[00:33:04] Karen was, in fact, the person who really helped organize and pull off an incredibly important roadshow, we called it, in which a number of us participated in taking information about Sharia and other threats to our country, by the way, to important audiences in swing states in the months leading up to the 2024 election.

[00:33:36] And I'd like to think that all five swing states voted for corrective action in these kinds of areas, no doubt, to some extent at least, thanks to Karen and her great work.

So Karen, as always, we hope that you will help synthesize what we've been told and add your own important insights [00:34:00] as well. Over to you.

[00:34:01] **Dr. Karen Siegemund:** Thank you so much. And as Matt had said, it takes a team, and that was an amazing team, the whole roadshow. Our World War III roadshow.

And as we talk today, I'm reminded of one of the key elements that kept coming up time and time again during the roadshow, which is, and it's even more apparent now, we are at war. We may not recognize it, and we can still lose.

That was my entire metaphor, the philosophical query, if a tree falls in the woods and there's nobody there to hear it, does it make a sound? And it's very easy to make the comparison. If you're at war but nobody will acknowledge it, can you still lose?

[00:34:48] And I think everything that Sonja and Matt and you are talking about both today and in the past, we are at war, and we may not recognize it, and we clearly [00:35:00] don't particularly recognize it.

And the idea of Sharia being seditious. Sedition is the incitement to rebel against or have an insurrection against authority. Is Sharia that? You bet it is. That's its entire purpose.

And my refrain in these webinars is they seek conquest. They seek conquest one way or another, and we've talked about conquest through the children, through the women, through rape, through going after the family. Sedition itself is how this is happening.

[00:35:40] And what Sonja described, the various little cuts, the incrementalism, as you say, the tiny bits of increasing the temperature of we the frogs being boiled. These are tiny, they're practically imperceptible, and they're very hard to fight against. They are subtle, [00:36:00] and they are pernicious, and they're, you know, it's just a this, it's just a that, it's just halal food. What are you, a bigot? And on and on and on.

Very subtle ways of undoing, undermining Judeo-Christian values, our own cultural values, be it the Netherlands, England, Germany, France, as you say. And here they seek to undermine one's culture to the point where, again, one has no confidence in one's own culture.

[00:36:37] And one of the things that we keep seeing time and again, and I'll get to Matt's points, we see time and again that either the left, generally speaking, or Sharia, whichever is the main vehicle, our very confidence has been eroded.

And what that really means is the [00:37:00] load-bearing walls of our culture, of our sovereignty and our sense of self, are being eroded. And thought of another way, they are our immune system. Our immune system, which is the Constitution, which is our entire definition of our being, has had a sledgehammer taken to it to the point where kids today, and over the last several decades, have no idea what it really means to be an American, what the Constitution really means.

[00:37:41] So our very self has been undermined. Our institutions, through the left's long march through them, have been destroyed. So we are left with very little in the way of bulwarks against this onslaught.

So everything that Sonja was talking about, it's [00:38:00] very real, it's very subtle, and it's very hard to fight back. And everything that Matt was saying is much more the

sledgehammer against literally the definition of what we are as a country, which is the Constitution.

[00:38:16] Just from the get-go, are all men created equal, boom, completely a contradiction to Islam and Sharia. And then all of his examples, one after another, the tenets of Sharia, that they are required by their religion, which is really an ideology that seeks global dominance, everything that it's wrapped in, it must take us down.

The only way to global dominance, which again is the goal, is to take down the West and the United States, and they do this step by assiduous step. [00:39:00] So it may not look like the wars that one is used to, and that was the entire point of my metaphor. It does not look like war, but it is war, and conquest of us is what is sought.

[00:39:09] Sedition, seeking insurrection against us, they are acting in accordance with insurrection against us without a shot necessarily being fired. Necessarily. It doesn't require violence, is the point. We can lose just by having our legal system eroded, our culture eroded, our institutions essentially dissolved over time. And before you know it, you've lost your country.

And that's again Matt's point, and I think everything that we do with these webinars is so important. Just because it doesn't look like war doesn't mean it's not war. It is war. [00:40:00] And when we do have elected officials swearing on the Quran, saying the words, and this was another part, "and without purpose of evasion," that's another part of the oath. Without purpose of evasion.

Hate to break it to you, but that's simply a flat-out lie. And as you pointed out, Frank, that is a duty. That is their duty. Islam must be supreme over anything and everything, and however you accomplish that, it's not only fine, but required.

[00:40:37] So this is the war that we're in. We need to recognize it. They seek to take us down. This is one of the ways. Sharia, we know this, Charlie Kirk knew this, we talk about this all the time, completely antithetical in every point. Every point that we believe in, it's completely antithetical to that. It is war, and they mean to win, and we just need to make sure that that doesn't happen.

Because this is, we just [00:41:00] celebrated our 250th. It's the greatest nation in the history of the world. Of course they want to take us down. Cannot let that happen.

[00:41:09] **Frank Gaffney:** Amen.

[00:41:09] **Dr. Karen Siegemund:** Thanks, Frank.

[00:41:10] **Frank Gaffney:** Karen, thank you. And as usual, you've done both the synthesizing as well as adding insights that are tremendously important, some born of your extensive experience with educating—

[00:41:26] **Dr. Karen Siegemund:** Yeah.

[00:41:26] **Frank Gaffney:** Our kids. And, you know, one of the things I'm struck by is how little we're doing now to educate them about the Constitution. I think even, I'm told in law schools the Constitution is no longer taught, maybe as an elective, but not as a requirement.

And when you throw on top of it the cultural Marxism that's been insinuated to cause people to hate the Framers and the basic country as well as its [00:42:00] Constitution, it's hard to overstate just how insidious this effort has been.

The red-green dimensions of it, particularly the communists who are making common cause for the same ultimate purpose of getting rid of the impediment to their ambitions to rule the world, and they'll sort out between them after we're gone, you can be sure, which of the two totalitarian forces will actually run things. But it's going to be at the expense of everything we hold dear, that's for sure.

[00:42:30] Karen, I thought this might be a good opportunity to mention something that we've been doing. It's a small little card that hopefully we can expand on in the final product. We call it the Sharia-Free Pledge. It's one of the initiatives of our BanSharia.com project of the Institute for the American Future, [00:43:00] being pursued with the help of the American Freedom Alliance and dozens of other groups, I'm very happy to say, that also want to ensure that we are not going to go down without a fight over the insinuation of Sharia and the takedown of our Constitution and all that goes with it.

[00:43:20] The Sharia-Free Pledge is what we're urging every candidate for public office at every level in every state to take. And the pledge simply says, "I pledge to the citizens of my district and the American people that I will oppose any and all efforts to impose Sharia law on them."

Now, there are a lot of politicians who don't like taking pledges, and that's up to them. [00:43:58] The big point is, [00:44:00] do they embrace that fundamental premise, or do they alternatively feel that they must not, well, take such a pledge, but also not prevent the imposition of Sharia law in the United States of America?

We need to know that. We need to know it before we elect them as our representatives, giving them a mandate to do what they either will on behalf of the Constitution that they are swearing a solemn oath to support and defend, or essentially lying to the American people about the solemnity and the [00:45:00] fulfillment of that oath.

We need to know, and I strongly encourage everyone listening to this program to take a look at this pledge, see if you think you can help us bring it to the attention of people

seeking your votes over the next three and a half months. Go to BanSharia.com to find the pledge, share it with the candidate.

[00:45:30] And this is, by the way, not a partisan thing. Every candidate, as I say, from every political stripe should be asked, will you help prevent the imposition of Sharia, or will you be part of the problem by accommodating it, by making excuses for it, perhaps by enabling it through your own actions? We need to know, and we need to know now.

[00:46:00] Karen, just a couple of quick follow-up thoughts and questions as we're talking about all of this. The Constitution of the United States, as you mentioned, and we're celebrating two hundred and fifty years of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution was enacted a decade or so later. But it is by its own terms the supreme law of the land.

[00:46:24] **Dr. Karen Siegemund:** Mm-hmm.

[00:46:24] **Frank Gaffney:** When we hear people suggesting that we can accommodate Sharia in, for example, family law matters. Matt's just talked about an example of that in the state of Texas, where, by the way, a piece of legislation that our colleague David Yerushalmi initially conceived of called American Laws for American Courts, adopted in I think it was something like a dozen or more states across the country, [00:47:00] including Texas, albeit in an unfortunately watered-down form.

One of the things that it was specifically supposed to prevent in Texas was the use of Sharia in family law matters.

[00:47:06] Talk a little bit about, from the perspective of someone who has been with us as we've discussed what Sharia means to women and to children, to families for that matter, why it is essential that American laws must apply and not Sharia in family matters as well as more generally.

[00:47:40] **Dr. Karen Siegemund:** Family matters, absolutely. Again, family is the bulwark that makes all of this work, which is why it has to be gone against. Judeo-Christian values and principles are the key to protecting women and the family.

Prior to [00:48:00] Judeo-Christian biblical values and precepts, it did not work that way. So the Bible literally provides the greatest protections for women, for children, for families, and our Constitution is based on biblical values. The founders were steeped in biblical values. They understood the importance of all of this.

We recognize the family as the major building block of freedom, of prosperity, of allowing people to thrive and prosper. We recognize that, and we recognize it because it's worked. But how else can you recognize it? You know how important a thing is to the survival of Western civilization in America by the vigor with which it is attacked.

[00:48:37] **Frank Gaffney:** Right.

[00:48:37] **Dr. Karen Siegemund:** And Islam goes after women, it goes after children, as we have covered. There's no [00:49:00] word for rape, for example. It's all about power, it's about rights. It is a massive indicator of how all men and women, humans, are not created equal.

We are seen as created by our creator, all with inalienable rights. Doesn't work that way under the Quran. So it's just a massive disparity. It's a gigantic chasm in the view of people as being created by God in his image or created by Allah for his service and again, to enhance conquest for him.

An entirely different perspective of the world. Look at what breeds the happier people. I'm sorry, but that would be us.

[00:49:40] So when these things start to creep into the United States and elsewhere with, "Oh, we'll just have our [00:50:00] little family courts over here. Don't mind us. We have this parallel system where we take care of our own," this is not a good thing. It's not a good thing for anybody. It's not a good thing for the women, for the children, for the families.

It's not a good thing to have a separate parallel system that's not under, as you note, the law of the land. The Constitution should be the law of the land.

And when I first was becoming aware of the dangers of Islam, my words were, and you hear this all the time, "Yes, but we have the Constitution. It'll protect us." No, it ought to, but it might not where we have judges, where we have elected officials, where we have all kinds of gatekeepers who just throw the doors wide open for a different, quote, parallel system.

[00:50:49] But that system is not intended to remain parallel for long. And when you have no-go zones, which are throughout Europe, and they're starting to crop up here, [00:51:00] absolutely not. Constitutional supremacy over Sharia supremacy. If you want something else, this isn't the country to do it in, and we absolutely must have the spine to stand up for the greatest document ever written.

The set of them, but certainly the Constitution, which isn't just the law of the land, it is that too, but it also literally defines the structure of who we are as a country. And we can't ever let that go. Not one teeny tiny step, not one tiny increment of turning that temperature up on this pot of frogs.

[00:51:36] Absolutely not. We stand up for what is right, what is true. And as you had pointed out, students are not taught about this, indeed not in law schools. All we need to know about that is that Barack Obama taught constitutional law at University of Chicago Law School. No. That's all we need to know about that.

[00:52:00] And so they're not taught the Constitution, and what they're taught about Islam is that it's a religion of peace and jihad simply means an inner struggle. And I think as Sonja was talking about, to the contrary, it's not about inner at all.

When they ask other kids to not eat, and I know restaurants in Germany were doing the same thing during Ramadan, "Please, you can't order this kind of food," or whatever, out of respect. No, that's completely belying the entire point of all of this.

[00:52:25] So we need to be confident in who we are, what we believe, in Judeo-Christian values and principles that make us great and free and strong, and not let anything supersede to any extent.

And again, let's not forget, it's a totalitarian, demonic ideology that seeks global domination, wrapped in the trappings of a religion that gives it two things: [00:53:00] protections here, but it also gives it a fanatic, maniacal nature to its adherents. And all the more reason we have to be extremely careful and really stop it wherever it rears its ugly, demonic head.

[00:53:18] **Frank Gaffney:** Karen, let me just add on that point. You were talking about, of course, the Constitution and the extent to which it is at odds with Sharia. One of the great outrages of all of this is that we are being told the Constitution actually has to protect Sharia, under the false characterization of it as a religion.

It is not a religion. Sharia is, as I said earlier, a political, military, legal, use your noun, doctrine, ideology, program, system, [00:54:00] cult, strategy for conquest. It is not a religion. To be sure, there's a patina or veneer of religiosity to some aspects of it, but it's basically about power, I think, as you put it so well.

Protecting it, assuring that people can do all kinds of things under the guise that they are simply practicing their faith, including trying to overthrow the government of the United States, is not only, of course, utterly inconsistent with the Constitution, but is a mortal peril to it. And as you say, this must be resisted at every turn.

[00:54:46] And I think we're onto something in terms of this oath business. I think this is a point at which we can very, very usefully help define not only where people stand, but the choice. [00:55:00] And I'm all about, as I think our project, BanSharia.com, is all about, trying to make this a voting issue over the next three and a half months in the run-up to these elections, in Texas, yes, but also elsewhere across the country.

And to that end, Karen, I think we better wrap at this point. But we are witnessing, as you've noted, the application of Sharia in various ways, in various courts in Texas, among other places, interfering with family law and the rights that women have in the United States.

In some cases, they're being induced to live in these communities, like one that's been much in the news of late, the so-called EPIC City, East Plano Islamic Center City, in which a woman could go cradle to [00:56:00] grave and never know she has other rights to which she's entitled as an American in this country, if she is.

This is the sort of thing that has to be exposed. I'm hopeful that this program has helped do that in a small way, and that it will be amplified greatly by those of you who have taken part in it, perhaps watched it after it's properly posted and produced by our friend and colleague, Oleg Atbashian.

[00:56:34] But we need very much to have this awareness of the agenda, its incompatibility with the Constitution, yes, but also its ultimate seditious purpose, which is to replace the Constitution and the government based upon it. That must not happen, certainly [00:57:00] not on our watch, and hopefully not on our children's or our children's children's either.

Let me just simply say to everyone, Sonja Dahlmans, to Matt Shea, to Karen Siegemund, to those who were not able to participate but will in the future, I hope, to further add to this incredibly important topic. We are here standing with that oath of office. It continues to bind those of us who have taken it.

[00:57:39] It is more important today than ever, arguably. And I pray that everyone listening to this program will come away equally committed, whether you've taken that oath formally or simply have it in your heart, to support and defend the Constitution of the United States [00:58:00] against all enemies, foreign and domestic, so help you God.

Thank you for joining us. God bless you, and God bless America.