Good afternoon,

So far, Team Y&R has seen four unique articles and blog posts about CAIR’s partnership announcement with the Census Bureau. The Investigative Project on Terrorism, a blog by a national security analyst and pundit, was the first to post about the partnership yesterday evening. Today, we’ve seen stories from The Daily Wire and Jewish News Syndicate, as well as a blog post by Allen West, a former representative from Florida and a political commentator.

On social media, CAIR’s partnership with the Census Bureau has been posted 678 times, including 560 times today and 321 times since 10:00am. The majority of these posts link to the Investigative Project on Terrorism’s article published yesterday. The Daily Wire’s article has been shared 38 times, including 19 retweets on a post from the Daily Wire’s account (320k followers). Former Rep. Allen West (758.5k followers) tweeted and linked to his blog post, which has generated 136 likes and 79 retweets. Michelle Malkin (17k followers), a conservative commentator, just tweeted about the subject 15 minutes ago and has garnered 102 retweets. Those accounts and the previously mentioned account (543k followers) are the handles with the most followers to post about this topic.

This topic has not generated much publicly accessible conversation on any channels outside of Twitter. A few smaller blogs have published articles about the partnership that have been shared fewer than five times on social media, including the Jewish News Syndicate, the Jewish Websight, and America First News. The overall sentiment of social conversation continues to be critical or skeptical of the partnership.

Team Y&R will continue to monitor for resulting coverage, including a potential segment on this evening’s Tucker Carlson Tonight.
Good morning,

Please see below for the full transcript from last night’s Tucker Carlson Tonight segment about the cancelling of CAIR’s partnership with the Census Bureau. While we have not seen any additional coverage about the decision to cancel the partnership, The Jerusalem Post and WND, an online conservative news aggregator, reported on the initial partnership announcement.

Tucker Carlson: So back in 2009, Barack Obama’s FBI announced that it was cutting ties with a group called the Council on Islamic-American Relations – that’s an Islamic activist group. At the time, the FBI called them too extreme to work with. Watch.

Unnamed Reporter: CAIR was named as an unindicted co-conspirator in last year’s terrorist funding trial involving a charity called the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development. During that trial, it was revealed on government wiretaps that CAIR’s executive director had taken part in early Hamas-related organizational meetings, held here in the United States.

Tucker Carlson: So, unindicted co-conspirator? CAIR was too radical for the Obama administration, and yet just the other day, CAIR pops up issuing a press release – in fact yesterday – announcing that they are partnering with the Census Bureau – the current Census Bureau – to promote participation in the 2020 Census. Now, CAIR’s goal for the partnership is obvious and overtly political. They want to pressure the census to create a new ethnic category for people from the Middle East and North Africa.

So just in case you are scoring at home, here’s the state of play. The census is not allowed to ask anyone in our country whether they are a citizen, but they are allowed to partner with a group described as an unindicted co-conspirator to push a political agenda. So, we brought this to the attention of the Commerce Department today, thank heaven it looks like they have reconsidered. They gave us a statement about an hour ago, we’re quoting, “Based on further review, the Census Bureau is no longer partnering with CAIR.” That is about as definitive and welcome a statement we should hope for, but it’s another lesson, you have to pay really close attention to what’s going on in the federal bureaucracy. And there’s a lot going on in the federal bureaucracy.

Social Media

Since August 28, there have been 2,715 posts on social media about Census Bureau’s partnership with CAIR, with 53% of those posts (1,427) coming since the last report was delivered at 4pm yesterday. Conversation volume peaked at 5pm yesterday following a tweet from conservative
blogger and commentator Michelle Malkin, who has 2.2 million followers. This post has received 940 retweets and is the most shared post about this topic; it quotes a post linking to the Investigative Project on Terrorism’s article. The tweet also links to a post from April on michellemalkin.com with the headline “Beware Soros-funded Hijacking of US Census.”

Since 4pm yesterday, conservative author and political contributor [b] (6) [b] the other account with more than 150,000 followers to post about this topic. Last night, congressman Chip Roy (TX-21) quoted a tweet linking to the Daily Wire story and added: “But at least DOJ walked away from citizenship on the census so we’re getting double lunacy for our money!!” That post received 21 retweets. Rep. Roy appears to be the only national politician who has posted about this issue.

The Fox News story announcing the cessation of the partnership has been shared 363 times on social media. It does not appear to have been shared by any verified Twitter users at this point. A post on Bare Naked Islam has also been shared 17 times. The only other stories about the ending of the partnership that have been shared on social media are from Patriotify and Donald J Trump Polls; neither of these blog posts has been shared more than five times. The conversation this morning is generally a mix of approval that the partnership is cancelled, as well as continuing to express disapproval for the partnership in general. (It’s usually unclear whether users who are expressing disapproval are aware that the partnership has been cancelled.)

While the conversation available through social listening has predominantly taken place on Twitter, two Facebook posts have generated significant conversation. A post on Ben Shapiro’s page linking to the Daily Wire story received 792 reactions, 172 comments, and 285 shares. A post on the WND News page linking to an article on wnd.com received 442 likes, 129 comments, and 221 shares.

Several articles were shared on smaller subreddit communities, but none generated much attention or more than a few comments.
Updated text below:

**Short-lived partnership between Census and Muslim group over**
The Associated Press – Mike Schneider, September 3

A partnership between the U.S. Census Bureau and an Islamic civil rights group has ended just days after it was announced, following a backlash from conservative media.

The Department of Commerce — the agency that oversees the Census Bureau — confirmed to The Associated Press on Tuesday that the Council on American-Islamic Relations would no longer be a formal partner in efforts to promote Muslim American participation in the 2020 Census. Commerce Department spokesman Kevin Manning didn’t publicly offer further details.

The Muslim civil rights group, commonly referred to as CAIR, announced the partnership last Wednesday.

A nonprofit group led by journalist Steven Emerson, who has a history of making anti-CAIR statements, wrote about the partnership after it was announced. The topic was then taken up by Fox News host Tucker Carlson on his show late last week. Carlson has been the target of a boycott effort by CAIR for what the group says has been a habit of anti-Muslim statements.

Carlson said on the show that CAIR had been an unindicted co-conspirator in a Texas terrorism case more than a decade ago. CAIR and other Muslim groups have long held they were smeared by the government in the case, and a federal appeals court agreed that parts of the government’s case went too far. The Washington Post, in a 2011 story evaluating the accuracy of anti-CAIR claims by Republican congressmen, concluded, “The repeated references to CAIR being an ‘unindicted co-conspirator’ is one of those true facts that ultimately gives a false impression.”

“So, just in case you’re scoring at home, here’s the state of play,” Carlson said on last Thursday’s show. “The census is not allowed to ask anyone in our country whether they’re a citizen, but they are allowed to partner with a group described as an unindicted co-conspirator to push a political agenda. Huh.” Carlson then said he had been told by Commerce Department officials that the partnership was over.

The Trump administration tried to get a citizenship question on the 2020 Census, but the question was nixed by the U.S. Supreme Court and then abandoned by President Donald Trump. Civil rights groups, including CAIR, opposed the question, saying it would have discouraged participation by minorities, primarily Hispanics, who tend to support Democrats.

Ahead of next spring’s head count of every person in the U.S., the Census Bureau is aiming to have 300,000 local and regional partners who will reach into hard-to-count communities and encourage participation in the 2020 census. The Census Bureau has other partners that
represent the Muslim community.

“The Department of Commerce and the Census Bureau remain committed to reaching this and other communities to fulfill the Constitutional and civic responsibility of conducting a complete and accurate count,” Manning said in a statement.

The partnerships are crucial to the Census Bureau’s outreach and have been around for the past two decennial counts, said Kenneth Prewitt, who was a director of the Census Bureau in President Bill Clinton’s administration.

“The importance of the partners is really high,” Prewitt said. “The partners function as what we call ‘trusted voices.’ They know their neighborhood. They know their population group. We take the message to them and they take it to their constituents.”

CAIR said it would continue its effort to make sure the Muslim community participates in the decennial census.

“CAIR and the American Muslim community have been the target of Islamophobic smear campaigns for decades,” Robert McCaw, CAIR’s government affairs director, said in an email. “Despite this fact, we will continue our advocacy for justice and for inclusion of all Muslims in the 2020 Census.”

FYI: Hansi....

https://twitter.com/hansilowang/status/1169008584086228992?s=20
The first round, we can expect them to expand on the story with a quote from us as well as CAIR:

AP: Short-lived partnership between Census and Muslim group over

By Mike Schneider | September 3, 2019

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Carlson, who has been the target of a boycott effort by CAIR, criticized the partnership.
Greetings Ali,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with us last Friday and agreeing to look into the discussed items. We look forward to hearing back from you sometime this week and moving forward. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Good afternoon,

The Associated Press just published a story noting the brief partnership between Census Bureau and CAIR. The piece featured comments from a Department of Commerce spokesperson, who confirmed that CAIR “is no longer a formal partner in efforts to promote Muslim American participation in the 2020 Census,” and also noted Tucker Carlson’s segment about the partnership.

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See various attachments, including our faith community fact sheet (it is posted to the web in English and Spanish), 2010 activities by CAIR, the do not buy document I referenced, and the spreadsheet.

I have attached the list of official faith partners (and pasted below) and others who are active participating organizations are in the spreadsheet.

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We are refreshing the examples/activities document we shared earlier and will send that by 3p.

Also, as a reminder, the Secretary mailed to 127 national faith organizations in June. Organizations that have engaged from that outreach are reflected in the spreadsheet. But wanted to remind about that outreach activity.

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Kind regards,

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Greetings Shagufta,

I agree with you regarding duplicate efforts on regional and national partnership efforts. Let's discuss this next week when you are back in the office regarding streamlining the national partnership process. Many thanks for all your support.

Kind regards,

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Thanks Tazeen. Basem Hassan, a member of our national partnership team, has been working with CAIR for the last couple months with respect to national partnerships. I would like to discuss next week how the region and national partnerships can work better to coordinate on these matters given that CAIR is a national organization. I am concerned our efforts are being duplicated and not well coordinated. I am out of the office today but can follow-up next week.

Basem -- can you follow-up with the folks that you have been working with regarding CAIR and their official partnership?

Best,

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FYi - CRM data is a mess. Alan and Tara are working to get a break out, though.

The number for congress is not really 431, by a long shot. I have raised this issue with field before, but they still have not fixed this data quality issue. It makes we worry yet again that we have reported inflated numbers to leadership.

They have many congressmen or senators in there multiple times, because they are counting duplicates for each state or district office as a separate partner. That's the purposeful overcounting that could make a little sense since different district offices cover different areas.

However, there are what appear to be straight errors. For example, Rep. Biggs (AZ) is in there 8 times for what looks like the exact same office. Paul Ryan who is not in congress anymore is still in the list. And so on. The list is close to being such a mess that it's not very useful.

Alan is getting other staff to help get it de-duped and then will check numbers for D and R tallies for the topline numbers.
Hi Zack,

Attached are the separate reports that reflect data for each of the following numbers (# of total partners) as of 01/01/2016:

- **Faith Based Groups**: 4,229
- **Chamber of Commerce**: 5,264
- **Local Gov'ts**: 8,711
- **CCCs**: 4,715
- **Members of Congress (Federal)**: 431

Below are the numbers that show totals in the entire system over time:

- **Faith Based Groups**: 49,024
- **Chamber of Commerce**: 12,950
- **Local Gov'ts**: 52,862
- **Members of Congress**: 2,066

Let us know if you need any additional filtering/info!

Thanks,
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I apologize but the Bureau is officially in a crisis. I need support to review in the next couple hours:

- How many Faith Based Groups
- How many Chamber of Commerce
- Local Govts
- CCCs
- Members of Congress

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HI Zack,
Attached are the excel exports we got when searching for "Council on American-Islamic Relations" in orgs and contacts.

Let us know if you need anything else!

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Please see if there are any contacts or the org itself associated with CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations)

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Hi Shagufta,
I think it’s fine to discuss the regional roadshow and gather information regarding what it entails. Once you have this information, I can relay it to the regions during our Monday bi-weekly calls. Please be specific in how you want the regions to activate this new partnership on the local level. Include ideas, suggestions, more so a summarized action plan.

Thanks,

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Hi Josephine,

I wanted to follow-up on this email to let you know that as of Friday, CAIR is now our official public partner. Basem and I have a call with CAIR this afternoon to discuss this new partnership. Please let us know if we should hold off on discussing the CAIR regional roadshow until you are able to connect with CPEP. We can discuss other items on this afternoon’s call and get back to them on the roadshow.

Best,

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Subject: Re: Fwd:

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Albert E. Fontenot Jr.  
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Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 29, 2019, at 7:45 AM, Stephen L Buckner (CENSUS/ADCOM FED) wrote:

Thanks, we are looking into and monitoring. Meeting with Ali at 9 and will keep everyone posted.

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Hi Anna and Robin,

I hope you both are doing well. Please see the attached NPP report. The first two tabs "count by organization reach" and "count by organization sector" are for the larger report. Based off of the updates I received from our team, I have included two potential partner blurbs to highlight in this week's report. SHPE is from Mary Anne and ELCA is from Kevin Quinley.

As of August 29, there are 364 National Participating Organizations, up from 345 last week.

*Two prospective partner blurbs*
Thank you!

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FYI

thx. As thought, the press release references formal (v. informal) partnership with agency (v. decennial census activity - i.e., complete and accurate count), thus creating confusion.

https://www.cair.com/cair_announces_formal_partnership_with_census_bureau_to_promote_u_s_2020_census
I wanted to make you aware of this request. We are reaching out to partnership to find out details and make them aware. I am available to discuss.

Chris

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time and consideration. I can be reached via this email account or at [redacted]

My name is Michael Fechter, editor at the Investigative Project on Terrorism. The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) just announced that it is part of “a formal partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau to promote American Muslim participation in the 2020 Census.”

I’ll be publishing a story by the close of business today. Please provide answers to the following questions:

Do you have details about the nature of this partnership? What is CAIR’s role? Is the Bureau providing material to assist CAIR? What role does the Census Bureau play in the partnership? Is the Census Bureau aware of the FBI policy, in place since 2008, which limits non-investigative contact with CAIR?

Attached is a letter explaining the reasons behind the policy. CAIR, an FBI official wrote, is not “an appropriate liaison partner” due to unresolved questions about the organization and its leadership’s ties to a Hamas-support network. Is the Bureau aware of that history? If so, why is it comfortable partnering with CAIR when the FBI is not? If not, what is your reaction to it?
Regards,

Michael
Hi -- The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) announced yesterday a "formal partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau" on the 2020 Census.

CAIR has previously been identified as a front group for radical organizations within the United States, according to FBI testimony. The organization’s chairman emeritus was also named as an indicted co-conspirator in a trial related to Hamas funding. A 2009 FBI letter noted "until we can resolve whether there continues to be a connection between CAIR or its executives and HAMAS, the FBI does not view CAIR as an appropriate liaison partner.”

CAIR also attacked the administration in March 2018 for having a “white supremacist agenda” for wanting the citizenship question on the Census, but now the Census bureau is working with CAIR.

Why did the Census Bureau decide to work with CAIR? And is CAIR being paid for this partnership?

Please get back to me by 4pm EST. Tucker plans on covering this story tonight for our viewers.

Regards,
Alex Pfeiffer
Investigative Producer
Tucker Carlson Tonight

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Subject: 5 pm update: ESO Monitoring: Coverage related to the CAIR and Census Bureau partnership

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Cc: "Sengphilom, Dan" <b>(6)>
"Shagufta Ahmed (CENSUS/ADCOM FED)" <shagufta.ahmed@census.gov>
Subject: CAIR Updated Call

Greetings All,

Is there a way we could set up a call to discuss current developments?

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Subject: Re: Samples of Partner PR Announcements / Call in #

Hi Robert

Thanks for the call earlier. This is the link to the 2020 Census Jobs page:
https://2020census.gov/en/jobs

One line about that in the PR would mean we’ve covered literally every base. Thanks!

basem

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From: Robert McCaw <rmccaw@cair.com>
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Thanks again, Basem. Looking forward to tomorrow’s call. In the meantime, are you okay with CAIR issuing the following press release today?

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From: Hassan, Basem (b) (6) >
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Below are some samples of announcements other organizations. I should be receiving a PR Template at some point that could be adapted but feel free to go ahead and adapt what’s below instead of waiting.

Also, whenever you can I need a call-in number for Wednesday. JAK!

**Basem Hassan**
**VMLY&R | strategy director – mena**

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Subject: Fwd: Partners List

Please see attached and let me know any questions.

Regards,

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To: ADCOM Issues Working Group List
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Subject: Tweet by Hansi Lo Wang on Twitter

Hansi Lo Wang (@hansilowang)
9/3/19, 6:05 PM
NEW: Commerce Dept has ended recently announced #2020Census partnership with the largest Muslim civil rights & advocacy organization in the U.S. -- the Council on American-Islamic Relations -- @CAIRNational's government affairs director, @RobertSMcCaw, confirms to @NPR.

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Subject: UPDATE: ESO Monitoring: Coverage related to the CAIR and Census Bureau partnership

Good afternoon,

The Daily Wire published an article about the CAIR partnership with Census and just posted the story to its Twitter handle moments ago. We’ll continue to monitor for coverage and resulting social media traffic.

Thanks,

Paul
Good afternoon,

A quick update. Jewish News Syndicate published an article 15 minutes ago about the CAIR-Census Bureau partnership. The story includes quotes from the press release and references the allegations surrounding CAIR.

We’ll continue to monitor for coverage.

Thanks,
Paul

CAIR to help US Census Bureau incorporate Muslim participation in 2020 census
Jewish News Syndicate – Staff Writer, August 29

The Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) announced on Wednesday that it will formally partner with the U.S. Census Bureau to promote American Muslim participation in the 2020 Census.

“CAIR is proud to partner with the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure American Muslims are fairly and accurately counted in the 2020 Census,” said CAIR national executive director Nihad Awad. “Full participation in the census ensures that American Muslims will be better represented in Congress, and that their communities receive an equal share in state and federal programs.”

CAIR and its national network of chapters will work with the bureau and local Islamic centers to ensure community-wide awareness of the 2020 Census and gather a more
accurate count of the diverse racial, ethnic and ancestry features that make up the American Muslim community.

The U.S. census is conducted once every decade and counts every person inside the United States. It is used for purposes such as determining the number of representatives each state has in the 435-member U.S. House of Representatives, as well as how much federal funding should be allocated to states and localities for infrastructure and other needs.

CAIR, however, is no stranger to controversy, including being an unindicted co-conspirator in the Holy Land Foundation terror case that proved connections to the terrorist group Hamas and other radical Islamic entities.

“CAIR has a long history of being a vicious anti-Semitic Israel-hating group. They irrationally condemn the Jewish state, but never condemn the murderous actions of Hamas or Syria, or the Palestinian dictator and terrorist Abbas,” Zionist Organization of America national president Mort Klein previously told JNS. “By calling for the genocide of Israel, they join the moral horrors of the Nazis and Stalin, without their power, thank G-d.”

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Subject: ESO Monitoring: Coverage related to the CAIR and Census Bureau partnership

Good morning Jen and Zack,

Thus far, we have seen one blog post related to yesterday’s announcement about the partnership between The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and the Census Bureau. The post (see below for full-text) was published by The Investigative Project on
Terrorism, a blog by Steven Emerson, who is a national security analyst and pundit. In the post, Emerson references an alleged connection between CAIR's leadership and Hamas and notes that the partnership "raises questions about whether the Census Bureau has partnered with an organization deserving of its trust." He also cites content from a Census Bureau FAQ about religious data.

As of 10:50 am, there have been 378 posts on social media referring to the Census Bureau’s partnership with CAIR with 76% of those posts (287 out of 378) occurring this morning. The most shared post is from @Imamofpeace, which has been shared 138 times and links to The Investigative Project on Terrorism blog post. That article is currently the only blog/article being shared on social media about this announcement, and it has been shared just under 300 times in total. The CAIR press release has been shared 11 times.

Thus far is the only Twitter account with more than 60,000 followers to post about this topic. In general, social media posts are critical of the Census Bureau’s partnership with CAIR and several posts have referred to CAIR as a terrorist organization. Currently, 98% of posts about this topic are on Twitter.

Team Y&R will continue to monitor for coverage.

Here’s the full text of the blog post:

Breaking News: CAIR Touts Partnership with Census Bureau
IPT News – Steven Emerson, August 28, 2019

Federal law enforcement knows enough about the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) to order its agents not to engage with the group outside of criminal investigations. But despite that, the U.S. Census Bureau believes the conservative, Sunni-dominated Islamist organization is a trustworthy organization to partner with in next year’s national population count.

"CAIR is proud to partner with the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure American Muslims are fairly and accurately counted in the 2020 Census," Executive Director Nihad Awad said in a CAIR news release. "Full participation in the census ensures that American Muslims will be better represented in Congress and that their communities receive an equal share in state and federal programs."

It isn't clear what CAIR or the Census Bureau will do as part of the partnership. The statement indicated CAIR will promote participation in the Census and advise people how to avoid scams. The Census Bureau did not respond to a request for comment.

"CAIR wants to ensure that that not only are American Muslim communities being fairly counted – but that their neighborhoods are getting a fair share in federal and state funding," the CAIR release said.
Internal documents seized by the FBI show that CAIR and its founders, Omar Ahmad and Nihad Awad, were deeply involved in a Hamas-support network in America created by the Muslim Brotherhood. A committee report described the group's mission as "defending the Islamic cause in Palestine and support for the emerging movement, the Hamas Movement."

Both Ahmad and Awad appear on the "Palestine Committee" telephone list (Ahmad is listed as "Omar Yehya"), and CAIR is listed on a meeting agenda which named the committee's branches.

"[U]ntil we can resolve whether there continues to be a connection between CAIR or its executives and HAMAS," a senior FBI official wrote in 2009, "the FBI does not view CAIR as an appropriate liaison partner."

The policy remains in effect a decade later. The FBI's conclusion was shared by federal prosecutors and a U.S. District Court judge who reviewed the evidence.

Records seized by the FBI "do create at least a prima facie case as to CAIR's involvement in a conspiracy to support Hamas," U.S. District Court Judge Jorge Solis wrote in 2009.

"CAIR," prosecutors wrote, "has been identified by the Government at trial as a participant in an ongoing and ultimately unlawful conspiracy to support a designated terrorist organization, a conspiracy from which CAIR never withdrew."

CAIR has never acknowledged its Palestine Committee connections or tried to argue that it moved away from that support. Its leaders refuse to condemn Hamas, often angrily. Awad continues to promote anti-Israel rhetoric, as in 2014, calling the Jewish state "the biggest threat to world peace and security."

Awad publicly expressed support for Hamas in 1994 – the year CAIR was founded – over the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In a 1998 speech, Awad openly referenced Jewish advisers in the Clinton administration as the driving force behind U.S. foreign policy: "Look at their names. Look at their ethnic, their ethnic or religious or racial background. You will see that these are the same groups that belong to the same interest groups in the (Clinton) Administration...they are the same people who are opposing the peace agreement (with Iraq)."

But aside from its roots in a Hamas-support network, CAIR has a history of grossly inflating the American Muslim population. It issued a report in 2001 claiming there were 6 million Muslims in the United States.
Six years later, however, the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press analyzed Census Bureau data to estimate "the total population of Muslims in the United States at 2.35 million."

CAIR's partnership is a problem, said Zuhdi Jasser, president of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy. But there's a deeper concern, which is found on the Census Bureau's website.

"The U.S. Census Bureau does not collect data on religious affiliation in its demographic surveys or decennial census. Public Law 94-521 prohibits us from asking a question on religious affiliation on a mandatory basis; in some person or household surveys, however, the U.S. Census Bureau may collect information about religious practices, on a voluntary basis."

Given that, Jasser asked, why is the Census Bureau partnering with a religious organization at all?

CAIR's announcement perpetuates a stereotype that Muslim Americans are not engaged in society. "It's counting all Americans as equals," Jasser said, "not as faith groups."

The notion that Muslims need to be encouraged to participate in the national census treats an entire population as "naive immigrants," Jasser said. "They claim we're well-integrated. If that claim is true, why is this project necessary?"

It is important that Muslim Americans participate in the Census. CAIR's history, however, raises questions about whether the Census Bureau has partnered with an organization deserving of its trust.
Hi Ali - for your review, thanks.

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CAIR and its national network of chapters will work with the bureau and local Islamic centers to ensure community-wide awareness of the 2020 Census and gather a more accurate count of the diverse racial, ethnic and ancestry features that make up the American Muslim community.

The U.S. census is conducted once every decade and counts every person inside the United States. It is used for purposes such as determining the number of representatives each state has in the 435-member U.S. House of Representatives, as well as how much federal funding should be allocated to states and localities for infrastructure and other needs.

CAIR, however, is no stranger to controversy, including being an unindicted co-conspirator in the Holy Land Foundation terror case that proved connections to the terrorist group Hamas and other radical Islamic entities.

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Please get back to me ASAP.

Regards,
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CAIR has consistently denied any association with those groups or any other terrorist group, and there have not been any official legal proceedings in over 5 years. Past interactions between CAIR and the Department of Justice include:

- In 2007 CAIR was unindicted co-conspirator in *US V. Holy Land Foundation* (there were over 250 co-conspirators named), and the association was based on the attendance of Nihad Awad and Omar Ahmad at a meeting with Hamas leadership in 1993.

- Based on the trial, the FBI ended outreach activities with CAIR in 2008

- In 2009, CAIR petitioned the judge successfully to be removed from the co-conspirators list, with the judge finding that there was no supporting evidence to include them.

- In 2011, it was reported, but never confirmed that the DoJ declined to prosecute Omar Ahmad, who had left as CAIR’s national chairman in 2005. *Politico* speculated at the time that the declination memo was spurred by the 5-year statute of limitations was about to expire. It was not reported what the potential indictment would have been for, outside of “terror financing”.

- CAIR has maintained its 501 C3 non-profit tax status with the IRS.

Regards,

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Inquiry this AM from Tucker Carlson Tonight..

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This is the messaging we have currently..

This is our boilerplate message.

We are developing a robust communications campaign and working with communities across the country to communicate that responding to the census is safe, easy, and important. We will spend $500 million on marketing and advertising, up from $376 million in 2010. The Census Bureau is also designing a robust outreach plan to engage and motivate the public to respond. These partnership staff are hired locally to engage with the communities we are working to reach, especially the hard-to-count population.

Recommended tweaks to address partnerships as a whole/added CAIR

The Census Bureau is developing a robust communications campaign and working with communities and organizations across the country, like the Council on American-Islamic Relations, to communicate that responding to the census is safe, easy, and important. Part of the outreach design is to engage trusted voices within population groups to motivate the
public to respond. The goal of the Census is to count everyone living in the U.S. once, only once and in the right place.

**If Asked**
The Council on American-Islamic Relations is not being paid for their partnership. *(HAVE WE PAID FOR BOOTH SPACE AT A CONFERENCE?)*
Hi Robin and Anna - We got this request from the editor of editor at the Investigative Project on Terrorism. Can either of you provide answers for the questions below?

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) just announced that it is part of “a formal partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau to promote American Muslim participation in the 2020 Census.”

I’ll be publishing a story by the close of business today. Please provide answers to the following questions:

Do you have details about the nature of this partnership? What is CAIR’s role? Is the Bureau providing material to assist CAIR? What role does the Census Bureau play in the partnership?

Is the Census Bureau aware of the FBI policy, in place since 2008, which limits non-investigative contact with CAIR?

Attached is a letter explaining the reasons behind the policy. CAIR, an FBI official wrote, is not “an appropriate liaison partner” due to unresolved questions about the organization and its
leadership’s ties to a Hamas-support network. Is the Bureau aware of that history? If so, why is it comfortable partnering with CAIR when the FBI is not? If not, what is your reaction to it?

Thanks,

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Good to know.

If you could share the link or just the text without the identifiers that might be good for the group.

On Aug 30, 2019, at 4:06 PM, Christopher J Stanley (CENSUS/OCIA FED) <christopher.j.stanley@census.gov> wrote:

This is not for the full group, but I will note for you that [b] (5)

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Teller, Paul S. EOP/WHO" <Paul.S.Teller@who.eop.gov>
Date: August 30, 2019 at 3:00:42 PM CDT
To: "Christopher J Stanley (CENSUS/ADCOM FED)" <christopher.j.stanley@census.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] After ZOA Complains, Census Bureau Ends Affiliation with Radical Muslim Group CAIR

Paul Teller
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Sent from my iPhone

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Date: August 30, 2019 at 2:37:43 PM EDT
To: <paul.s.teller@who.eop.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] After ZOA Complains, Census Bureau Ends Affiliation with Radical Muslim Group CAIR
Reply-To: Zionist Organization of America <info@zoa.org>
After ZOA Complains, Census Bureau Ends Affiliation with Radical Muslim Group CAIR

The Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) praises the U.S. Census Bureau for promptly ending the Census Bureau’s just announced partnership with the extremist radical Muslim group CAIR (Council on American Islamic Relations).

When the partnership was announced, ZOA proclaimed that CAIR was an unindicted co-conspirator in the Holy Land Foundation case, involved in funneling money to Hamas, and is a vicious antisemitic hate group. It would have been wrong and very inappropriate for the U.S. Census Bureau to formally partner with CAIR or any other group with terror connections, on any matter.

After the CAIR-U.S. Census partnership was announced, the press also quoted ZOA National President Morton Klein’s previous statements that: “CAIR has a long history of being a vicious antisemitic Israel-hating group. They irrationally condemn the Jewish state, but never condemn the murderous actions of Hamas or Syria, or the Palestinian dictator and terrorist Abbas. By calling for the genocide of Israel, they join the moral horrors of the Nazis and Stalin, without their power, thank G-d.”

ZOA pointed out that if the U.S. Census Bureau is going to partner with a Muslim group, it should partner with a group that promotes American democratic ideals, such as Dr. Zuhdi Jasser’s American-Islamic Forum for Democracy.

ZOA also raised First Amendment separation of church and state issues. CAIR had announced that its Census Bureau partnership would include working with local Islamic
centers. Prior Census Bureau faith campaigns directed at the Muslim community incorporated Quranic verses. The U.S. Government should not be involved in disseminating religious verses.

To view the Press Release on our website, click here.

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Quick addendum: WND (World Net Daily), an online conservative news outlet, just posted a story about the decision to terminate the partnership. The story included CAIR’s statement that was provided to Fox News.

Good afternoon,

Since last night’s segment on Tucker Carlson Tonight and corresponding Fox News article, there has not been much traditional media coverage stemming from the now-cancelled partnership between the Census Bureau and CAIR. Conservative blogs The Investigative Project on Terrorism, The Old School Patriot, and the Geller Report each covered the termination of the partnership. The Jerusalem Post and The Schpiel, a Jewish political blog, also reported on the partnership. Another Jewish blog, The Algemeiner, reposted yesterday’s Jewish News Service story about the partnership. As of this juncture, there have not been any stories critical of the decision to cancel the partnership.

As of 3 pm, there have been 2,782 posts today about the CAIR partnership on social media, which comprises 42% of all social media posts about the census today. This volume exceeds the 1,983
posts about this topic yesterday and 105 posts on Wednesday. 76% of today’s posts have come since the last update at 9am, including the day’s most shared post from Dave Reaboi, which has received 788 retweets and links to the Fox News article. That post was shared by [b] whose 545,000 followers are the most of anyone who has posted about this topic today. Other conservative political contributors to share or post about the news include Mike Cernovich, Tina Stull, Pamela Geller, and Brigitte Gabriel.

The vast majority of posts – 98% -- continue to be on Twitter. There has not been any conversation on social media from people who are critical of the decision to end the partnership. Post volume about this topic increased by hour throughout the day, and has had consistent volume of about 400 posts per hour since 11:00am. The conversation about the CAIR partnership has comprised 54% of all census-related conversation on Twitter today.

The Fox News article has been included in a majority of the posts today and shared 1,836 times in total. A post on gellerreport.com has also been shared 94 times, largely due to retweets of Pamela Geller’s post. The Investigative Project on Terrorism’s follow-up article published today has been shared 46 times.

Team Y&R will send updates over the weekend if there are any new significant developments related to this topic.

Thanks,
Paul & Chris
Rep Roy is ranking member of the Census subcommittee

On Aug 30, 2019, at 10:08 AM, Dubas, Paul wrote:

Good morning,

Please see below for the full transcript from last night’s Tucker Carlson Tonight segment about the cancelling of CAIR’s partnership with the Census Bureau. While we have not seen any additional coverage about the decision to cancel the partnership, The Jerusalem Post and WND, an online conservative news aggregator, reported on the initial partnership announcement.

Tucker Carlson: So back in 2009, Barack Obama’s FBI announced that it was cutting ties with a group called the Council on Islamic-American Relations – that’s an Islamic activist group. At the time, the FBI called them too extreme to work with. Watch.

Unnamed Reporter: CAIR was named as an unindicted co-conspirator in last year’s terrorist funding trial involving a charity called the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development. During that trial, it was revealed on government wiretaps that CAIR’s executive director had taken part in early Hamas-related organizational meetings, held here in the United States.

Tucker Carlson: So, unindicted co-conspirator? CAIR was too radical for the Obama administration, and yet just the other day, CAIR pops up issuing a press release – in fact yesterday – announcing that they are partnering with the Census Bureau – the current Census Bureau – to promote participation in the 2020 Census. Now, CAIR’s goal for the partnership is obvious and overtly political. They want to pressure the census to create a new ethnic category for people from the Middle East and North Africa.

So just in case you are scoring at home, here’s the state of play. The census is not allowed to ask anyone in our country whether they are a citizen, but they are allowed to partner with a group described as an unindicted co-conspirator to push a political agenda. So, we brought this to the attention of the Commerce Department today, thank heaven it looks like they have reconsidered. They gave us a statement about an hour ago, we’re quoting, “Based on further review, the Census Bureau is no longer partnering with CAIR.” That is about as definitive and welcome a statement we should hope for, but it’s another lesson, you have to pay really close attention to what’s going on in the federal bureaucracy. And there’s a lot going on in the federal bureaucracy.

Social Media
Since August 28, there have been 2,715 posts on social media about Census Bureau’s partnership with CAIR, with 53% of those posts (1,427) coming since the last report was delivered at 4pm yesterday. Conversation volume peaked at 5pm yesterday following a tweet from conservative blogger and commentator Michelle Malkin, who has 2.2 million followers. This post has received 940 retweets and is the most shared post about this topic; it quotes a post linking to the Investigative Project on Terrorism’s article. The tweet also links to a post from April on michellemalkin.com with the headline “Beware Soros-funded Hijacking of US Census.”

Since 4pm yesterday, conservative author and political contributor is the other account with more than 150,000 followers to post about this topic. Last night, congressman Chip Roy (TX-21) quoted a tweet linking to the Daily Wire story and added: “But at least DOJ walked away from citizenship on the census so we’re getting double lunacy for our money!!” That post received 21 retweets. Rep. Roy appears to be the only national politician who has posted about this issue.

The Fox News story announcing the cessation of the partnership has been shared 363 times on social media. It does not appear to have been shared by any verified Twitter users at this point. A post on Bare Naked Islam has also been shared 17 times. The only other stories about the ending of the partnership that have been shared on social media are from Patriotify and Donald J Trump Polls; neither of these blog posts has been shared more than five times. The conversation this morning is generally a mix of approval that the partnership is cancelled, as well as continuing to express disapproval for the partnership in general. (It’s usually unclear whether users who are expressing disapproval are aware that the partnership has been cancelled.)

While the conversation available through social listening has predominantly taken place on Twitter, two Facebook posts have generated significant conversation. A post on Ben Shapiro’s page linking to the Daily Wire story received 792 reactions, 172 comments, and 285 shares. A post on the WND News page linking to an article on wnd.com received 442 likes, 129 comments, and 221 shares.

Several articles were shared on smaller subreddit communities, but none generated much attention or more than a few comments.
Good morning,

The Investigative Project on Terrorism, the blog that originally posted about the CAIR-Census partnership, just posted about the cessation of the partnership and noted that the Department of Commerce confirmed its statement on Tucker Carlson last night to the Investigative Project on Terrorism. The post ended by stating, it may have come late, but the Census Bureau now seems to agree with the FBI. CAIR's record makes it difficult to see the group "as an appropriate liaison partner."

*Census Bureau Drops CAIR Partnership After IPT Report*  
Investigative Project on Terrorism – Steven Emerson, August 30

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) will not be an official partner with the U.S. Census Bureau for next year's national population count.

CAIR issued a statement Wednesday touting a formal partnership, which it said aimed "to promote American Muslim participation in the 2020 Census and to better represent the most diverse Muslim population in the world."

The Investigative Project on Terrorism reported the news Wednesday afternoon, noting that federal law enforcement believes CAIR is not "an appropriate liaison partner" due to roots CAIR founders and the organization itself have in a Muslim Brotherhood Hamas-support network in the United States. The Census Bureau did not respond to a request for comment for that story.

Fox News host Tucker Carlson briefly spoke about the CAIR-Census Bureau partnership Thursday evening, saying a Commerce Department official told him that, "based on further review, the Census Bureau is no longer partnering with CAIR."

The Commerce Department confirmed the statement Friday morning.

CAIR was an unindicted co-conspirator in the 2008 Hamas-financing trial against the Texas-based Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development (HLF). HLF and five former officials were convicted of illegally routing $12 million to Hamas, which the United States has designated as a terrorist organization.

Evidence in that trial largely came from communication among the conspirators that was intercepted by the FBI, and from internal correspondence and records seized via search warrants. It
is that evidence that prompted the FBI to cut off all non-investigative communication with CAIR in 2008, a policy that remains in effect.

The evidence shows that CAIR co-founder Omar Ahmad played a significant leadership role in the Muslim Brotherhood’s “Palestine Committee.” It also places co-founder Nihad Awad, the only executive director in CAIR’s 25-year history, on a roster of a Palestine Committee members. He also participated in a secret, 1993 gathering of Hamas-supporters who wanted to undermine the U.S.-brokered Oslo Accords. The Accords including a Palestinian recognition of Israel’s right to exist, and elevated the Fatah movement – Hamas’s rival – to leadership in the newly-created Palestinian Authority.

Palestine Committee members opposed both elements which they saw as antithetical to Hamas ambitions. They were advised not to mention Hamas by name, though, encouraged instead to say "Samah," which is Hamas spelled backward.

FBI eavesdropping on the meeting showed that Awad dutifully followed directions:

"If there is a political issue, a Samah’s input, for instance, about this or that, we inform people to contact their representatives," Awad said during the Philadelphia meeting.

Independent of court evidence, the FBI also spoke with eyewitnesses who placed CAIR’s founding inside the Hamas-support effort, records obtained pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act show.

Evidence presented in the HLF prosecution prompted the presiding judge to find "at least a prima facie case as to CAIR’s involvement in a conspiracy to support Hamas."

"CAIR," prosecutors wrote, "has been identified by the Government at trial as a participant in an ongoing and ultimately unlawful conspiracy to support a designated terrorist organization, a conspiracy from which CAIR never withdrew."

Meanwhile, CAIR has a history of inflating the Muslim-American population, claiming more than 6 million people in 2001, when a formal polling outlet placed the real number at less than half. Several CAIR leaders have made anti-Semitic statements.

It may have come late, but the Census Bureau now seems to agree with the FBI. CAIR’s record makes it difficult to see the group "as an appropriate liaison partner."
Good morning,

Please see below for the full transcript from last night’s Tucker Carlson Tonight segment about the cancelling of CAIR’s partnership with the Census Bureau. While we have not seen any additional coverage about the decision to cancel the partnership, The Jerusalem Post and WND, an online conservative news aggregator, reported on the initial partnership announcement.

Tucker Carlson: So back in 2009, Barack Obama’s FBI announced that it was cutting ties with a group called the Council on Islamic-American Relations – that’s an Islamic activist group. At the time, the FBI called them too extreme to work with. Watch.

Unnamed Reporter: CAIR was named as an unindicted co-conspirator in last year’s terrorist funding trial involving a charity called the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development. During that trial, it was revealed on government wiretaps that CAIR’s executive director had taken part in early Hamas-related organizational meetings, held here in the United States.

Tucker Carlson: So, unindicted co-conspirator? CAIR was too radical for the Obama administration, and yet just the other day, CAIR pops up issuing a press release – in fact yesterday – announcing that they are partnering with the Census Bureau – the current Census Bureau – to promote participation in the 2020 Census. Now, CAIR’s goal for the partnership is obvious and overtly political. They want to pressure the census to create a new ethnic category for people from the Middle East and North Africa.

So just in case you are scoring at home, here’s the state of play. The census is not allowed to ask anyone in our country whether they are a citizen, but they are allowed to partner with a group described as an unindicted co-conspirator to push a political agenda. So, we brought this to the attention of the Commerce Department today, thank heaven it looks like they have reconsidered.

They gave us a statement about an hour ago, we’re quoting, “Based on further review, the Census Bureau is no longer partnering with CAIR.” That is about as definitive and welcome a statement we
should hope for, but it’s another lesson, you have to pay really close attention to what’s going on in the federal bureaucracy. And there’s a lot going on in the federal bureaucracy.

**Social Media**

Since August 28, there have been 2,715 posts on social media about Census Bureau’s partnership with CAIR, with 53% of those posts (1,427) coming since the last report was delivered at 4pm yesterday. Conversation volume peaked at 5pm yesterday following a tweet from conservative blogger and commentator Michelle Malkin, who has 2.2 million followers. This post has received 940 retweets and is the most shared post about this topic; it quotes a post linking to the Investigative Project on Terrorism’s article. The tweet also links to a post from April on michellemalkin.com with the headline “*Beware Soros-funded Hijacking of US Census.*”

Since 4pm yesterday, conservative author and political contributor [is the other account with more than 150,000 followers to post about this topic. Last night, congressman Chip Roy (TX-21) quoted a tweet linking to the Daily Wire story and added: “But at least DOJ walked away from citizenship on the census so we’re getting double lunacy for our money!!” That post received 21 retweets. Rep. Roy appears to be the only national politician who has posted about this issue.

The [Fox News story](https://www.foxnews.com/politics/2021/08/28/donald-trump-census-endorsement-citizenship-011566652572) announcing the cessation of the partnership has been shared 363 times on social media. It does not appear to have been shared by any verified Twitter users at this point. A post on [Bare Naked Islam](http://www.barenakedislam.com) has also been shared 17 times. The only other stories about the ending of the partnership that have been shared on social media are from [Patriotify](https://www.patriotify.com) and [Donald J Trump Polls](https://www.donaldjr.com); neither of these blog posts has been shared more than five times. The conversation this morning is generally a mix of approval that the partnership is cancelled, as well as continuing to express disapproval for the partnership in general. (It’s usually unclear whether users who are expressing disapproval are aware that the partnership has been cancelled.)

While the conversation available through social listening has predominantly taken place on Twitter, two Facebook posts have generated significant conversation. A [post on Ben Shapiro’s page](https://www.facebook.com/benshapiro) linking to the Daily Wire story received 792 reactions, 172 comments, and 285 shares. A post on the [WND News](https://www.wnd.com) page linking to an article on wnd.com received 442 likes, 129 comments, and 221 shares.

Several articles were shared on smaller subreddit communities, but none generated much attention or more than a few comments.
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Subject: RE: Any stand alone stories on last night?

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Is there a dial in?

On Sep 3, 2019, at 10:17 AM, Ali Mohammad Ahmad (CENSUS/ADCOM FED) <ali.m.ahmad@census.gov> wrote:

Adding Robin.

I forget if it was PIO or CNMP (Zack) that set up the Adcom Issues alias- but I want to reiterate my request that we go ahead and add Robin to it for the near future.

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I got her.

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Cool. I’m sending your note to her now.

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Ah, jeez. I thought she was on the Issues list. I’ll add her and remind PIO that I’ve asked her to be added for the duration of this particular issue.

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...we encourage you to join the 2020 Census [promotional weekend] in any way that resonates with your practice or tradition. Educate your congregants or members about the importance of completing the census...

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I'll try to finish up my 11AM meeting early.

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From: Ali Mohammad Ahmad (CENSUS/ADCOM FED) <ali.m.ahmad@census.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 10:20:21 AM
To: Steven Dillingham (CENSUS/DEPDIR FED) <steven.dillingham@census.gov>; Ron S Jarmin (CENSUS/DEPDIR FED)
<Ron.S.Jarmin@census.gov>
Subject: Fw: AP CAIR Inquiry

Director and Deputy Director-

FYI- DOC has a mainstream press inquiry. Comms team is meeting in 5 minutes and we are going to come up with a simple response to pitch to DOC.

We think this is an opportunity for DOC to really mitigate things.

Semsar has set up a call at DOC at 11:30 a.m. I'd like to come and huddle with you before that meeting. It might be helpful for you to join if you are free.

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From: Schneider, Michael <MSchneider@ap.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 9:12 AM
To: Manning, Kevin (Federal) <KManning@doc.gov>
Subject: Associated Press question

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Joe Semsar
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From: Semsar, Joseph (Federal) <JSemsar@doc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 10:11:25 AM
To: Dewhirst, David (Federal) <DDewhirst@doc.gov>; Ali Mohammad Ahmad (CENSUS/ADCOM FED) <ali.m.ahmad@census.gov>; Manning, Kevin (Federal) <KManning@doc.gov>
Cc: Walsh, Michael (Federal) <MWalsh@doc.gov>; Glover, Rebecca (Federal) <RGlover@doc.gov>; O'Connor, Kasey (Federal) <KO'Conner@doc.gov>
Subject: RE: AP CAIR Inquiry

Happy to chat as well. Ali, can you do a call at 11am?

Joe Semsar

From: Dewhirst, David (Federal) <DDewhirst@doc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 10:10 AM
To: Ahmad, Ali M <ali.m.ahmad@census.gov>; Manning, Kevin (Federal) <KManning@doc.gov>
Cc: Semsar, Joseph (Federal) <JSemsar@doc.gov>, Walsh, Michael (Federal) <MWalsh@doc.gov>; Glover, Rebecca (Federal) <RGlover@doc.gov>; O'Connor, Kasey (Federal) <KO'Conner@doc.gov>
Subject: Re: AP CAIR Inquiry

Happy to chat.

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From: "Ali Mohammad Ahmad (CENSUS/ADCOM FED)" <ali.m.ahmad@census.gov>
Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 9:47 AM
To: "Manning, Kevin (Federal)" <KManning@doc.gov>
Cc: "Semsar, Joseph (Federal)" <JSemsar@doc.gov>, "Dewhirst, David (Federal)" <DDewhirst@doc.gov>, Michael Walsh <MWalsh@doc.gov>, "Glover, Rebecca (Federal)" <RGlover@doc.gov>, "O'Connor, Kasey (Federal)" <KO'Conner@doc.gov>
Subject: Re: AP CAIR Inquiry

We should do a call about this. I think there’s an oppty to do more. Have some intel from the organization in question and from a conference this weekend.

On Sep 3, 2019, at 9:37 AM, Manning, Kevin (Federal) <KManning@doc.gov> wrote:

I’m going to proceed with any questions we receive on CAIR with the statement from last week and a little off-the-record nudging unless y’all want to attack these differently.

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Great. We are in the director’a conf room

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 4, 2019, at 9:23 AM, Ali Mohammad Ahmad (CENSUS/ADCOM FED) <ali.m.ahmad@census.gov> wrote:

Yeah. I’m coming to to the CBC.

On Sep 4, 2019, at 9:10 AM, Joske Bautista (CENSUS/DEPDIR FED) <jose.bautista@census.gov> wrote:

If you can join us the day we meet with the CBC then you should join us at 9:30. Otherwise, I think Stephen should be there today so we can strategize.
Sounds good. I can step out whenever you need me.

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Date: August 30, 2019 at 11:51:29 AM CDT
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Subject: CAIR Updated Call

Greetings All,

Is there a way we could set up a call to discuss current developments?

Thanks,

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Hi Robert

Thanks for the call earlier. This is the link to the 2020 Census Jobs page:

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Thanks again, Basem. Looking forward to tomorrow’s call. In the meantime, are you okay with CAIR issuing the following press release today?

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SEE: United States Census 2020
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to participate in the 2020 Census. You'll then have three options for responding: online, by mail, or by phone.

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- **May 2020:** The Census Bureau begins following up with households that have not responded.
- **December 2020:** The Census Bureau delivers apportionment counts to the president.

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From: Hassan, Basem Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 9:36 AM
To: Robert McCaw <rmccaw@cair.com>
Cc: Sengphilom, Dan <(b) (6) >; Shagufta Ahmed (CENSUS/ADCOM FED) <shagufta.ahmed@census.gov>

Subject: Samples of Partner PR Announcements / Call in #

Salam Robert

Below are some samples of announcements other organizations. I should be receiving a PR Template at some point that could be adapted but feel free to go ahead and adapt what’s below instead of waiting.

Also, whenever you can I need a call-in number for Wednesday. JAK!

Basem Hassan
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Washington DC. 20005
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- **April 1, 2020**: Census Day is observed nationwide. By this date, households will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You'll then have three options for responding: online, by mail, or by phone.
- **April 2020**: Census takers begin following up with households around selected colleges and universities. Census takers also begin conducting quality check interviews.
- **May 2020**: The Census Bureau begins following up with households that have not responded.
- **December 2020**: The Census Bureau delivers apportionment counts to the president.

CAIR is America's largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization. Its mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, protect civil rights, promote justice, and empower American Muslims.

La misión de CAIR es proteger las libertades civiles, mejorar la comprensión del Islam, promover la justicia, y empoderar a los musulmanes en los Estados Unidos.

END

CONTACT: CAIR Government Affairs Department Director Robert S. McCaw, 202-742-6448, rmccaw@cair.com; CAIR National Communications Director Ibrahim Hooper, 202-744-
Salam Robert

Below are some samples of announcements other organizations. I should be receiving a PR Template at some point that could be adapted but feel free to go ahead and adapt what’s below instead of waiting.

Also, whenever you can I need a call-in number for Wednesday. JAK!

Baseem Hassan
VMLY&R | strategy director – mena
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Washington DC. 20005
Mobile: (b) (6) 129 of 262
<image001.png>
We will do the same.
Just a second.

Yes it would be great to call now, so I just dialed in?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 30, 2019, at 2:11 PM, Robin J Bachman (CENSUS/ADCOM FED) <robin.j.bachman@census.gov> wrote:

Hello Robert,
We are happy to talk. Would you like to talk now, or suggest a different time?

Here's a #:
Call in: [D (6)]
P: [D (6)]

Robin
How about Stephen L. Buckner, Assistant Director
Communications Directorate
U.S. Census Bureau
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From: Ann E Davison >
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 12:28 PM
To: ADCOM Issues Working Group List; Robin J Bachman (CENSUS/ADCOM FED);
Subject: Draft CXXR Q&As

For discussion, draft Q&As about the CXXR situation.

Ann Davison
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From: Dubas, Paul (b) (6)
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Subject: RE: ESO Monitoring: Associated Press - Short-lived partnership between Census and Muslim group over

And here is the updated story:
A partnership between the U.S. Census Bureau and an Islamic civil rights group has ended just days after it was announced, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Commerce said Tuesday.

The Department of Commerce — the agency that oversees the Census Bureau — confirmed to The Associated Press that the Council on American-Islamic Relations would no longer be a formal partner in efforts to promote Muslim American participation in the 2020 Census. Commerce Department spokesman Kevin Manning didn’t publicly offer further details.

The Muslim civil rights group, commonly referred to as CAIR, announced the partnership last Wednesday.

A nonprofit group led by journalist Steven Emerson, who has a history of making anti-CAIR statements, wrote about the partnership after it was announced. The topic was then taken up by Fox News host Tucker Carlson on his show late last week. Carlson has been the target of a boycott effort by CAIR.

Carlson said on the show that CAIR had been an unindicted co-conspirator in a Texas terrorism case more than a decade ago. CAIR and other Muslim groups have long held they were smeared by the government in the case, and a federal appeals court agreed that parts of the government’s case went too far. The Washington Post, in a 2011 story evaluating the accuracy of anti-CAIR claims by Republican congressmen, concluded, “The repeated references to CAIR being an ‘unindicted co-conspirator’ is one of those true facts that ultimately gives a false impression.”

“So, just in case you’re scoring at home, here’s the state of play,” Carlson said on last Thursday’s show. “The Census is not allowed to ask anyone in our country whether they’re a citizen, but they are allowed to partner with a group described as an unindicted co-conspirator to push a political agenda. Huh.” Carlson then said he had been told by Commerce Department officials that the partnership was over.

The Trump administration tried to get a citizenship question on the 2020 Census, but the question was nixed by the U.S. Supreme Court and then abandoned by President Donald Trump. Civil rights groups, including CAIR, opposed the question, saying it would have discouraged participation by minorities, primarily Hispanics, who tend to support Democrats.

Ahead of next spring’s head count every person in the U.S., the Census Bureau is aiming to have 300,000 local and regional partners who will reach into hard-to-count communities and encourage participation in the 2020 Census. The Census Bureau has other partners that represent the Muslim community.

CAIR said it would continue its effort to make sure the Muslim community participates in the decennial census.
“CAIR and the American Muslim community have been the target of Islamophobic smear campaigns for decades,” Robert McCaw, CAIR’s government affairs director, said in an email. “Despite this fact, we will continue our advocacy for justice and for inclusion of all Muslims in the 2020 Census.”

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Subject: RE: ESO Monitoring: Associated Press - Short-lived partnership between Census and Muslim group over

Thanks. We’ll send the updated story once it has been posted.

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Subject: Re: ESO Monitoring: Associated Press - Short-lived partnership between Census and Muslim group over

This will have update with statement from Commerce and CAIR

On Sep 3, 2019, at 4:18 PM, Dubas, Paul <[redacted]> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The Associated Press just published a story noting the brief partnership between Census Bureau and CAIR. The piece featured comments from a Department of Commerce spokesperson, who confirmed that CAIR “is no longer a formal partner in efforts to promote Muslim American participation in the 2020 Census,” and also noted Tucker Carlson’s segment about the partnership.

Full story below:

Short-lived partnership between Census and Muslim group over
The Associated Press – Mike Schneider, September 3

A partnership between the U.S. Census Bureau and an Islamic civil rights group has ended days after it was announced.

A spokesman for the U.S. Department of Commerce — the agency that oversees the Census Bureau — confirmed to The Associated Press on Tuesday that the Council on American-Islamic Relations is no longer a formal partner in efforts to promote Muslim American participation in the 2020 Census. The spokesman didn’t publicly offer further details.

The group, commonly referred to as CAIR, announced the partnership last Wednesday.

After a nonprofit group with a history of making anti-CAIR statements wrote about the partnership, the topic was taken up by Fox News host Tucker Carlson on his show.

Carlson, who has been the target of a boycott effort by CAIR, criticized the partnership.
Fox News published an online article following Tucker Carlson’s segment and referenced the Commerce Department’s statement that C--R is no longer partnering with the Census Bureau. The story also included C--R’s statement, which is as follows:

"The Census Bureau, like C--R, is nonpartisan," the organization said. "C--R is not receiving any government funding as part of this project to promote Muslim participation in the U.S. census. We continue to believe that President Trump and his administration promote a white supremacist, anti-immigrant and Islamophobic agenda."

The story referenced comments from administration officials, who noted that the planned partnership “was to enhance outreach efforts to Muslims using C--R’s network of local offices.”

Here’s the full text:

Census Bureau abruptly ends just-announced partnership with Muslim advocacy group C--R
Fox News – Greg Re, August 29

The Commerce Department on Thursday terminated its just-announced planned partnership with the nation’s largest Muslim advocacy group, the Council--- Relations, after Fox News’ "Tucker Carlson Tonight" asked the Trump administration about C--R’s reported past links to the terrorist group Hamas.

"Based on further review, the Census Bureau is no longer partnering with C--R," the Commerce Department said in a statement to "Tucker."

The plan, according to administration officials, was to enhance outreach efforts to Muslims using C--R’s network of local offices. The census, conducted once a decade, has been used not only to determine congressional apportionment, but also as a critical planning tool for state, local and federal agencies.

However, C--R and the Trump administration would have been strange bedfellows -- and tension in the relationship was evident earlier Thursday. Reached by Fox News prior to the Census Bureau’s decision, C--R openly derided the Trump administration as "white supremacist" despite the partnership.

"The Census Bureau, like C--R, is nonpartisan," the organization said. "C--R is not receiving any government funding as part of this project to promote Muslim participation in the U.S. census. We
continue to believe that President Trump and his administration promote a white supremacist, anti-immigrant and Islamophobic agenda.

In its official statement on Wednesday announcing the partnership, however, C--R sounded a more positive note.

"CAIR is proud to partner with the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure American Muslims are fairly and accurately counted in the 2020 Census," Nihad Awad, CAIR's national executive director, said in a news release earlier on Thursday. "Full participation in the census ensures that American Muslims will be better represented in Congress and that their communities receive an equal share in state and federal programs."

The organization added: "C--R wants to ensure that not only are American Muslim communities being fairly counted, but that their neighbors are getting a fair share in federal and state funding."

In 2009, the FBI severed its once-close ties to C--R amid mounting evidence that the group had links to a support network for Hamas.

Local chapters of C--R were shunned in the wake of a 15-year FBI investigation that culminated in the conviction of Hamas fundraisers at a trial in which C--R itself was listed as an unindicted co-conspirator.

The U.S. government has designated Hamas as a terrorist organization.

The FBI previously had invited C--R to give training sessions for agents and used it as a liaison with the American Muslim community.

C--R's executive director, Nihad Awad, attended a post-Sept. 11 meeting with then-FBI Director Robert Mueller, and he met with other top brass as recently as 2006. That was before Awad was shown to have participated in planning meetings with the Holy Land Foundation, five officials of which were convicted in December of funneling $12.4 million to Hamas.

Prosecutors identified C--R's chairman emeritus, Omar Ahmad, as an unindicted co-conspirator in that trial, and Special Agent Lara Burns testified that C--R was a front group for radical organizations operating in the U.S.

C--R denied it conspired in the case and has sued unsuccessfully to have its name removed from the list of co-conspirators. It also has protested the FBI's decision to sever relations.

"This is an unfortunate legacy of the Bush administration's misguided and counterproductive efforts to marginalize mainstream American Muslim organizations," C--R's national office said in a statement to Fox News at the time. "It is not surprising that we would be singled out by those in the previous administration who sought to prevent us from defending the civil rights of American Muslims."
In a statement on its website in May 2013, C--R similarly rejected suggestions it had links to terrorism.

"C--R is not the Wahhabi lobby,' a 'front group for Hamas,' a 'fundraising arm for Hezbollah,' '...part of a wider conspiracy overseen by the Muslim Brotherhood...' or any of the other false and misleading associations our detractors seek to smear us with," the organization said. "That we stand accused of being both a 'fundraising arm of Hezbollah' and the 'Wahhabi lobby' is a significant point in demonstrating that our detractors are hurling slander, not fact. Hezbollah and the Salafi (Wahhabi) movement represent diametrically opposed ideologies."

"Tucker Carlson Tonight" investigative producer Alex Pfeiffer contributed to this report.

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Thanks,
Paul
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Agreed, thanks. I’ll convey this to Field.

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On Aug 29, 2019, at 1:31 PM, Jennifer Shopkorn (CENSUS/ADCOM FED) <jennifer.shopkorn@census.gov> wrote:

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Field is asking if they should alert the Partnership Staff about the CAIR Issue on the nationwide call this afternoon. I’m thinking not, but I thought I’d check.

Sent from my iPhone
Concur no

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Thanks for the loop, Dale. If anything comes of any of this please let us know but it sounds benign.

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On Aug 30, 2019, at 18:25, Dale C Kelly (CENSUS/FLD FED) <Dale.C.Kelly@census.gov> wrote:

Julie, looping in the the right people via the email list.

On Aug 30, 2019, at 6:19 PM, Julie A Lam (CENSUS/LA FED) <julie.a.lam@2020census.gov> wrote:

Can you help me forward to the right people?

Julie A. Lam, Regional Director  
Los Angeles Region, U.S. Census Bureau  
Office 818.267.1700 julie.a.lam@census.gov  
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Michael A Hall (CENSUS/FLD FED)"
<Michael.A.Hall@2020census.gov>
Date: August 30, 2019 at 3:00:43 PM PDT
To: "Julie A Lam (CENSUS/LA FED)"
<julie.a.lam@2020census.gov>
Subject: Fw: Follow-up CAIR News-Partners
FYI

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Subject: Fwd: Follow-up CAIR News-Partners

Please see a light inquiry of the CAIR story.

This did not yield an official response

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From: Peter A Griffith (CENSUS/LA FED)
<peter.a.griffith@2020census.gov>
Date: August 30, 2019 at 11:57:43 AM PDT
Hi Virginia,

I spoke to the Partnership Specialist, Sharlette Poe, in Hawaii who brought the CAIR inquiry to my attention. It turns out that the two groups that asked her about the CAIR story -- (elders) -- were doing so informally (See email below.)

Sharlette has had a relationship with the groups prior to joining the Census but is now engaging them to become 2020 Census partners. So they are currently not formal collaborators.

Let me know if you need anything else on this.

Thanks,

Peter

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Aloha Peter,

As I explained on the phone both were [redacted].

I hope this helps.
Mahalo,
Shar

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On August 30, 2019 at 8:08:33 AM HST, Peter A Griffith (CENSUS/LA FED) <peter.a.griffith@2020census.gov> wrote:

Hi Shar,

Can you please let me know exactly which partners inquired about the CAIR story? PIO would like to know as they are tracking this issue.
Thanks,

Peter

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I've added the timeline, if there are things you think I missed, just let me know.
Thanks! Robin

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We added some content to the activities document, is attached, these aren't all official partners, but are nice examples of our faith outreach

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See various attachments, including our faith community fact sheet (it is posted to the web in English and Spanish), 2010 activities by CAIR, the do not buy document I referenced, and the spreadsheet.

I have attached the list of official faith partners (and pasted below) and others who are active participating organizations are in the spreadsheet.

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Universal Muslim Association of America (UMAA) Faith-Based Organizations Official Partner
Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Nonprofit Official Partner
Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)     Nonprofit Official Partner
Christian Festival Association             Faith-Based Organizations Official Partner
Islamic Relief USA                          Nonprofit Official Partner
Volunteers of America                       Nonprofit Official Partner
Muslims for Progressive Values (MPV)        Faith-Based Organizations Official Partner

We are refreshing the examples/activities document we shared earlier and will send that by 3p.

Also, as a reminder, the Secretary mailed to 127 national faith organizations in June. Organizations that have engaged from that outreach are reflected in the spreadsheet. But wanted to remind about that outreach activity.

Robin

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Subject: Pieces for the noon

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We just convened crisis comms team and are working on this.

We have a major news inquiry

On Aug 29, 2019, at 9:17 AM, Albert E Fontenot (CENSUS/ADDC FED) wrote:

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Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 29, 2019, at 7:45 AM, Stephen L Buckner (CENSUS/ADCOM FED) wrote:

Thanks, we are looking into and monitoring. Meeting with Ali at 9 and will keep everyone posted.

Stephen L. Buckner, Assistant Director

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Subject: Fwd:

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By Steven Emerson | August 28, 2019

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Federal law enforcement knows enough about the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) to order its agents not to engage with the group outside of criminal investigations. But despite that, the U.S. Census Bureau believes the conservative, Sunni-dominated Islamist organization is a trustworthy organization to partner with in next year's national population count.

"CAIR is proud to partner with the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure American Muslims are fairly and accurately counted in the 2020 Census," Executive Director Nihad Awad said in a CAIR news release. "Full participation in the census ensures that American Muslims will be better represented in Congress and that their communities receive an equal share in state and federal programs."

It isn't clear what CAIR or the Census Bureau will do as part of the partnership. The statement indicated CAIR will promote participation in the Census and advise people how to avoid scams. The Census Bureau did not respond to a request for comment.

"CAIR wants to ensure that that not only are American Muslim communities being fairly counted – but that their neighborhoods are getting a fair share in federal and state funding," the CAIR release said.

Internal documents seized by the FBI show that CAIR and its founders, Omar Ahmad and Nihad Awad, were deeply involved in a Hamas-support network in America created by the Muslim Brotherhood. A committee report described the group's mission as "defending the Islamic cause in Palestine and support for the emerging movement, the Hamas Movement."

Both Ahmad and Awad appear on the "Palestine Committee" telephone list (Ahmad is listed as "Omar Yehya"), and CAIR is listed on a meeting agenda which named the committee's branches.

"[U]ntil we can resolve whether there continues to be a connection between CAIR or its executives and HAMAS," a senior FBI official wrote in 2009, "the FBI does not view CAIR as an appropriate liaison partner."
The policy remains in effect a decade later. The FBI's conclusion was shared by federal
prosecutors and a U.S. District Court judge who reviewed the evidence.

Records seized by the FBI "do create at least a prima facie case as to CAIR's involvement in a
conspiracy to support Hamas," U.S. District Court Judge Jorge Solis wrote in 2009.

"CAIR," prosecutors wrote, "has been identified by the Government at trial as a participant in an
ongoing and ultimately unlawful conspiracy to support a designated terrorist organization, a
conspiracy from which CAIR never withdrew."

CAIR has never acknowledged its Palestine Committee connections or tried to argue that it
moved away from that support. Its leaders refuse to condemn Hamas, often angrily. Awad
continues to promote anti-Israel rhetoric, as in 2014, calling the Jewish state "the biggest threat to
world peace and security."

Awad publicly expressed support for Hamas in 1994 – the year CAIR was founded – over the
Palestine Liberation Organization.

In a 1998 speech, Awad openly referenced Jewish advisers in the Clinton administration as the
driving force behind U.S. foreign policy: "Look at their names. Look at their ethnic, their ethnic or
religious or racial background. You will see that these are the same groups that belong to the
same interest groups in the (Clinton) Administration...they are the same people who are opposing
the peace agreement (with Iraq)."

But aside from its roots in a Hamas-support network, CAIR has a history of grossly inflating the
American Muslim population. It issued a report in 2001 claiming there were 6 million Muslims in
the United States.

Six years later, however, the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press analyzed
Census Bureau data to estimate "the total population of Muslims in the United States at 2.35
million." That number increased to 3.45 million people in 2017.

CAIR's partnership is a problem, said Zuhdi Jasser, president of the American Islamic Forum for
Democracy. But there's a deeper concern, which is found on the Census Bureau's website.

"The U.S. Census Bureau does not collect data on religious affiliation in its demographic surveys
or decennial census. Public Law 94-521 prohibits us from asking a question on religious affiliation
on a mandatory basis; in some person or household surveys, however, the U.S. Census Bureau
may collect information about religious practices, on a voluntary basis."

Given that, Jasser asked, why is the Census Bureau partnering with a religious organization at
all?

CAIR's announcement perpetuates a stereotype that Muslim Americans are not engaged in
society. "It's counting all Americans as equals," Jasser said, "not as faith groups."

The notion that Muslims need to be encouraged to participate in the national census treats an
entire population as "naïve immigrants," Jasser said. "They claim we're well-integrated. If that
claim is true, why is this project necessary?"

It is important that Muslim Americans participate in the Census. CAIR's history, however, raises
questions about whether the Census Bureau has partnered with an organization deserving of its
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On Sep 3, 2019, at 6:56 PM, Manning, Kevin (Federal) <KManning@doc.gov> wrote:

Thanks Michael - I followed up with Hansi

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On Sep 3, 2019, at 6:46 PM, Michael C Cook (CENSUS/PIO FED) <Michael.C.Cook@census.gov> wrote:

Hi Kevin,

See the incoming from NPR, below:

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Begin forwarded message:
Hi, PIO,

Can you confirm that the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is no longer a formal partner for the 2020 census?

If so, when and why did the partnership end?

Thank you,

Hansi

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Thx

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On Aug 30, 2019, at 2:49 PM, Ali Mohammad Ahmad (CENSUS/ADCOM FED) <ali.m.ahmad@census.gov> wrote:

Call with CAIR was productive- principally wanted to make sure they didn’t just get prohibited from working with complete count committees at state and local and we clarified that those are efforts independent.

Can talk more later but need to update full comms team.

On Aug 30, 2019, at 2:45 PM, Steven Dillingham (CENSUS/DEPDIR FED) <steven.dillingham@census.gov> wrote:

Selected Definitions and Uses of “Partner” or “Partnership”

(According to various dictionaries, the terms above frequently are used synonymously with “supporter” or in the same context.)

Among the definitions:

- **One associated with another especially in an action**: e.g., associate, colleague our military partners throughout the world (Merriam Webster) [https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/partner](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/partner)

  [Merriam-Webster also lists “partner” and “encourager” as words related to “supporter”]

- **One of two people who do something together or are closely involved in some way**: e.g., Children, hold your partner’s hand when you cross the street (Cambridge dictionary) [https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/partner](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/partner)

- **1. Either of a pair of people engaged together in the same activity**: e.g.,

  ‘arrange the children in pairs so that each person has a partner’
‘the striker looked sharp and eager as Jackson's partner in attack’
‘she and her dance partner were on the show for seven weeks’

- 1.1 **A person or group that takes part with another or others in doing something**: e.g.,
   ‘he began to call potential coalition partners about forming a new government’
   ‘Scotland is the rest of the UK's second biggest trading partner’
   (Oxford dictionaries)

  https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/partner

  **Thesaurus.com** lists “supporter” among synonyms for “partner”
  https://www.thesaurus.com/browse/partner/3

**Synonyms of 'partner':**

*Explore 'partner' in the dictionary*

1 (noun) in the sense of spouse. Definition: either member of a couple in a relationship; e.g.,
**His partner has been an important source of support.**
Will do

Regards,
Zack Schwartz
Deputy Division Chief
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On Aug 30, 2019, at 11:02 AM, Ali Mohammad Ahmad (CENSUS/ADCOM FED) <ali.m.ahmad@census.gov> wrote:

Need someone to make sure this is clean of CAIR

On Aug 29, 2019, at 5:51 PM, Zachary Henry Schwartz (CENSUS/CNMP FED) <zachary.henry.schwartz@census.gov> wrote:

Please see attached and let me know any questions.

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can you clean it up as best you can and I’ll buy some time? Thanks.

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> On Aug 30, 2019, at 10:44 AM, Ali Mohammad Ahmad (CENSUS/ADCOM FED) <ali.m.ahmad@census.gov> wrote:
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> This is not ready for public release.
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> 52K+ on the list actually. This is a close to live pull from the big database.
> 
> Haven’t finalized CAIR status in it yet but that is underway. Would be a few hours to pull again.
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NPR also has several tweets. NPR also tweeting re: AL court filing.

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Updated:

Short-lived partnership between Census and Muslim group over

A partnership between the U.S. Census Bureau and an Islamic civil rights group has ended just days after it was announced, following a backlash from conservative media.

The Department of Commerce — the agency that oversees the Census Bureau — confirmed to The Associated Press on Tuesday that the Council on American-Islamic Relations would no longer be a formal partner in efforts to promote Muslim American participation in the 2020 Census. Commerce Department spokesman Kevin Manning didn't publicly offer further details.

The Muslim civil rights group, commonly referred to as CAIR, announced the partnership last Wednesday.

A nonprofit group led by journalist Steven Emerson, who has a history of making anti-CAIR statements, wrote about the partnership after it was announced. The topic was then taken up by Fox News host Tucker Carlson on his show late last week. Carlson has been the target of a boycott effort by CAIR for what the group says has been a habit of anti-Muslim statements.

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"The Department of Commerce and the Census Bureau remain committed to reaching this and other communities to fulfill the Constitutional and civic responsibility of conducting a complete and accurate count," Manning said in a statement.

The partnerships are crucial to the Census Bureau's outreach and have been around for the past two decennial counts, said Kenneth Prewitt, who was a director of the Census Bureau in President Bill Clinton's administration.

"The importance of the partners is really high," Prewitt said. "The partners function as what we call 'trusted voices.' They know their neighborhood. They know their population group. We take the message to them and they take it to their constituents."

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Subject: RE: Short-lived partnership between Census and Muslim group over

Full text follows, I had to push the reporter to include our statement in an update:

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The first round, we can expect them to expand on the story with a quote from us as well as CAIR:

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By Mike Schneider | September 3, 2019

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After a nonprofit group with a history of making anti-CAIR statements wrote about the partnership, the topic was taken up by Fox News host Tucker Carlson on his show.

Carlson, who has been the target of a boycott effort by CAIR, criticized the partnership.
Here is the updated draft. Same copy, no watermark.

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Subject: Re: TALKING POINTS FOR THIS MORNING

We are removing the watermark now. The updated TPs should be sent in 5 minutes.

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If anyone has any questions, please have them contact the ADCOM Issues Working Group at (b) (6)
Thanks,
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FYI, Cathy and I chatted quickly before her 8a, she was all set and appreciated the TPs.

Robin

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Good morning,

Please see attached talking points on CAIR for this morning for you, Cathy, for the call center to use starting at 8am when they open and for OCIA for any calls. This includes Ali’s edits and has been through an editor.

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Tucker: So back in 2009, Barack Obama's FBI announced it was cutting ties with a group called Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). That's an Islamic activist group. At the time, the FBI described them as too extreme to work with. Watch: "CAIR was named an unindicted co-conspirator in last year's terrorist funding trial involving a charity called the Holy Land Foundation for Relief & Development. During that trial it was revealed on government wiretaps that CAIR's executive director had taken part in early Hamas-related organizational meetings held here in the United States." So unindicted co-conspirator...Cair was too radical for the Obama Administration and yet just the other day, CAIR pops up issuing a press release--in fact, yesterday--announcing that they are partnering with the census, the current census bureau, to promote participation in the 2020 census. CAIR's goal for the partnership is obvious and overtly political: they want to pressure the Census to create a new ethnic category for people from the Middle East and north Africa. So just in case you are scoring at home, here is the state at play: census isn't allowed ask anyone in our country if you are a citizen but they are allowed to group with an undicted co-conspirator to push political agenda. So we brought this to the attention of the Commerce Department and, thank heavens, it looks like they have reconsidered. They gave us this statement just about an hour ago, "based on further review, the census bureau is no longer partnering with CAIR" That's about as definitive and welcome a statement as you could hope for. But it's another lesson, you got to pay really close attention in the federal bureaucracy because there is a lot going on in the federal bureaucracy.
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FYSA- he’s sent an inquiry to us and I’ve looped DOC/OPA.

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Holding- let the department reply to HLW.

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Hansi Lo Wang (@hansilowang)
9/3/19 6:05 PM
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We are gathering info. Do you know Pfeiffer?

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