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Look who is against free speech. ED

Ed:
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IN THE WORLD CALLS FOR MORE ANTI-FREE
SPEECH LAWS IN WAKE OF CHARLIE HEBDO
ATTACK**

Dear Michael,

We were all horrified to hear about last week's violent attack on the French publication, *Charlie Hebdo*. Americans value, perhaps more than any other right, their freedom of speech.

The Free Speech Defense Act is legislation that has been introduced in states across the nation that protects American authors, journalists and artists from being dragged into foreign courts over frivolous libel charges in jurisdictions that do not respect, value and protect freedom of speech and of the press.

ACT for America has worked to pass Free Speech Defense Act legislation in 10 states, and our members are working to see that this important law is passed from coast to coast.

Will you help us? For more information on what you can do in your community, contact us at info@actforamerica.org <<mailto:info@actforamerica.org>> and place **"FREE SPEECH DEFENSE ACT"** in the subject line.

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Largest Islamic Body in the World Calls for More Anti-Free Speech Laws in Wake of *Charlie Hebdo* Attack

By Patrick Poole

<http://pjmedia.com/tatler/2015/01/12/organization-of-islamic-cooperation-calls-for-more-speech-codes-defamation-laws-in-wake-of-charlie-hebdo-attack/>

Last week's terror attack targeting French magazine *Charlie Hebdo*'s office in Paris has sparked a global conversation about the nature of free speech, with the "Je Suis Charlie" hashtag in support of the murdered *Charlie Hebdo* staff going viral and becoming the most used hashtag in the history of Twitter.

But this afternoon, the [UN representative](http://www.oicun.org/oic_at_un/ambassador/) <http://www.oicun.org/oic_at_un/ambassador/> for the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Ufuk Gokcen, was expressing another view with respect to free speech.

The OIC is comprised of the 57 Muslim-majority nations and the Palestinian Authority. They are the largest bloc at the UN, and when they meet on the head-of-state level, they literally speak for the Muslim world.

So it is noteworthy that after the *Charlie Hebdo* attack, Gokcen is now calling for more implementation of the OIC-sponsored UN Human Rights Council [Resolution 16/18](http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/docs/16session/A.HRC.RES.16.18_en.pdf) <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/docs/16session/A.HRC.RES.16.18_en.pdf> and the follow-up [Rabat Plan of Action](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Opinion/SeminarRabat/Rabat_draft_outcome.pdf) <[http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Opinion/SeminarRabat/Rabat_draft_outcome.p](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Opinion/SeminarRabat/Rabat_draft_outcome.pdf)
[df](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Opinion/SeminarRabat/Rabat_draft_outcome.pdf)> that would criminalize the very type of speech <<http://www.forbes.com/sites/abigailesman/2011/12/30/could-you-be-a-criminal-us-supports-un-anti-free-speech-measure/>> that *Charlie Hebdo* engaged in:

The timing of Gokcen's call couldn't be more perfect.

Today, University of Tennessee law professor Robert Blitt (a colleague of our own Instapundit, Glenn Reynolds) had [an oped published](http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2015/01/11/defending-islam-free-speech-muslim-oic-un-hate-speech-criticism-column/21609273/) [in USA Today](http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2015/01/11/defending-islam-free-speech-muslim-oic-un-hate-speech-criticism-column/21609273/) calling out the OIC for its retrograde views on free speech and how they fuel Islamic extremism:

The OIC, whose member states range from moderate U.S. allies such as Jordan to adversaries such as Iran, [describes](http://www.oicun.org/2/23/) [itself as the world's largest international body after the United Nations](http://www.oicun.org/2/23/). For more than a decade, "the collective voice of the Muslim world" has spread the belief that [any insult](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/09/30/united-nations-organization-of-islamic-cooperation_n_1927166.html) [directed against the Muslim faith or its prophet demands absolute suppression](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/09/30/united-nations-organization-of-islamic-cooperation_n_1927166.html). Quashing "defamation of Islam" is enshrined as [a chief objective](http://www.oicun.org/2/23/) [in the organization's charter](http://www.oicun.org/2/23/).

With countless internal resolutions, relentless [lobbying](http://blog.unwatch.org/index.php/category/defamation-of-religion/) [of the international community and block voting on resolutions advocating a prohibition on defamation of religion at the U.N.](http://blog.unwatch.org/index.php/category/defamation-of-religion/), the OIC continuously pushes to silence criticism of Islam.

Translated into practice inside Islamic nations and increasingly elsewhere, this toxic vision breeds contempt for freedom of religion and expression, justifies the killing of Muslims and non-Muslims alike, and casts a pall of self-censorship over academia and the arts.

By building the expectation that dissent or insult merits suppression, groups such as the OIC and the Arab League have emboldened extremists to take protection of Islam to the next level. With the most authoritative Muslim voices prepared to denounce violence but not to combat the idea that Islam should be immune from criticism, a meaningful response to counteract the resulting violence continues to be glaringly absent.

An OIC statement released after a 2011 *Charlie Hebdo* issue "[guest-edited](http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2015/01/charlie-hebdos-defiance-paris-attack/384286/)" [by the prophet Mohammed typifies this troubling position](http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2015/01/charlie-hebdos-defiance-paris-attack/384286/): "Publication of the insulting cartoon ... was an outrageous act of incitement and hatred and abuse of freedom of expression. ... The publishers and editors of the *Charlie Hebdo* magazine must assume full responsibility for their ... incitement of religious intolerance."

As Professor Blitt notes in his oped, the OIC has been the international driving force behind the passage of Resolution 16/18, which was co-sponsored by Pakistan and the United States and passed in December 2011.

When passed, Resolution 16/18 was billed by the Obama administration as an improvement over previous "defamation of religion" resolutions. But the effort immediately [came under fire](http://cnsnews.com/news/article/religious-tolerance-) [in the](http://cnsnews.com/news/article/religious-tolerance-)