



## **U.S. Senate: Oppose and Block Nomination of Islamophobic' U.N. Ambassador Nominee Heather Nauert**

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, is urging members of the U.S. Senate to oppose Heather Nauert's nomination to the position of U.N. ambassador and members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to block her consideration.

**CAIR on Heather Nauert's nomination to the position of U.N. ambassador:** CAIR believes that Nauert does not represent our nation's diversity or its commitment to treating all Americans with equality and respect. Such an important post should not be occupied by someone who is clearly unqualified and Islamophobic. There are many other individuals who do have the knowledge and background necessary for this post. Ms. Nauert's nomination should be withdrawn. Other than her current position as State Department spokesperson, Nauert has no apparent diplomatic or government experience or expertise.

While employed as a Fox News anchor Nauert promoted Islamophobic smears:

- In 2013, she criticized special swim classes for a group of Somali-American girls, describing the classes as the "minority becoming the majority at one community pool. Sharia law is now changing everything."
- In a 2009 Fox special on "stealth jihad," **she interviewed Islamophobic panelists**, including notorious Islamophobes like Robert Spencer, Frank Gaffney and Nonie Darwish, who claims that "Islam should be feared, and should be fought, and should be conquered, and defeated, and annihilated." **Nauert has also defended Trump's anti-Muslim rhetoric.**<sup>1</sup>
- Nauert previously **bashed refugee students** in Pennsylvania for wanting "an even better" public education<sup>2</sup> and **falsely claimed that child migrants from Central America were "an illegal health risk."**<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> SEE: **Trump's New State Department Spokesperson Spread Anti-Muslim Hate as Fox News Anchor (2018)**  
<https://theintercept.com/2017/04/24/trumps-new-state-department-spokesperson-spread-anti-muslim-hate-as-fox-anchor/>

<sup>2</sup> SEE: **Fox Shames Refugee Students For Seeking "An Even Better" Public Education (2016)**  
<https://www.mediamatters.org/video/2016/08/19/fox-shames-refugee-students-seeking-even-better-public-education/212521>

<sup>3</sup> SEE: **Right-Wing Media Keep Rehashing The Xenophobic Smear That Immigrants Bring Diseases (2016)**  
<https://www.mediamatters.org/blog/2016/04/25/right-wing-media-keeps-rehashing-xenophobic-smear-immigrants-bring-diseases/210076>