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1 statement shown, including 1 antisemitic conspiracy claim.

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Advocacy group

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What was said

ANTISEMITIC CONSPIRACY | ANTISEMITIC ANTI-ZIONISM

ENGLISH ORIGINAL

And I think this all has to do with Zionism, by the way. I can get into this deeper. But and you know, like it's kind of a snake eating its own tail, right? Zionism wants to hold us back and they kind of have a lot of hands in the industry and they make a lot of decisions and they keep us back. And then the viewers in the US see it and think that this is how we are because it's on TV.

Institute for Social Policy and Understanding · video "Webinar Primetime Prejudice Muslim Portrayals, Public Perception & Policy" · posted October 6, 2025 · 39:30 into the video

Public money

No public money found in the files screened so far.

Officials and partners

Official acts

No official acts or partnerships found in the files screened so far.

Response

The Middle East Forum sent a request for comment on October 28, 2026, by email. Its reply, received at 3:46 p.m. Eastern Time on October 28, 2026, in full:

Gregg,
Please find the responses to your questions below.

1. Does the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding endorse the remarks made in the following videos, posted on its channels, at the times shown?

ISPU is an independent, nonpartisan think tank and research organization that provides objective research and education about American Muslims to support well-informed dialogue and decision-making.

ISPU collaborates with a variety of organizations, scholars, and communities in pursuit of our mission. We aim to work with and learn from others in this space, while we maintain our independence as a research institution. ISPU staff, scholars, and speakers are solely responsible for their conclusions, and the opinions expressed are their own and do not necessarily reflect the views of ISPU.

The video referenced above was a discussion hosted by ISPU on a study we published in 2025 and featured individuals who work in the entertainment industry who reflected on their personal experiences. We encourage you to read the report and benefit from the findings which indicate that negative portrayals of Muslims in entertainment media lead to worse intergroup attitudes and perceptions of US Muslims.

2. Who at the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding decides who speaks at its programs, and are those programs reviewed before they are posted or streamed?

ISPU staff plan and execute events and the executive director has ultimate responsibility for all ISPU programming. We do not censor what speakers say on our webinars, which are streamed live and then posted in full.

3. What federal, state or local public funds has the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding received since 2020, by program and amount?

We have received no federal, state, or local public grants, except for a Paycheck Protection Program loan in 2021.

Tuqa Nusairat
Executive Director
Institute for Social Policy and Understanding

Questions for policymakers

1. Which public bodies fund or partner with Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, and on what terms?