The Ashura Project

5 statements shown, including 1 antisemitic conspiracy claim and 3 hostile statements; $1,250 in public money across 2 items.

TYPE

Umbrella organization

CITY

Dearborn

COUNTY

Wayne

Channels: Facebook Instagram YouTube

What was said

ANTISEMITIC CONSPIRACY REJECTION OF SECULAR LAW

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

It turned out she was a girl. A girl, among the Jews, a woman in general, has no value to them. In their belief, God created woman as a created being; to begin with, they are divided over whether she is human or not, of the same kind as the man, that is, whether the soul within her is like his soul or not. They consider the male superior to her, and that God created her as a vessel to bring him children, and nothing else.

ORIGINAL, ARABIC

بينها بنت البنت بعند اليهود المراه بشكل عام ما لها قيمه عندهم بعقيدتهم انه المراه هي الله خلقها مخلوق اصلا هم مختلفين عليها هي انسان ولا مش انسان من جنس الزلمه يعني روح اللي بقلب مثل روحه ولا لا هم بيعتبروا انه الذكر اعلى منها وه الله خلقها وعاء لتجيب له اولاده

The Ashura Project · video "الليالي الفاطمية | الليلة 2" · posted December 16, 2023 · 29:15 into the video

HOSTILITY | LOYALTY TO IRANIAN REGIME OR ITS SUPREME LEADER

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

Imam Khomeini was, of course, the leader of a revolution, and he was a leader, and he was a marja, and all these titles, this man, with all these positions and titles he had, was stern for God's sake. This is one of his important traits. He was stern for God's sake. And every believer, not just Imam Khomeini, every believer, must be sharp and decisive when it comes to the limits of religious law.

ORIGINAL, ARABIC

الإمام الخميني كان طبعا قائد ثورة وكان زعيم وكان إنسان مرجع وكل العناوين هذه. هذا الرجل مع كل هذه المواقع والعناوين اللي عنده كان شديدا في ذات الله. هذه من صفاته المهمة. كان شديدا في ذات الله، ولازم كل مؤمن مو بس الإمام الخميني كل مؤمن أن يكون في مجال الحدود الشرعية حادا وحاسما

The Ashura Project · video "Ashura 2024 | Arabic Program | Night 6" · posted July 11, 2024 · 52:40 into the video

HOSTILITY | ANTISEMITIC ANTI-ZIONISM

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

These criminal murderers have realized that their end has drawn near. According to their prophecies in the Torah, this state will not last more than about eight decades, that is, eighty years, and it has now approached eighty years. So they realized that this is their end. And who is the generation that will bring them to an end? These children whom they are killing now. These children whom they are killing now are the generation at whose hands they will be killed. But they say, 'We'll kill them before they kill us.' Of course, this is not...

ORIGINAL, ARABIC

اقتربت عندهم بالنبوءات بالتوراه نبوتهم انه هاي الدوله ما راح تدم اكثر من تقريبا ثمان عقود يعني من 80 سنه وانا اقتربت على 80 سنه فعرفوا بانه ها نهايتهم والجيل اللي راح ينهيه من هو هالاطفال اللي ق يقتلوهم الان الاطفال اللي يقتلوهم الان هذا الجيل هو الذي يقتلهم على ايديه لكن فقول احن نقتله قبل ما يقتلنا طبعا هذه ما

The Ashura Project · video "Ashura 2024 | Arabic Program | Night 10" · posted July 15, 2024 · 1:10:12 into the video

HOSTILITY | PRESSURING WOMEN TO VEIL

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

There is a difference between a person who says 'I believe not wearing the hijab is haram and I disobey' and a person who denies that hijab is a necessity of religion, denying a necessity of religion makes a person a kafir. Likewise if someone said prayer is not obligatory [that too would make him a kafir], because prayer is a necessity of religion.

ORIGINAL, ARABIC

في فرق بين شخص بيقول انا اؤمن اه انه عدم الالتزام بالح بالحجاب حرام وانا اعصي لانه انكار
انكار ضروره الحجاب انكار ضروره من ضروريات الدين يعد انسان كافر اذا واحد قال هذا الصلاه
ليست واجبه الصلاه ضروره من ضروريات الدين

The Ashura Project · video "Ashura 2025 | Arabic Program | Night 7" · posted July 2, 2025 · 38:49 into the video

LOYALTY TO IRANIAN REGIME OR ITS SUPREME LEADER

ENGLISH ORIGINAL

Someone like Ayatollah Khamenei, when you just look at him just in terms of the success that he's had in his life, well, he's a marja, he's a head of a government and things of that nature. When you look at this man, brothers and sisters, if you don't know how old this man is, you will not be able to guess. This man, he comes, he has meetings with young people, with twenty-year-olds, with thirty-year-olds. You see he's more vibrant than these twenty-year-olds and these thirty-year-olds. How old is this man? He's nearing eighty years of age.

The Ashura Project · video "[07] Muharram 2017/1439 - Sheikh Mahdi Rastani - Dearborn - English" · posted October 30, 2017 · 16:39 into the video

Public money

$1,250

listed across 2 items. Excludes pandemic-era loans (Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loans), which were distributed without screening. Includes other SBA grants, contracts and loan guarantees.

PROGRAM	AGENCY	AMOUNT	YEAR	SOURCE
City of Dearborn disbursements to payee "ASHURA PROJECT," 1 payment in 2024; purpose not stated by the city City of Dearborn payment, purpose not stated by the city; not a grant	City of Dearborn	$750	2024	City of Dearborn checks issued, January 1, 2022, to September 22, 2026 (41,541 checks, $1,198,282,898.36), produced under Michigan FOIA and received September 24, 2026

PROGRAM	AGENCY	AMOUNT	YEAR	SOURCE
City of Dearborn disbursements to payee "THE ASHURA PROJECT HUSSEIN BA," 1 payment in 2022; purpose not stated by the city City of Dearborn payment, purpose not stated by the city; not a grant	City of Dearborn	$500	2022	City of Dearborn checks issued, January 1, 2022, to September 22, 2026 (41,541 checks, $1,198,282,898.36), produced under Michigan FOIA and received September 24, 2026

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. No reply had been received when this page was published.

Questions for policymakers

1. What review did the funding agencies conduct of statements broadcast by The Ashura Project before awarding $1,250?