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## **Trump's "Choice": The Most Important National Security Decision of His 2nd Presidency** *Ban the Brotherhood or Face "Civilization Erasure" Here*

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[00:00:00] **Frank Gaffney**: Welcome to this edition of \*The Briefing Series\*, sponsored by our Victory Coalition. We're delighted to speak with you, with another extraordinarily impressive panel of experts, about what I believe is Donald Trump's most important national security decision to date in his second presidency: what to do about an entity at the very vanguard of what the President's national security strategy has called civilization erasure—not just in Europe or elsewhere around the world, but here in the United States as well.

[00:01:00] That entity would be the Muslim Brotherhood. And we're talking not just chapters and divisions and franchises and front groups—like the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) in this country—but also what the Brothers themselves have described as the “mother movement”: the enterprise sponsored to a very great degree by the financial wealth of Qatar, and with the political—and literal physical—muscle of Turkey, to inspire, promote, and in some cases enable violent jihadist activity around the world.

[00:02:00] Hence the decision before the President: whether to recognize that fact and to brand—to designate, as the technical term goes—the Brotherhood as the foreign terrorist organization that it is.

Two governors of the United States—Greg Abbott of Texas and Ron DeSantis of Florida—have recently done just that in their respective states, also designating CAIR as a foreign terrorist organization to boot. The President, for his part, has put in motion a process whereby decisions are to be informed by analysis and

recommendations from the Secretary of State, Marco Rubio, and the Secretary of the Treasury, Scott Bessent, perhaps by Christmas Eve.

[00:03:00] The momentous question before the President is: Will he be made aware of the true nature of the Muslim Brotherhood and the full extent of the danger it poses to this country, its people, and our constitutional republic—as well as others who stand in the way of what Sharia commands: the global rule of Islam, according to that totalitarian political doctrine, or ideology?

[00:04:00] On the basis of such information, will he make the right decision—which, in the estimation of our Victory Coalition, as we have documented in a number of briefings and in a very important new report published earlier this week by what we call the Team B II+ Report, draws heavily from a very important book produced 15 years ago by the Center for Security Policy—when I was running the organization—called \*Sharia: The Threat to America\*. It makes clear what the threat is from Sharia, and what the threat is from the organization that operationalizes the doctrines and practices of Sharia: mainly the Muslim Brotherhood.

[00:05:00] We've also had important commentaries from last week's Victory Coalition briefing, which I commend to you. It's available free at [VictoryCoalition.org](http://VictoryCoalition.org). The report itself is available free at [BanTheBrotherhood.org](http://BanTheBrotherhood.org). You can also take action there, and I urge you to do so—encouraging the President to make this momentous decision, the most important of his national security record to date in his second presidency.

By doing just that—banning the Brotherhood—we're going to take testimony from people, most of whom are overseas or come from overseas, to round out the perspective we were given last week—mostly Americans. We have one carryover: our friend Peter McIlvenna, from whom we'll be hearing momentarily. He spoke last week, and we've asked him to come back and talk more about what's happening in Great Britain, a prime example of civilization erasure.

[00:06:00] But before we do that, we're going to talk with Shadi Khalloul, an Israeli Aramaic Christian leader, the founder of the Israeli Christian Aramaic Center in Israel. He is also associated with the Galil Elyon (Upper Galilee) Regional Council. We're very anxious to hear from him about what's happening in Syria at the hands of the Muslim Brotherhood—doing business as the government of Turkey, as well as jihadists now exercising power in Syria.

Shadi, thank you so much for finding time for us. I know you're traveling at the moment. We're very grateful to you for giving us a few minutes of your insights

into what's happening to Christians and other minorities in Syria, and what that might portend for the rest of us as well.

[00:06:55] **Shadi Khalloul:** Hello Frank. I'm happy you hosted me for this important webinar, and to be part of the message to President Trump: to take the right decision and ban the Muslim Brotherhood, which is a very dangerous organization for the USA—first, for Western civilization and Europe.

[00:07:19] Second, for us here in the Middle East, it's too late—but maybe this will help us too. As a Christian, indigenous native to the Middle East—Lebanon, Israel, Syria, Iraq—we saw the Muslim Brotherhood movement acting under different organizations: ISIS, [al-Nusra], al-Qaeda, Boko Haram in Nigeria and Africa; Islamic Jihad, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and Hamas. All those are Muslim Brotherhood organizations that carry the same principles and strategic plan: to spread Islam and make Islam dominate the world, and to infiltrate Western civilization as they did for us here.

We've been suffering from them for 1,400 years in this region, since the beginning of the Islamic Arab invasion from the Arabian Peninsula—today Saudi Arabia—into the Levant: Israel, Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq. These were not Arab lands, not Islamic lands. They were Aramaic-speaking lands.

[00:08:00] Our people still suffer until today from this organization that wants to build the Islamic state again, and deceive the West with the help of Qatar and Turkey.

We saw that in Iraq—wiping out the Christian community in Mosul, Aramaic-speaking Christians. They did it in Syria as well. Over the last 10 years they did it in Lebanon too, with the help of the Arab League—and Qatar and Turkey.

Now they are threatening Lebanese society by empowering other Islamic groups in Tripoli, in North Lebanon. We saw videos of children in Tripoli being radicalized: "Don't participate in wishing Christians Merry Christmas," "Don't take photos with a Christmas tree," "It's not our holiday." They call Christians "kuffar" in Arabic—infidels.

It's not about celebrating with us; they don't want Christians to celebrate at all. And when you radicalize children, they grow up fanatic, and they can kill Christians because they are Christians. That's what's happening here.

[00:10:00] And it moves on to Europe. You know what's happening in Europe: Christmas markets secured by heavy security forces—something that 10 or 20 years ago we never imagined.

And it's happening in the USA, with Islamists attacking and killing. What happens to Christians and Jews here—in Israel, Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq—moves to the entire world. So the President should ban the Muslim Brotherhood—not only the Muslim Brotherhood, but the other organizations that ally with them or carry the same strategy. The Muslim Brotherhood is an umbrella. We need to identify the organizations under it, based on what they promote and do, and ban them too.

[00:11:59] **Frank Gaffney**: Thank you very much, Shadi. This is such an important message. We'll hear more about it as well from Dr. David Wurmser, who has visited with you and others affected in Syria and on the Israeli side of the border.

[00:12:18] **Shadi Khalloul**: But if you want to fight the Muslim Brotherhood movement and their plan, remember their ideology: to spread and make everyone submit to Islam. They feel powerful now—with the help of Qatar and Turkey. They offer Christians, Jews, and others only two options: submit to Islam or be killed—like what's happening in Nigeria.

In the West they are not fully powerful yet, but they're starting to feel powerful, and they're acting aggressively. That's what you see in terror attacks in Europe and the USA.

So to fight them, you need to spread a different ideology in their homelands. Let them stay here in the region, and the USA should remain engaged in this region and spread democratic values here. Force Arab countries to respect and recognize Christians and Jews as equal citizens.

By doing so, we weaken fanatic groups like the Muslim Brotherhood. Christians in the Middle East deserve protection—for example, in Lebanon, a federal state in Mount Lebanon that demonstrates democratic values, prosperity, and thriving communities. Maybe others will adopt those values—like we adopt them in Mount Lebanon and in Israel—and we can have peace with Israel too.

[00:14:32] **Frank Gaffney**: Thank you very much, Shadi. This is an important foundation for understanding both the threat we face as Western civilization, and what must be done for those standing up against it.

Next, Rabbi Pesach Wolicki is the executive director of Israel365 Action. He has a podcast, *\*Shoulder to Shoulder\**. He is a columnist for the *\*Jerusalem Post\**, and a great freedom fighter and information warrior. We're grateful he could take time from his work—especially from the scene at AmericaFest—where young people in large numbers are engaging with these issues.

[00:15:39] **Rabbi Pesach Wolicki:** I'm here at AmericaFest in Phoenix, Arizona, and I just saw you over at the Real America's Voice booth. It was great to see you back on \*War Room\*. Thank you. It's so important that that audience hear your message. We're talking about the danger of the Muslim Brotherhood, and I think there are a number of things we need to do in educating people, to make sure they understand how pervasive the Muslim Brotherhood threat is.

[00:16:00] One is: when we talk about Muslim Brotherhood-affiliated organizations—offshoots that are obvious enemies of Western civilization and America, like al-Qaeda, ISIS, and Hamas—we should say it every time: the Muslim Brotherhood affiliate ISIS, the Muslim Brotherhood affiliate al-Qaeda, the Muslim Brotherhood affiliate Hamas. That keeps it fixed in people's minds who the Muslim Brotherhood really is, because they try to paint themselves as merely a religious organization.

[00:17:00] Another thing: we should call not only for banning the Brotherhood and big organizations like CAIR, but also for investigation of every single mosque in America.

One phenomenon I've learned from people who have lived in the Muslim world: Muslims abroad—outside Muslim countries—often become more radical in ideology and more antagonistic to the West than Muslims in Muslim countries. Part of that is because the Muslim Brotherhood dominates mosques and schools in the diaspora, while many Arab countries have outlawed the Muslim Brotherhood.

So if pushback is only at the big-organization level, but we don't investigate where mosque money is going and what the affiliations are of the imams—that granular level is where we need investigations if we're going to push back against infiltration of our society by these forces of evil.

[00:18:00] I should also say: I was in the room last night when Tucker Carlson gave his speech, chastising the audience for having problems with Muslims in America. It fell flat.

Don't believe that the movement is cozying up to Islam. Yes, the administration is too cozy with Qatar and too cozy with Turkey, and our movement must push back and pressure the Trump administration to correct course.

But make no mistake: the people at Turning Point USA, by and large, are not buying what Tucker is selling.

[00:19:00] That's good news. I came to this conference not sure what to expect regarding Israel or Islam. From my time here, people are with us—we just need to educate them more.

We need to call out the Muslim Brotherhood everywhere. And I'll say it again: refer to ISIS, al-Qaeda, Hamas, et cetera, as Muslim Brotherhood affiliates—say it all the time. This is information warfare, Frank. It fixes it in people's minds that the Muslim Brotherhood is a terrorist organization, a toxic organization, the enemy of humanity.

All right, Frank—I have to get back to AmericaFest. Thank you for doing this again. It was great to see you back on \*War Room\*. That audience needs your voice.

[00:20:00] **Frank Gaffney:** Thank you, Pesach—and you've explained my delay in getting started today. We had a bit of a kerfuffle getting off Steve's show. I'm very grateful to be on it, and for the plug he gave this program and the work of which it's part.

The one thing I hoped we'd mention there, but I'll mention again here: BanTheBrotherhood.org is a terrific resource. Please go there. If you haven't already, please take action by signing a letter to President Trump. Copies will go to your elected representatives in Congress as well.

Let the President—and your representatives—know you want the Muslim Brotherhood designated as a terrorist organization and, as the President put it in a famous speech in August of 2016, “stripped out and removed one by one,” all the support networks of radical Islam in the United States. Pesach has offered helpful suggestions on how to do that.

[00:21:00] We're going to hear next from Peter McIlvenna. As I mentioned earlier, he was with us last week. We wanted to take further stock with him of what's happening in Great Britain—this phenomenon of civilization erasure—how it's proceeding, and what (if anything) the British government is doing about it. If not, what are the lessons for ours?

Peter, great to have you back. You're a highly accomplished resource on these issues—your podcast \*Hearts of Oak\* (with Lord Malcolm Pearson), your writing, your speaking tours in the United States and elsewhere. We're proud to have you part of this program again.

And in the next edition of our report—\*The Choice: Ban the Brotherhood or Face Civilization Erasure\*—available free through the Victory Coalition.

Peter, thank you for joining us and bearing with us. The floor is yours.

[00:22:58] **Peter McElvenna**: Thank you, Frank. Good to join you. I'll reiterate what you said about BanTheBrotherhood.org: it's a phenomenal resource, because you don't get this conversation from many sources. Most individuals, most journalists, have no clue who the Muslim Brotherhood is—and that is by design.

It operates in the shadows, without a central control mechanism. That confuses European politicians. It's easy to confuse a politician, but this has confused us across the water in the UK and Europe, and has meant that only Austria has actually banned the Muslim Brotherhood. Other countries have talked about it.

[00:24:00] Politicians can't get a grasp of the Muslim Brotherhood's influence—especially on mosques. The government wrote a report in 2015 touching on this, but we've had very little since. And successive governments haven't wanted to address it, because of that small but dangerous word: "Islamophobia."

We're now seeing attempts to push "Islamophobia" into a legal definition in the UK, making conversation even more difficult.

In terms of the Brotherhood's impact in the UK and Europe: the UK is the country that seems to allow the Muslim Brotherhood to reign and rule, with very few restrictions. The government basically doesn't want to know.

[00:25:00] Often the Muslim Brotherhood uses charitable entities—relief organizations—as a way in. In the UK, Islamic Relief Worldwide is based here, in Birmingham, the second-largest city. Yesterday I was going through a metro station, and all the ads were for Islamic Relief Worldwide. Its annual budget is about 270 million.

The next largest Brotherhood-type entity is Islamic Relief in Germany, around 60 million. So these entities operate as charities—as aid organizations—and the government doesn't want to investigate them. Why? Because they appear to be "doing good work." That's what they tell the government. And the last thing they want is to investigate a charity—especially an Islamic charity.

That's the smart way the Muslim Brotherhood has been set up.

[00:26:00] I'm looking at the US taking the lead. Often the US does take the lead, and we need that—because Europe doesn't lead on much.

But in Europe, I think there's an appetite to engage on this issue. There's the Patriots for Europe group in the European Parliament, led by Viktor Orbán and

Marine Le Pen, and others. Italy's government is part of a broader populist movement that understands mass immigration and the rise of Islam, and is concerned about how the Muslim Brotherhood operates.

If the US takes the lead—maybe not as quickly as we want, but it's happening—President Trump can lead, and a grouping in Europe can grab onto it and recommend the same action in Europe.

[00:27:00] If this had happened in President Trump's first term, we wouldn't have had that bridge into Europe to provide support. But now we might: AfD rising in Germany; the FPÖ winning in Austria; and yet, for the first time since World War II, the winning party was not allowed to form government—not even invited into coalition talks.

These parties care about the nation-state. They understand mass immigration and the rise of Islam. They're concerned about the Muslim Brotherhood and want answers.

So I believe that if President Trump designates the Muslim Brotherhood—not just small entities, but as an umbrella—Europe could follow.

[00:28:00] I would encourage everyone watching and listening: take [BanTheBrotherhood.org](http://BanTheBrotherhood.org), share it widely, and encourage people to contact their representatives. Time is short. Please take the lead in the US. I pray and believe Europe can follow that.

[00:28:28] **Frank Gaffney**: Peter, thank you for words of warning and encouragement. The need for leadership out of the United States is especially great at a moment when alternative bulwarks of Western civilization historically are being erased.

[00:29:00] **Frank Gaffney**: We're under no illusion that even if President Trump decides to ban the Brotherhood "mother movement," it will be a panacea. But it will demonstrate resistance to what Sharia supremacists are doing worldwide. Peter, you're right: it can matter elsewhere if we lead.

We're going to turn next to another part of the world where Sharia supremacism is very active. The man we'll hear from is not a native of Nigeria, but he has spent a great deal of time there in connection with missionary work—exemplary work, notably in displaced-person camps. He has helped shine light on what's taking place there, including persecution and murder.

We've asked Mike Arnold, former mayor of Blanco, Texas, to join us to talk about what he has seen over 16 visits: the documentation he's developed and what



he's done with it—including, remarkably, at the behest of the Nigerian government.

Mike, thank you for joining us. We're anxious to hear your insights as they relate to banning the Muslim Brotherhood.

[00:31:35] **Mike Arnold:** It's an honor to be here with such a notable group. Nigeria is an amazing place. Most people don't realize it's the sixth largest nation on Earth by population, the largest Black country. It's one of the top five nations in OPEC, and it has almost a quarter of the population of the entire continent of Africa. It is an extremely important strategic nation.

It's also a microcosm of what I've been able to discern and observe: the template being used elsewhere, but developed there with impunity for so long that we can see what it looks like if we let it continue.

It's a nation that has the illusion of secularity, the illusion of democracy, the illusion of inclusivity—but it's entirely controlled by an Islamic regime. It has been from before its founding. Radical Muslims in the North have always controlled the mechanisms of the state.

Because the British set it up as a colonial abstraction point, they've maintained the illusion of democracy, but it's just that: an illusion.

[00:33:00] Over their history, you see that while the illusion holds and they maintain control, the illusion is maintained. But as soon as their control is threatened, the fangs of jihad come out.

They “play nice”: let us tell you what to do, let us keep extracting, let us keep subjugating, let us keep our impunity. But if you people—Christians or non-Muslims—start to gain control, the jihad fangs come out and the genocide begins again. It's always simmering under the surface.

They don't want to eradicate Christianity entirely from the nation because Christianity is the productive part of the country—the part that makes money and builds industry. They want it as a subjugated garden they can harvest from.

But in their domain in the North and the Middle Belt, they want Christians gone, and they're doing everything they can to make that happen.

[00:34:00] Impunity plays out in breathtaking ways. Nigeria is supposedly a constitutional democracy, but here's one example among many:

There's a case in the headlines: Sunday Jackson, a farmer in the North. The case began nearly 10 years ago. Radical jihadis came to kill him and his family

and take over his farm. They cornered him; one jihadi stabbed him—twice, I believe. Sunday Jackson got the knife and stabbed the attacker. Sunday Jackson is now on death row.

Nigeria's Supreme Court earlier this year affirmed the death sentence for Sunday Jackson—self-defense—because he killed a Muslim man, even though that man was trying to kill him.

The track record is: "Let's negotiate with them. Let's pay them. Let's understand them. They have a legitimate cause." If the killers are captured, they're "rehabilitated"—sent to schools, given apartments, given money, even given jobs in the military.

Because they're Muslim radicals, they're the favored class. They can do no wrong. If they're "overzealous," the government looks away. But anyone who stands up to them—even in self-defense—is sentenced to death. That's the ideology and methodology.

[00:36:00] I've seen Muslims living in displaced-person camps. Muslims are killed by radicals for not being radical enough—yet many still don't speak up.

I've grappled with that. But it makes sense now: Islam has an internal compulsion and drive for global ubiquity. I'm a Christian. My faith calls me to spread what I believe is truth, love, peace. I feel passionate about that—that's why I've been a missionary.

Muslims are driven by a similar compulsion—but their ideology calls for killing people who don't agree with you. It calls for deception—an illusion of "go along, get along." In a place like the United States, they do it with smiles, persuasion, and victimhood narratives. But it's the same compulsion. When they get the upper hand, it compels beheadings, killings, hangings, stonings. Same drive, same playbook, same ideology.

[00:38:00] The challenge in a democratic nation is that democracy doesn't stop them. They know how to function in a democracy until they take over. Then the jihad is right under the surface.

To me, we need to separate the Islamic faith from Islamism. Islamism is a system, a structure—like communism or fascism. We need to declare Islamism a political ideology, separate from faith. If someone wants to kneel and pray, fine. But if they want to subjugate and take over a country, that's political ideology.

We don't tolerate fascism here. We used to not tolerate communism here. We can screen immigrants and visa applicants based on political ideology. We can ban that ideology and work against it.

That's what the Muslim Brotherhood is about: Islamism—structural Islam taking over. We need to go further and start rooting it out.

We let our own empathy and goodness get in the way. We let the First Amendment entangle us because we think we can't speak against it. They play victims and use it against us.

We need to realize this is an existential threat. The people smiling today and playing victim today—when they get the upper hand, they will kill you.

[00:40:00] I'll wrap with this—and I've never said this publicly. I've kept it private because the man is still alive, but it's fact, and I feel compelled to share it.

I've gotten to know General Yakubu Gowon, the founding head of modern Nigeria—the general of the Nigerian army during the Biafra War. He was a Christian man, young then; he would probably say he was manipulated. But he emerged as statesmanlike. After the war he fought for equity, forgiveness, and reconciliation. He gave the famous speech: “No victor, no vanquished.” He served as head of state for nearly 10 years. Later he founded a ministry called Nigeria Prays, bringing Christians and Muslims together around shared prayer points.

He's recognized as a man of peace and unity.

When I met him the first time, he leaned in and said: “Mike, do not be deceived. Every one of them will kill you, if they have the chance—every one of them.”

That hit me: a man with inside experience working in these systems. That's what he felt compelled to tell me.

Those who subscribe to this ideology have a faith-driven desire to see it everywhere. Nothing stops them. They will give their life to make it happen. Persuasion won't stop them. Democracy won't stop them. They will achieve it or die trying.

If we don't wake up and stand up and stop it now, we're doomed. It's that simple.

[00:42:28] **Frank Gaffney:** Mike Arnold—powerful testimony. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you've done to lay this bare—especially with that press conference in Abuja—and for what you've been doing here in the United States and around the world to raise the alarm.

We're going to conclude today with one of our favorite contributors: Dr. David Wurmser—an American whose expertise on what is happening in the Middle East and beyond at the hands of these jihadis is of surpassing importance.

David has recently returned from Israel and has taken stock firsthand with people like those Shadi is working with. His insights add tremendously to the importance of President Trump's decision.

David, thank you for your work at the Center for Security Policy, and for your lifetime of service—as a naval intelligence officer, and in senior roles at the State Department, the National Security Council, and the Office of the Vice President. Welcome back. The floor is yours.

[00:44:36] **David Wurmser:** I'm playing cleanup here, which is not usually a role I do. Even when I played baseball, I was usually number two or three—the guy who causes trouble—not the one who brings it home. But I'll do my best.

[00:45:00] I usually live in Shadi's world, but I want to conclude with Mike's and Peter's world, because that's where the real game is for the moment.

Shadi's world is the Middle East—the battle of Islam, the center of the fire, the wellspring of this ideology. Middle Eastern minorities have lived for centuries trying to survive as minorities—often by appeasing, laying low, and sometimes seeking outside help.

But now we're seeing a much greater apocalyptic sense across the region. You're seeing it not only among Christians, but among Druze, Alawites, Yazidis, Kurds (Muslim but not Arab), and others. There is a strong sense something is brewing: an apocalyptic assault anchored to Damascus, encouraged by Qatar and Turkey—an attempt to resume expansion and lurch toward global victory over non-believers. There's a civilizational confidence and momentum.

As a result, what “worked” for a thousand years isn't working. So minorities are organizing: whatever differences existed between Christians and Druze or others, they're forming alliances—seeking safety in numbers. And whatever their previous views of Israel, they're increasingly looking to Israel as an ally.

This is translating into a tectonic shift: Greece and the emerging Israeli-Greek relationship—changing the nature of the Greek Orthodox Church in the Middle East as well.

[00:48:00] All of this is reaction to an unbelievably dangerous volcanic confidence and eruption coming out of Islamism. It's organized around the Muslim Brotherhood—but not only. Salafi organizations are part of it. And it also

encourages some non-Muslim radicals—communists—who hate the West so much they welcome the Islamic challenge.

So there's this tremendous wellspring of confidence and eruption. I spend most of my time trying to help strategically organize minorities to defend against it, and encouraging Israel and the West to help protect these minorities, to keep the Eastern Mediterranean oriented toward the West and prevent extinction of these communities.

But that brings me to what Peter and Mike are saying: a large part of this confidence is coming not from the region, but from the ability of the Muslim Brotherhood and affiliates to confuse, shut down debate, and assault Western civilization from within—especially in Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa.

This is where the biggest amount of civilizational confidence is fueling the volcanic eruption in the Middle East.

It's like the Cold War in 1968. Objectively, the West had contained the Soviet Union. The Soviets bet on Nasser; Israel left Nasser devastated. In Vietnam, Tet was essentially a Hail Mary that failed.

But what gave the Soviet Union second life for another decade or two was radicalism in the West—gaining ground in Western capitals—and that translated into victories elsewhere.

[00:51:00] We face something similar now with Islam. Forces are slogging through trenches in the Middle East—sometimes not doing enough, and I wish more were done—but they're holding lines: Kurds, minorities, Christians organizing in places like Beirut and elsewhere. Christian missionaries are doing yeoman's work in Sub-Saharan Africa. It's not only Nigeria; it's all over.

But it gets difficult when the West is losing its way—especially by failing to understand that the epicenter of Muslim Brotherhood funding, logistics, and ideological production lies in our supposed ally Qatar, and our supposed NATO ally Turkey.

Until we address that—and until we face the reality that in the non-Islamic world (Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe), Islamism is winning—we can't "win" only in the Middle East. If all we do is help Christians and Israel, we still lose if we lose the West.

We have to win it in Texas. We have to win it in Dearborn. We have to win it in Abuja. We have to win it in Birmingham. This is where the civilizational momentum lies.

If we don't, we give Islamism a second life—like the West did for the Soviets in the 1970s—when forces on the ground had delivered real victories.

And this is worse than the Soviet problem, because the penetration of Qatar, the Muslim Brotherhood, and aligned organizations is deeper—often aligned with old communist networks, CCP-run networks, KGB residue networks.

This is destroying the West from within, and the West is increasingly incapable of rising to the challenge.

So as much as I work in Shadi's world, I'm coming to believe the real battleground is Mike's and Peter's—and what is happening here with designating the Muslim Brotherhood a terrorist organization.

Most importantly: designated or not, we must define that ideology as inimical, and organize our national strategy around it—including dropping alliances with those who are not really allies.

[00:54:15] **Frank Gaffney**: David, hugely helpful.

As we wrap this up, Rabbi Pesach Wolicki is at AmericaFest—Charlie Kirk's Turning Point USA gathering in Phoenix, Arizona. There is an active debate there about whether there is a fratricidal fight within the conservative movement—Tucker Carlson on one end, and others like Ben Shapiro, Steve Bannon, and so on, making clear there is a division.

We've seen it in some recent Tucker Carlson podcasts, interviewing Sharia supremacists out of Qatar and Iran, and their fellow travelers in the West. He has argued Qatar is a more worthy ally than Israel.

It appears, according to Rabbi Wolicki, that Tucker is finding less traction than I had feared—especially among this important community, the coming generation of the conservative movement, upon which rests the defense of Western civilization. Charlie Kirk has made explicit that Islam is incompatible with Western civilization, and that organizations like the Muslim Brotherhood are as well.

[00:56:00] That is what's on the line with President Trump's decision. It must be informed by the analysis and comments we've heard today, and by our report:

\*The Choice: Ban the Brotherhood or Face Civilization Erasure\*.

Let me leave you with this admonition: Take to heart what you've heard today and what's in the report. Share it—especially [BanTheBrotherhood.org](https://banthebrotherhood.org). Join us in communicating to President Trump our strong request that he stand against

civilization erasure in this country by standing against the Brotherhood and all it stands for and enables—along with its sponsors, Qatar and Turkey.

I want to thank each of our speakers. They've acquitted themselves marvelously. Please share these insights with others in your circle of influence.

It is hard to overstate the importance of what is on offer here. Perhaps as soon as shortly after the report is received by the President from Secretaries Rubio and Bessent, let us raise our voices—on behalf of our country, and the cause of Western civilization, which is in the crosshairs of the jihadis led by the Muslim Brotherhood.

Thank you for joining us. Come back next week for another of these informative—and I hope impactful—programs. In the meantime, God bless you. God bless America.