

Once again, the ZOA has proven to be the Jewish community's powerful and effective watchdog — making sure that those who are hostile to Israel are not able to undermine the America-Israel alliance.

Can you imagine the kind of harm that Marayati could have caused if his nomination went forward and he served on the National Commission on Terrorism, a government agency formed to recommend anti-terrorism policy...?

Consider some of Marayati's other statements:

* *"The Prime Minister of Israel...bears the brunt of responsibility" for the March 1997 Hamas suicide bombing in which three Israeli women were murdered, "because the Palestinian people have no avenues to redress their grievances..." (March 1997)*

* *Future Arab terrorism against American targets will be the result of Arabs being "pushed to despair and thrown over the edge of hate, anger and insecurity." (April 1997)*

* *Islamic terrorist groups are comparable to "American freedom fighters hundreds of years ago [who] were also regarded as terrorists by the British." (June 1996)*

* *While some people consider Saddam Hussein "reckless," "the same can be said about U.S. policy as a result of its reactionary mode." (September 1996)*

* *Israel "created an environment of hate, and it bears responsibility for...defaming the Prophet [Mohammed]." (July 1997)*

* *America's attack on terrorist targets in Afghanistan and Sudan was "illegal, immoral and illogical..." (August 1998)*

* *"Roger Garaudy [a prominent Holocaust-denier who was fined by a French court for his activities] is not the first one to question the holocaust...To persecute him for his right to express his opinion and question some events is a clear violation of his basic human rights...Muslim organizations should have taken the case to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights." (Editorial in *The Minaret*, 20:3 [1998]; Salam al-Marayati is a member of the Editorial Board.)*

Again and again, the ZOA has been at the forefront when those who are hostile to Israel were nominated for prominent government positions affecting Israel or the Jewish people:

* *In 1994, Strobe Talbott was nominated to become Deputy Secretary of State, and it was widely reported that he was being groomed to soon become Secretary of State. We at the ZOA exposed Talbott's long record of anti-Israel writings. We helped persuade 32 Senators to oppose his nomination.*

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