



Written by [William F. Jasper](#) on November 18, 2019

Published in the November 18, 2019 issue of [the New American](#) magazine. Vol. 35, No. 22

## Turn Away “Our” ISIS Fighters and Kurdish “Refugees”

**The Deep State thought-cartel commands the United States and EU to accept back terrorists who went to fight for ISIS, and also welcome hundreds of thousands of Kurdish “refugees.”**



A sea of tears is being shed for ISIS terrorists who are now trapped inside Syria. Another ocean of tears is being cried for the Kurdish YPG/SDF terrorists, who, until recently, were holding tens of thousands of ISIS terrorists and their family members captive. But now that Turkey has entered the fray on the side of the Syrian regime of Bashar al-Assad, both the ISIS jihadi terrorists and the YPG/SDF communist terrorists are in jeopardy. Thousands of the ISIS and Kurdish terrorists are said to be “foreign fighters” who came to the Middle East to fight in the Syrian Civil War on one of the many (at least five) sides of the constantly shifting lineup of combatants. Many of these foreign fighters came from the United States and the countries of the European Union, so the “humanitarians” of the Deep State refugee lobby are insisting that the United States and EU have both a moral obligation and security interest in repatriating “their” ISIS terrorists and receiving up to a million Kurdish “refugees.”

One of the many appeals for ISIS repatriation was presented by Anthony Dworkin, a senior policy fellow of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), in an October 16 column entitled “European foreign fighters in Syria: The cost of inaction.” Dworkin worries about proposals to transfer the imprisoned ISIS jihadists from Syria to Iraq because of “serious concerns about inhumane treatment and a lack of due process in the country.” And he is equally concerned for the terrorists’ welfare if they should end up under the control of the Syrian government because then, he notes, “a regime with a well-documented history of torturing and killing prisoners would have control of many hundreds of European citizens, including large numbers of children.”

### Repatriation-Rehabilitation Refrain

“Repatriation remains the most effective way for EU member states to assess each case, prosecute jihadists where necessary, and interrogate returnees to learn more about ISIS methods and plans,” the ECFR senior fellow asserts. “But European countries have done almost nothing to take responsibility for their citizens,” Dworkin says, while further condemning what he called “European countries’ avoidance of any steps to take charge of their foreign fighters.” Acknowledging a recent Odoxa poll, he notes that “European voters strongly opposed the repatriation of ISIS members.” Nevertheless, he holds that European leaders should disregard this widespread sentiment and hearken instead to the advice proffered by him and other ECFR “experts.”



Written by [William F. Jasper](#) on November 18, 2019

Published in the November 18, 2019 issue of [the New American](#) magazine. Vol. 35, No. 22

---

The ECFR is, of course, a sister affiliate of the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), voice of the American globalist establishment. The CFR-ECFR cabal and their fellow internationalists in the worlds of politics and media are orchestrating a campaign to turn the current “Syrian crisis” into another pretext for inundating and destabilizing the West with still another flood of Muslim refugees — a flood that would include European and American “citizens” who have freely elected to go to Syria and enlist with the same ISIS terrorists who have declared us to be their enemies, and who have been carrying out murderous terrorist attacks against Europe and America. Now we are supposed to have sympathy for the ISIS terrorists’ plight, and also are supposed to believe that bringing them back to Europe and America will enhance our security!

Among the chatter amplifying Dworkin’s repatriation thesis is a piece by Kirs-ten Carlson, a Danish professor of international law, entitled “Western states must repatriate IS fighters and their families before more break free from Syrian camps.” The Carlson article was published at The Conversation, a global media consortium that poses as an “alternative,” nonprofit media source, but which spouts exclusively liberal-left-globalist dogma. The left tilt of the outfit is hardly surprising, since it is funded by the usual leftist foundations (Gates, Ford, Carnegie, Sloan, Luce, Lilly, Johnson) and 16 American universities, most of which are taxpayer financed.

According to Professor Carlson, she is against having trials on site of ISIS members in the countries where they are being held because “rights-respecting court processes will take huge resources and could be inconclusive.” Not only would the trials be a burden that the countries should have to take on, moreover, says she, “Any just tribunal would release most of the convicted prisoners within, at most, a few years if jail terms are to conform to widely accepted humanitarian standards” — the implication being that they will be released shortly anyway, so you might as well release them now. Indeed, there are plenty of left-wing politicians, journalists, and advocacy groups, as well as radical judges, who would tearfully embrace the ISIS miscreants as victims and ardently press for their release and “rehabilitation.”

Over at The Intercept, an “alternative” news site run by leftist Glenn Greenwald and funded by eBay billionaire Pierre Omidyar, Turkish writer Umar Farook penned a column entitled “Nobody Has a Plan for Thousands of ISIS Fighters Detained by Kurds in Syria.” Farook complains there is no formal process for the ISIS detainees “that would weed out those who could be prosecuted from those who could be rehabilitated.” It is clear that Farook and the “experts” he presents are in the repatriate-and-rehabilitate camp. He quotes, for instance, Tanya Mehra, a senior research fellow at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism in The Hague, who argues: “It would be better, from a long-term security perspective, to repatriate these fighters and their families in a controlled manner.” He also quotes Letta Taylor of Human Rights Watch, who fumes that “The UK should act now to help get its citizens out of northeast Syria before it has the blood of its own nationals on its hands.”

It’s more of the same at *Foreign Policy* magazine, a Deep State fount long associated with the Carnegie Endowment (Soviet agent Alger Hiss was one of its most infamous presidents) and the CFR, and now owned by Graham Holdings, the parent company of the *Washington Post*. *Foreign Policy* writer Pilar Cebrian has produced an article entitled “They Left to Join ISIS. Now Europe Is Leaving Their Citizens to Die in Iraq.”



Written by [William F. Jasper](#) on November 18, 2019

Published in the November 18, 2019 issue of [the New American](#) magazine. Vol. 35, No. 22

---

## Send Us a Million Kurds

Surely one of the most outrageous pleas in the current push for Middle East refugees is that proposed by Shikha Dalmia, a senior analyst at Reason Foundation, the libertarian think tank. In an article for *Reason* magazine entitled “Let the Kurds Come to America,” Dalmia argues, “There are less than a million Kurds in SDF-controlled Syria. Even if they all came to the U.S., America could absorb them without breaking a sweat.” Besides, says Dalmia, “not all of them would even come,” since many would choose to stay and fight. “But Kurdish fighters may appreciate a safe haven for their spouses and children. The least America can do is give them that option.”

The YPG/SDF forces that Dalmia champions are led by hardcore communists of the Maoist-Marxist-Leninist variety. But “the least America can do” is bring as many of them here as want to come and accept the wives and children of the rest who wish to stay and fight.

You get the picture: The propagandists for the globalist elites are telling Americans and Europeans that not only must we continue spending trillions of dollars on endless foreign wars in which they’ve involved us, but that we also must throw open our doors to terrorists and further burden our already bankrupt welfare state by embracing the terrorists’ families.

*Photo showing members of the “Free Syrian Army”: AP Images*

*This article originally appeared in the November 18, 2019 print edition of The New American.*



Written by [William F. Jasper](#) on November 18, 2019

Published in the November 18, 2019 issue of [the New American](#) magazine. Vol. 35, No. 22

## Subscribe to the New American

Get exclusive digital access to the most informative, non-partisan truthful news source for patriotic Americans!

Discover a refreshing blend of time-honored values, principles and insightful perspectives within the pages of "The New American" magazine. Delve into a world where tradition is the foundation, and exploration knows no bounds.

From politics and finance to foreign affairs, environment, culture, and technology, we bring you an unparalleled array of topics that matter most.



[Subscribe](#)

### What's Included?

- 24 Issues Per Year
- Optional Print Edition
- Digital Edition Access
- Exclusive Subscriber Content
- Audio provided for all articles
- Unlimited access to past issues
- Coming Soon! Ad FREE
- 60-Day money back guarantee!
- Cancel anytime.