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## NPR Exec: Tea Party Is “Seriously Racist”

James O'Keefe, the young conservative journalist who brought down ACORN in a series of secretly recorded videos, has done it again. This time, he bamboozled two top executives of National Public Radio into having lunch with members of a fictive Muslim educational organization supposedly founded by a member of the Muslim Brotherhood.



Two of O'Keefe's operatives, posing as possible Muslim contributors to NPR, met for lunch with Ron Schiller, the network's foundation president and senior vice president for development, and Besty Liley, NPR's director for institutional giving. Both executives expressed disdain for conservatives and even the United States.

Schiller even told the two, the *Daily Caller* notes in its report on the recording, that NPR would be better off without federal funding, which directly contradicts what NPR CEO Vivian Schiller said the day before in a press conference at The National Press Club.

O'Keefe's latest effort, [Project Veritas](#), mounted the undercover operation.

### Tea Party Members Are Racist

O'Keefe's operatives [represent themselves](#) as Ibrahim Kasaam and Amir Malik from a fictitious outfit calling itself the [Muslim Education Action Center](#), which explicitly states it is a front for the [Muslim Brotherhood](#), an organization whose goal is the establishment of global Islamic hegemony. MEAC has a website that proclaims its intent to spread [Sharia](#) or Islamic law across the world:

Islam requires that every Muslim observe and live under Divine Law, yet many cultures are not receptive to this life. Many Muslims are prohibited from governing themselves under the principles of their own faith. We must combat intolerance to spread acceptance of Sharia across the world.

But none of this disturbs the voluble anti-conservative NPR man, Schiller. "The current Republican Party, particularly the Tea Party, is fanatically involved in people's personal lives and very fundamental Christian — I wouldn't even call it Christian. It's this weird evangelical kind of move," he tells the two.

As [Schiller explains](#) that the Tea Party "hijacked" the GOP, Malik agrees, calling the Tea Party "radical racist, [and] Islamophobic." Schiller continues,

[The Tea Party is not] just Islamophobic, but really xenophobic, I mean basically they are, they believe in sort of white, middle-America gun-toting. I mean, it's scary. They're seriously racist, racist people.

At one point, [Kassam says](#) that NPR so favorably presents the Palestinian point of view in its reporting



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that Muslims call it "National Palestinian Radio." The remark elicits a laugh from Schiller, and the following comment [from Liley](#): "Oh really? That's good. I like that."

The two faux Muslims said they could donate up to \$5 million to NPR.

## **Concentration Camps And Williams**

Liley goes even further when [Malik complains](#) that the Muslim Brotherhood is "demonized and looked down on as horrible, terrible people, when they are simply just trying to help."

In fact, the Brotherhood's [stated goal](#) "is a kind of grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization ... so that ... God's religion [Islam] is made victorious over all other religions."

[Says Liley](#), "Sadly, our history from the record ... shows that we have done this before. We put Japanese-Americans in camps in World War II."

What Liley means by "this" is unclear, but Schiller [eventually defends firing Juan Williams](#), whom NPR cashiered after his [imprudent confession](#) that seeing Muslims on planes makes him nervous. Schiller says NPR execs discussed the Williams matter and that all of them agreed Williams could not continue as a host because he would not be credible to viewers. Schiller says that any journalist who expresses an opinion is "compromised as a journalist[;] they can no longer fairly report."

[A]nd the question that we asked internally was can Juan Williams, when he makes a statement like he made, can he report to the Muslim population, for example, and be believed and the answer is no. He lost all credibility.

As [the Daily Caller notes](#), Schiller once again directly contradicted NPR's public statements. At her Monday press conference, Vivian Schiller apologized for the way NPR handled the Williams matter. "We handled the situation badly," [she said](#). "We acted too hastily and we made some mistakes. I made some mistakes."

As well, [Vivian Schiller denied](#) NPR has a liberal bias. O'Keefe did.

## **ACORN, NPR, Teacher Unions**

O'Keefe is familiar to readers of *The New American* [for posing](#) as a pimp and persuading staff members of the notorious left-wing ACORN to help him set up brothels where underage prostitutes could work. The video attack [prompted calls to defund](#) ACORN, and set the group scrambling [to recover](#) its reputation even among the hard-bitten leftists that support it.

With [Project Veritas](#), O'Keefe has moved on to NPR. He has also filmed members of teacher unions in New Jersey attending a taxpayer-subsidized conference. The teachers boastfully claim they cannot be fired even for serious infractions, such as calling black children "n\*\*\*\*r." Of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a teacher says that "everybody wants to, you know, take this guy out one way or the other."

Another laughs that she is playing video games on the taxpayers' dime.

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*Photo: James O'Keefe III speaks during a news conference, Oct. 21, 2009, at the National Press Club in Washington: AP Images*



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