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 - In 2023, Fox News reported that several Democrat members of Congress have praised the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). “Several Democrat members of Congress have a long history of public support for an organization whose leader recently ignited a firestorm over controversial comments regarding Hamas’ deadly attacks on Israeli citizens. Nihad Awad, the executive director and co-founder of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), recently said that he was ‘happy to see’ the October 7 Hamas invasion of Israel and that the Jewish state did not have a right to self-defense because it is an ‘occupying power.’” (Joe Schoffstall, Aubrie Spady, “Dem lawmakers have history of praise for group whose leader said he was ‘happy to see’ Hamas attack Israel,” [Fox News](#), 12/10/23)
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 - The October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel has been described as a terrorist attack. “Israeli officials obtained a document describing Hamas’ battle plan for its October 7 terror attack more than a year before the militant group carried out the assault, the New York Times reported Thursday, citing documents, emails and interviews.” (Rob Picheta, Simone McCarthy, “What did Israel know about Hamas’ October 7 attack?,” [CNN](#), updated 12/1/23)

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- The Council on American-Islamic Relations was founded by the “terror-supporting” Muslim Brotherhood. “After the head of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) gave a speech last month praising the Hamas terrorists who attacked Israel on Oct.

7, the Biden White House cut off all ties with the organization. The fact that the Biden administration would be working closely with the group – founded by the terror-supporting Muslim Brotherhood and whose rhetoric has included antisemitic remarks – is surprising to some.” (Linda Stein, “Casey Criticized for Ties with Islamic Group with Record of Antisemitism,” [Delaware Valley Journal](#), 12/18/23)

- **CAIR has “terror-supporting members and leaders associated with them.”** “Moreover, Rep. Ilhan Omar has come under scrutiny for her fundraising talks for CAIR and the Islamic Relief Organization. Both groups have terror-supporting members and leaders associated with them.” (Jerusalem Post Staff, “How much do you know about the Muslim Brotherhood? video report,” [The Jerusalem Post](#), 4/25/19)
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- **The Anti-Defamation League says that the leaders of CAIR “often traffic in antisemitic and anti-Zionist rhetoric.”** “Founded in 1994, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is a Washington D.C.-based non-profit organization that seeks to position itself as the leading American Muslim civil rights organization in the U.S. While ostensibly focused on responding to the proliferation of anti-Muslim incidents and sentiment nationwide, key CAIR leaders often traffic in antisemitic and anti-Zionist rhetoric.” (Anti-Defamation League, “The Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR),” [Press Release](#), updated 7/18/23)
- **In 2004, CAIR executive Nihad Awad refused to condemn Hamas.** “Some CAIR executives have expressed support for violence against Israel and a refusal to accept Israel’s existence. Nihad Awad has refused to condemn Hamas, and Zahra Billoo has justified Hamas rocket attacks. CAIR Los Angeles Executive Director Hussam Ayloush has called for the Israeli ‘regime’ to be ‘terminated.’ * April 2004: When Awad was asked about Hamas during an Al Jazeera interview, he refused to condemn the group: ‘We do not condemn, and we will not condemn any liberation movement inside Palestine or inside Lebanon.’ (CAIR has countered by noting that in 2006, Awad stated that he ‘[does] not support Hamas today.’)” (Anti-Defamation League, “The Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR),” [Press Release](#), updated 7/18/23)