**CAIR Questions South Dakota Officials' Attendance at Anti-Muslim Hate Group's Event**https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/images/cleardot.gif **Islamophobia Gabriel (ACT for America)**

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The Prophet then said: "You will be with those you love." **Sahih Al-Bukhari** * **CAIR-CO:** [After slew of Anti-Muslim Incidents, Council on American-Islamic Relations Opening Colorado Chapter](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NHZ8yXtfzkrAI3ER3BjeIoI7rskB-WJ9ohHnMS6LSd6Uy3n3KBm53WlfRrOUp1AH669lEckysrxJtVz1SyV3kyQzAKRzicekJ-4ABBS04UNFCtHJOMG4tz7k8APpzzSuW-4cS_3NHHj5FruAxv4YqhDKDaSWNWaglpnDMXAdv85atg3Y5Dz09V73CrEXgXMm3T48ny_aF8Bmn35c-mxWoeGXX8EWkyffWD8Z5GpTdJSjPH86xQHl0lN3e3FMD-tljHWDPGvTatPbi4HqsE62ai1QyTY7Y35klO1b7xA0SsUSryTNB_pHfd7rfejSPhx_QIq3zgmSB_dTEQv2AVhufA==&c=5XE7g3EjlNROEiHXxYbBFJkaFnIeqRn9jioGTHpFXd4oXGrrPmsVmg==&ch=rbef1P1AAaWNWkuE7I8nU6o6CZtzD7IAnP4cxuAYf85pB3StmoPLGQ==) * **CAIR:** [Trump's Army Secretary Pick Mark Green Withdraws Name from Consideration](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NHZ8yXtfzkrAI3ER3BjeIoI7rskB-WJ9ohHnMS6LSd6Uy3n3KBm53WlfRrOUp1AHGJq-kYiDFfRwkI7aI4H9H0CmpgnpuPgB31gZWKn88MpDaVjbRSi4iVLnPj3wWidfeRB5KQoVkmevrAFkgvY2moepx_X29mtdUzc77H0bfXLKNkRU4tGK2WQfUEBp9JSqjoOxJwfRsoRuyaCXAdVgkEBRWGQxiXHX3I1v0vXlWYndL-80mluF1leodaCXgbPJ7PM-XIDEHjxHn8BKAMvz5dp4-fJTov5qb_5gwL4KJ3o=&c=5XE7g3EjlNROEiHXxYbBFJkaFnIeqRn9jioGTHpFXd4oXGrrPmsVmg==&ch=rbef1P1AAaWNWkuE7I8nU6o6CZtzD7IAnP4cxuAYf85pB3StmoPLGQ==)  The **Council of American-Islamic Relations** said Green's "past Islamophobic statements" should disqualify him from the role, and in a press release highlighted the remarks Green made at the town hall.   **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  **CAIR Questions South Dakota Officials' Attendance at Anti-Muslim Hate Group's Event**  [***[https://ci3.googleusercontent.com/proxy/4T1GrrC-1slg6ACMsxyWPqbVsttCECrJ70UwT1wuW57ShQPYhMFxjX_HsvOp_RBVIebDKRTF1Orwtpn6r1skltLUczsLFuqTFdStzUtv6kL4DwjOKFmXQARrxIKkhwGHoR-8fx1ESPwUZkUFMjmm7w9nIM9nI0ldReWHWJPnnstK=s0-d-e1-ft#http://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/ad30190d001/021d2647-4abc-4fc2-b7aa-00ac551e94ee.png?ver=1494093060000](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NHZ8yXtfzkrAI3ER3BjeIoI7rskB-WJ9ohHnMS6LSd6Uy3n3KBm53WlfRrOUp1AHwUh-3PAU0W1qFWb1o2qfgAHyjmaSc5GoKPD-Vdb1gW8DQkBZvp7dIrhHsquQ7hXHKhfH9AVMM9OWF00LFCU77PyZzPSt0FmVhAn_0wYtPcBk3nJZ9u4etLV_EYd5d91WVryM3SEBoprydImwUki-_Cog8L9ysdHJ&c=5XE7g3EjlNROEiHXxYbBFJkaFnIeqRn9jioGTHpFXd4oXGrrPmsVmg==&ch=rbef1P1AAaWNWkuE7I8nU6o6CZtzD7IAnP4cxuAYf85pB3StmoPLGQ==)***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NHZ8yXtfzkrAI3ER3BjeIoI7rskB-WJ9ohHnMS6LSd6Uy3n3KBm53WlfRrOUp1AHwUh-3PAU0W1qFWb1o2qfgAHyjmaSc5GoKPD-Vdb1gW8DQkBZvp7dIrhHsquQ7hXHKhfH9AVMM9OWF00LFCU77PyZzPSt0FmVhAn_0wYtPcBk3nJZ9u4etLV_EYd5d91WVryM3SEBoprydImwUki-_Cog8L9ysdHJ&c=5XE7g3EjlNROEiHXxYbBFJkaFnIeqRn9jioGTHpFXd4oXGrrPmsVmg==&ch=rbef1P1AAaWNWkuE7I8nU6o6CZtzD7IAnP4cxuAYf85pB3StmoPLGQ==)**(WASHINGTON, D.C., 5/6/2017)** -- The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the national largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, today questioned why two top South Dakota government officials were reportedly in attendance at an [event last weekend](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NHZ8yXtfzkrAI3ER3BjeIoI7rskB-WJ9ohHnMS6LSd6Uy3n3KBm53WlfRrOUp1AHvEm9cAaCSmT_F-hgOGJIKrBKGugYQeusBIZYUVyQ5XtSvbYgr1KMv-N3nbEpV2eph1K2FC-tTQdhlWaxkL2bWLDvzjymfbghaVzTYxzG-ektKRnpWi2W9v9vePGG3SgCoCBYekaB026EpqKwtPlFL9cYkUzuspD8Jf1lpyOV7byqyFvcJAVs4GUlpJ62mQQFi5OYrQkgiWJzRb4s1FjvY09OyNAPXmB0_H6fa-N9QhwK_PFCkcvpPxDL8s38BgIpqXdwwYQvmms=&c=5XE7g3EjlNROEiHXxYbBFJkaFnIeqRn9jioGTHpFXd4oXGrrPmsVmg==&ch=rbef1P1AAaWNWkuE7I8nU6o6CZtzD7IAnP4cxuAYf85pB3StmoPLGQ==) hosted by a virulently anti-Muslim hate group.  Media reports indicate that **South Dakota Attorney General and GOP gubernatorial candidate Marty Jackley**and S**ecretary of State Shantel Krebs**attended the event in Rapid City, S.D., organized by ACT for America, which has been designated by the Southern Poverty Law Center as the nation's "largest grassroots anti-Muslim group." The SPLC has also named ACT for America leader "Brigitte Gabriel" as a member of the nation's "Anti-Muslim Inner Circle."  Both officials declined to comment when asked to confirm or explain their attendance at the event.  **SEE:**['Anti-Muslim' Group Gives Presentation in Rapid City](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NHZ8yXtfzkrAI3ER3BjeIoI7rskB-WJ9ohHnMS6LSd6Uy3n3KBm53WlfRrOUp1AHvEm9cAaCSmT_F-hgOGJIKrBKGugYQeusBIZYUVyQ5XtSvbYgr1KMv-N3nbEpV2eph1K2FC-tTQdhlWaxkL2bWLDvzjymfbghaVzTYxzG-ektKRnpWi2W9v9vePGG3SgCoCBYekaB026EpqKwtPlFL9cYkUzuspD8Jf1lpyOV7byqyFvcJAVs4GUlpJ62mQQFi5OYrQkgiWJzRb4s1FjvY09OyNAPXmB0_H6fa-N9QhwK_PFCkcvpPxDL8s38BgIpqXdwwYQvmms=&c=5XE7g3EjlNROEiHXxYbBFJkaFnIeqRn9jioGTHpFXd4oXGrrPmsVmg==&ch=rbef1P1AAaWNWkuE7I8nU6o6CZtzD7IAnP4cxuAYf85pB3StmoPLGQ==) **SPLC:** [Anti-Muslim Inner Circle](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NHZ8yXtfzkrAI3ER3BjeIoI7rskB-WJ9ohHnMS6LSd6Uy3n3KBm53azLavewde1929YW3pVYjIKtZLG4Kiwga2bTB8YecJ7uDtjmOE10wOKBv0BhFDJ_hX99-h_DMOT3Fp3k0U1s1CDR2OJyfoqg34phLUYOOuWw4OxazktsXwHiQ6mZOL-y_vBMQLQZ68u5gOOA13xxMmsbP8oJ480JFX2NuxnYEkqyuQ74UvpCeFW9A2Ms4pLKnA==&c=5XE7g3EjlNROEiHXxYbBFJkaFnIeqRn9jioGTHpFXd4oXGrrPmsVmg==&ch=rbef1P1AAaWNWkuE7I8nU6o6CZtzD7IAnP4cxuAYf85pB3StmoPLGQ==)  [***[https://ci5.googleusercontent.com/proxy/19M8PRO_G7jLEl85H0mHYBPj3H8qr2RjoehdV7Ak6Q5YIiNG1P2QETqAwnRcaMv72_yQUADwDzo77XtBlvHnCT_OQJ6J2lQCuBP9onOyS26Cg-Q4GofCAJSt5Xmz_tjgxK5b_PqcpyP3nmo5TiaMQZJnQq8aJfFqXaKrSF24Anf63A=s0-d-e1-ft#https://mlsvc01-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/ad30190d001/41014146-4ef4-4a5b-9e7f-64f7b57403e9.png?ver=1494093059000](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NHZ8yXtfzkrAI3ER3BjeIoI7rskB-WJ9ohHnMS6LSd6Uy3n3KBm53WlfRrOUp1AHwUh-3PAU0W1qFWb1o2qfgAHyjmaSc5GoKPD-Vdb1gW8DQkBZvp7dIrhHsquQ7hXHKhfH9AVMM9OWF00LFCU77PyZzPSt0FmVhAn_0wYtPcBk3nJZ9u4etLV_EYd5d91WVryM3SEBoprydImwUki-_Cog8L9ysdHJ&c=5XE7g3EjlNROEiHXxYbBFJkaFnIeqRn9jioGTHpFXd4oXGrrPmsVmg==&ch=rbef1P1AAaWNWkuE7I8nU6o6CZtzD7IAnP4cxuAYf85pB3StmoPLGQ==)***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NHZ8yXtfzkrAI3ER3BjeIoI7rskB-WJ9ohHnMS6LSd6Uy3n3KBm53WlfRrOUp1AHwUh-3PAU0W1qFWb1o2qfgAHyjmaSc5GoKPD-Vdb1gW8DQkBZvp7dIrhHsquQ7hXHKhfH9AVMM9OWF00LFCU77PyZzPSt0FmVhAn_0wYtPcBk3nJZ9u4etLV_EYd5d91WVryM3SEBoprydImwUki-_Cog8L9ysdHJ&c=5XE7g3EjlNROEiHXxYbBFJkaFnIeqRn9jioGTHpFXd4oXGrrPmsVmg==&ch=rbef1P1AAaWNWkuE7I8nU6o6CZtzD7IAnP4cxuAYf85pB3StmoPLGQ==)CAIR, which is based in Washington, D.C., and has chapters and offices nationwide, is urging South Dakota voters to contact both public officials to request an explanation of their attendance at an event sponsored by a notorious anti-Muslim hate group.  **CONTACT**: South Dakota Secretary of State Shantel Krebs, [sdsos@state.sd.us](mailto:sdsos@state.sd.us); [Jason.Williams@state.sd.us](mailto:Jason.Williams@state.sd.us)  **CONTACT**: South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley, <http://atg.sd.gov/Contact.aspx>, [Sara.Rabern@state.sd.us](mailto:Sara.Rabern@state.sd.us)  **COPY TO**: [info@cair.com](mailto:info@cair.com); Office of the Governor: [Kelsey.Pritchard@state.sd.us](mailto:Kelsey.Pritchard@state.sd.us)  The speaker at the event, William Federer, "spent most of his talk painting a picture of Islam as a religion built primarily on a foundation of conquest and bloodshed." He also reportedly said that treating Muslims with "niceness" and "tolerance" is a form of weakness. In his previous writings, Federer joined ACT for America leader "Gabriel" in questioning whether Muslims can be loyal citizens of the United States.  **ACT for America Backgrounder:**  ACT for America is a virulently anti-Muslim hate group headed by Hanah Kahwagi Tudor, who goes by the pseudonym "Brigitte Gabriel." "Gabriel" has stated that an American Muslim "cannot be a loyal citizen" and that Islam is the "real enemy." She once told the Australian Jewish News: "Every practicing Muslim is a radical Muslim." When asked whether Americans should "resist Muslims who want to seek political office in this nation," Tudor said, "Absolutely."  **CAIR Islamophobia Monitor:**[Brigitte Gabriel](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NHZ8yXtfzkrAI3ER3BjeIoI7rskB-WJ9ohHnMS6LSd6Uy3n3KBm53WlfRrOUp1AHbGjYc90OzS81v5uQgQBMRxGwZB8xZo2ItlMrMY1TlL9zC_b_fsYGdHm3NQHTpz9GMKFVkJk0RRM0xHCTke5_aq11LLxpP5n7WIWMPKmON7bVn1QVILk-ODdA038BwRX8wTAJGJAk9LUUIFox6etWlbm3tcKnvBN7xcF29pgVTmEj2VsL3xbEY70dkSZjMYSYF65SSsGc0XcytEombw-y1vfWrkDwgVKj&c=5XE7g3EjlNROEiHXxYbBFJkaFnIeqRn9jioGTHpFXd4oXGrrPmsVmg==&ch=rbef1P1AAaWNWkuE7I8nU6o6CZtzD7IAnP4cxuAYf85pB3StmoPLGQ==) (ACT for America)  **CAIR Islamophobia Monitor:** [ACT for America](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NHZ8yXtfzkrAI3ER3BjeIoI7rskB-WJ9ohHnMS6LSd6Uy3n3KBm53XIGmkojL-1zutZ0ICkoLcvcQeHgZIfnPfeA6Encnf-zZmwMRuQdA2LY-VNIzWcCKHTzzqCYrK50wcTDhzJzSHEI3KyVaBx6OdAdySizKL7lkascA1WQogKX2DiSP5JyGNq2wZSUx3Nc-fbhtK590N_CgqjNwEnoE4CD-fimJkFL-JtKUs8q_FI=&c=5XE7g3EjlNROEiHXxYbBFJkaFnIeqRn9jioGTHpFXd4oXGrrPmsVmg==&ch=rbef1P1AAaWNWkuE7I8nU6o6CZtzD7IAnP4cxuAYf85pB3StmoPLGQ==)  Her hate group's anti-Muslim bigotry was highlighted recently in a Washington Post exposé.  **SEE:** [This group believes Islam threatens America: 'It's a spiritual battle of good and evil.'](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NHZ8yXtfzkrAI3ER3BjeIoI7rskB-WJ9ohHnMS6LSd6Uy3n3KBm53agE5ZbqQOQ9ezSoK_cEsZAhG1wS1M5S_EwqPycJ_aURtVSRgxmPKvyXrNfzeOANxtQtQBldjhEZzVNog4KaCoVTwd5slEgv_oNwarLdyA8zb4PBeXlQsq-GLmgBkGR9Sot-6j_0jcJP_DJZUEooYWeuwkF_MHmMgHELgoOoD165a5PkJWxLiK-SYI69h0loqaojfFoHtM19lLjTQV7sTCGxWh73jXs8XwcxjzW36fSQaBG-_LpORouZSwWZ21Xdhzgn68Jesb1-gZZajsINM7bwxvi3YJG3uBLoSgynYJX8Cj24CErDXcMSMLweLJ6131PJxTXHzoTnEFSTH2Hyjz4=&c=5XE7g3EjlNROEiHXxYbBFJkaFnIeqRn9jioGTHpFXd4oXGrrPmsVmg==&ch=rbef1P1AAaWNWkuE7I8nU6o6CZtzD7IAnP4cxuAYf85pB3StmoPLGQ==)  A member of ACT for America allegedly attended a recent meeting in North Carolina at which the killing of Muslims was reportedly suggested.  **SEE:**[CAIR Calls on Feds to Probe Call to Violence Against U.S. Muslims at N.C. Meeting of Hate Groups](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NHZ8yXtfzkrAI3ER3BjeIoI7rskB-WJ9ohHnMS6LSd6Uy3n3KBm53QDbq7dbzHt9t-9A2RszF3OhMvICNLSm7vUXJgVOZwHiMeY2-DutHdyC-ZAJuipdfDjxCYnoJ1r5_ePnIffb8vauimVDzFwsz4LDGGkvZIq4Bp6nVt1CgG-EiiPUfGaR89frft8qjk82MvCG88pa3HwWRSHkT9pT-ZkXjoGVMII-2eX0nXf1ioP5ChpgqRtE2x_kF-a83TvDxWxv0omtYjR3n38tDkksLzFoqdbaJttUlWANDloIxZ2RUNQIcyyOILlfDmyP6C74yQyRrsLM1VZLDoTOzyJuZvzKihs455Vq&c=5XE7g3EjlNROEiHXxYbBFJkaFnIeqRn9jioGTHpFXd4oXGrrPmsVmg==&ch=rbef1P1AAaWNWkuE7I8nU6o6CZtzD7IAnP4cxuAYf85pB3StmoPLGQ==)  The Washington-based civil rights and advocacy organization urges community members to report any bias incidents to police and to CAIR's Civil Rights Department at [202-742-6420](tel:(202)%20742-6420) or by filing a report at: [http://www.cair.com/report](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NHZ8yXtfzkrAI3ER3BjeIoI7rskB-WJ9ohHnMS6LSd6Uy3n3KBm53R6SvXX7Ii94ONHbTh-1-qid8fBqSHUbVu04XjicL7EYFlEx6rsZOpxVOhGgzSQR56IW5vL5TlR-i2vgAf_XDRdCXoxMIToL5Ytbig0y38705f3lYCUgX4CAcrq3PtjHHg==&c=5XE7g3EjlNROEiHXxYbBFJkaFnIeqRn9jioGTHpFXd4oXGrrPmsVmg==&ch=rbef1P1AAaWNWkuE7I8nU6o6CZtzD7IAnP4cxuAYf85pB3StmoPLGQ==)  CAIR'S mission is to enhance the understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.  La misión de CAIR es mejorar la comprensión del Islam, fomentar el diálogo, proteger las libertades civiles, capacitar a los musulmanes estadounidenses, y construir coaliciones que promuevan la justicia y la comprensión mutua.  **- END -  CONTACT:** CAIR National Communications Director Ibrahim Hooper, [202-744-7726](tel:(202)%20744-7726), [ihooper@cair.com](mailto:ihooper@cair.com) | |