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Religion Never Justifies Brutality or Subversion

The annotated agenda for this session asks what more can be done to identify and protect the victims of hate crimes.

We recommend that OSCE include in its definition of such crimes the brutality against women within patriarchal family structures where honor killings, domestic violence, and female genital mutilation claim a spurious religious exemption from fundamental norms of human dignity.

The agenda asks how civil society can help with the disaggregation of hate crime data according to specific bias motivation.

Americans for America again recommends, as we did at Session 7, that OSCE take a lesson from George Orwell and call things by their right names. A self-proclaimed jihadi attack like the Fort Hood massacre is not “workplace violence.” The Jews gunned down by Muslims in a Paris restaurant were not just “a bunch of guys in a deli,” as Barack Obama shamefully called them.

Religion must never be used as a mask for political subversion and violent revolution. As Justice Robert Jackson, the Nuremburg prosecutor, reminded us, the Constitution is not a suicide pact.

Finally, the agenda asks what challenges confront civil society groups working to combat hate crimes.

We recommend that OSCE condemn such Marxist front organizations as the Southern Poverty Law Center, which uses “hate” as an all-purpose devil term to silence legitimate dissent and intimidate truth-tellers – often including law-abiding, scrupulously law-abiding Christians, resulting in their social and economic ostracization.

SPLC, which began as a hate watchdog, has regrettably become itself a hate purveyor. It should be recognized as such by all who support genuine free speech in a truly free society – the goal of Americans for America

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