## **Truth and the Ability to Speak It Under Direct Attack**

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The attack that claimed fifty lives at the Al Noor mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand brought immediate, predictable responses from Democrat politicians, the media, the organized Left and Muslim groups. Commenters from CNN to New York Mayor Bill De Blasio blamed "intolerance, "an epidemic of hatred and fear," and other shibboleths.[1] Presidential hopeful Cory Booker blamed "The rising tide of white supremacy and Islamophobia..."[2] Virtually all placed some blame on Trump. Nihad Awad, director of The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), blamed President Trump directly, "We hold you responsible for this growing anti-Muslim sentiment in the country and in Europe..."[3]

The timing of the attack couldn't have been better. A real cynic might even suspect it was part of the plan.[4] Rush Limbaugh speculated on his show the day after the attack, "You can't immediately discount this. The left is this insane, they are this crazy."[5]

Democrats and their allies in the radical Left have been calling Trump and conservatives, "racists," "bigots" and "neo-Nazis" in a chorus to the heavens for the past two years. Their efforts to condemn "hate speech" ran into a brick wall, however, when newly-elected Minnesota Rep. Ilhan Omar began spewing a litany of hateful, antisemitic remarks, which she has persisted in, despite condemnation from both sides of the aisle. Her statements have put an embarrassing spotlight on the growing, naked antisemitism among the Left.

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