

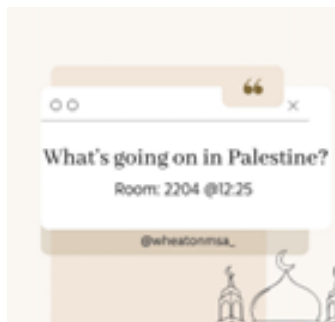
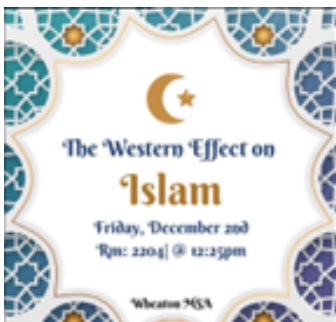
Muslim Student Association: Political Advocacy Disguised as Heritage Clubs

What is the Muslim Student Association?

- Muslim Student Association (MSA National) is a non-profit organization in the U.S. and Canada that provides guidance and other support to students in high schools and universities to establish, maintain, and develop campus MSA chapters.
- Influenced by adult advocacy organizations, chapters often collaborate with radical, left-wing activist groups such as ANSWER that are dedicated to defending rogue states and fighting “U.S. imperialism,” while espousing anti-U.S. sentiment and appearing divisive and combative.

Using Secrecy to Mask Radicalism

- MSA groups operate away from public scrutiny. While members may share snippets of events on social media, the full context of programs, especially those political in nature, remains secret.
- MSA-organized events are vaguely titled to mask controversial content, deceive unsuspecting students, and disguise presentations critical of U.S. policy, Israel, and the West.



- Former MSA members -- at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Maryland's Montgomery College, and University of South Alabama, for example -- have become radicalized, suspected of ties to terrorism, and arrested or had homes and offices searched by US law enforcement.
- On occasion, MSA members can be caught posting problematic content online. For example, members at Maryland's Montgomery Blair High School condoned and encouraged violence and disobedience:

As mentioned by the Hanabala in Zaad and other books that
إذا حصر العدو بلاد المسلمين - فيجب القتال على أعيان الناس وهو ما يسمى جهاد الدفاع.
If the enemy occupies the land of the Muslims, then fighting becomes **OBLIGATORY** upon every able person until the enemy is repelled from the land. This is known as defensive Jihaad.

A person can participate even without the permission of his parents as the situation is dire.

Promoting Political Advocacy & Anti-Israel Hostility

- Benign religious and educational activities are supplemented with political activism. MSA National's "Starters Guide" advises chapters to "Islamicize the politics of their campus" and become "more of an 'in your face' association." Far from serving as heritage clubs, chapters expose students to Middle East activism, feeding one-sided, hostile views toward Israel and the West to impressionable teens and young adults unfamiliar with the region.
- Political activism is exemplified by members at Northern Virginia's McLean High School who hosted a training session in "movement building and advocacy" by American Muslims for Palestine, which Virginia's Attorney General is currently investigating for providing financial support to Hamas, a U.S.-designated terrorist organization.
- MSA members host guest speakers who offer perspectives critical of Israel on controversial concepts like "resisting occupation" or opposing Jewish "settlements," without proper context and balance.



- Members participate in or support the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement against Israel, even though many universities and state and local governments reject BDS.
- On social media, MSA chapters routinely lie about Israel, accusing it of oppression, ethnic cleansing, apartheid, and other "horrific crimes."
- At organized walkouts, MSA members display signs reading, "From the River to the Sea, Palestine will be free," a common refrain calling for the elimination of Israel, and maps depicted all of Israel as Palestine.

