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Weinstein: Army gave hijab report to news, not to alleged victim

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(Excerpts from CSIndy/Emphasis Added by MRFF)

Fort Carson's investigation of a religious discrimination complaint regarding a Muslim soldier who was ordered to remove her hijab in public has cleared Command Sergeant Major Kerstin Montoya, the *Gazette* reported.

But **an organization representing the soldier**, Cesilia Valdovinos, says **not only is the investigation's conclusion wrong**, but **the Army provided a copy of the full report to the Gazette and not to Valdovinos**.

[...]

Weinstein runs the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, which has stepped in to help Valdovinos file a lawsuit in federal court alleging religious discrimination and civil rights violations.

[...]

He says Carson's failure to provide the complainant who triggered the investigation with a copy of the report **"only further buttresses our position that the Fort Carson leadership has engaged in a pervasive and pernicious pattern and practice of particularly hideous anti-Muslim bigotry, prejudice, harassment and bullying."**

[...]

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BACKGROUND:

PRESS RELEASES PERTAINING TO MRFF'S CLIENT, THE FORT CARSON U.S. ARMY SOLDIER OF MUSLIM FAITH WHO WAS FORCEFULLY ORDERED TO REMOVE HER HIJAB

March 12th, 2019 -

[MRFF Demands Fort Carson's Order to Remove Hijab Not Go Unpunished!](#)

March 14th, 2019 -

[News of MRFF's U.S. Army Client Ordered to Remove Hijab Goes Internationally Viral](#)

March 18th, 2019 -

[Washington Post Highlights Incident Exposed by MRFF in Which MRFF's Client, a U.S. Army Sergeant of Muslim Faith, Was Forcefully Ordered to Remove Her Hijab.](#)

March 25th, 2019 -

[FOX 21 News TV Colorado Springs Region Covers MRFF](#)

March 30th, 2019 -

[MRFF's U.S. Army Client of Muslim Faith Forced to Remove Hijab Story Continues to Go Viral!](#)

April 1st, 2019 -

[Muslim Female Army Soldier Whose Frivolous Discrimination Complaint has Already Been Dismissed, Now Intends to File a Federal Lawsuit Against the U.S. Army](#)

April 2nd, 2019 -

[A Muslim Soldier Says She's Suing the Army For Being Told to Remove Her Hijab](#)

April 4th, 2019 -

[MRFF Fights Constant Islamophobic Tyranny and Oppression of MRFF's U.S. Army Client of Muslim Faith!](#)

April 5th, 2019 -

[MRFF Fights Discrimination of U.S. Soldier of Muslim Faith by Superiors](#)

MRFF'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF MILITARY MEMBERS OF THE MUSLIM FAITH:

MRFF, a nationally recognized civil rights advocacy organization, currently represents in excess 64,000 and counting active duty U.S. marines, sailors, soldiers, airmen, cadets, midshipmen, national guard, reservists and veterans, including matters involving High School JROTC around the nation, about 95% of whom self-identify as practicing Christians. Our MRFF clients have faced unconstitutional religious church/state violations and noxious abuse from their military superiors who almost exclusively brandish one particular weapon of Christianity, fundamentally Christian faith, as a weapon to intimidate, menace, harass, subdue, and terrify their otherwise helpless armed forces subordinates. Our client base consists of Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu, Sikh, Native American Spiritualist, Humanist, Pagan, Atheist, **PLEASE NOTE: slightly over 18% of all Muslim Americans in the U.S. military**, other minority faith and non-faith military members, and over 1,000 LGBTQ military members. On November 13, 2014, for the sixth consecutive year, the Military Religious Freedom Foundation was officially nominated again for the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize, its seventh total nomination.



"Thank You"

From: Active Duty Army MRFF Client's E-Mail Address Withheld
Subject: Thank You
Date: June 16, 2019 at 11:05:10 AM MDT
To: Information Weinstein <mikey@militaryreligiousfreedom.org>

To Mikey Weinstein,

I appreciate your quick response to my email, especially as it is Father's Day weekend. When I called you, you were instantly supportive of me and confirmed that I had been wronged. A civilian teacher/motivational speaker of a mandatory class about the Wounded Warrior Project had endorsed his faith, Christianity, which is completely out of line. These endorsements when referencing his recovery from struggles as a Wounded Warrior were sayings like "My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" and "It all starts with Him." I was given different options for how to progress, including going to my local EO representative, IG, or using the MRFF itself. I plan to research each option to decide what will be most attuned to my situation.

You also acknowledged my desire to be confidential and respected it. This was a big thing for me, as my struggles are about my Behavioral Health, including how religion has had a negative impact on my life. As a child, I was taught Fundamentalist Christian values. When I hear someone preach their ideology, it creates a visceral reaction in me and I shut down. The discreetness will reduce my stress of the situation and is greatly appreciated.

I truly just wanted to thank you for your efforts to support the thousands of Service members whose rights are being violated by leaders and teachers that decide to shill their personal beliefs to their subordinates.

Respectfully,

(Active Duty Army MRFF Client's name, rank, MOS, assigned military unit and installation all withheld)

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MRFF'S INBOX**

" Raymond Ibrahim – Army War College "

From: (name withheld)
Subject: Raymond Ibrahim - Army War College
Date: June 13, 2019 at 10:32 PM
To: CAIR Philadelphia

Dear (name withheld),

You are a self-hating Kapo Jew just like your counterpart Mikey Weinstein at the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, and you are free to tell him that I said that. There is no such thing as Islamophobia, that is something Muslims made up to counter the truth about their Satanic religion when anyone says something CAIR does not like.

You may have won a minor battle, but Islam will never when the war, all will have to bow their knee to the Lord Jesus Christ as Islam will disappear when Christ returns. .

Shalom,

(name withheld)

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