

Summary of Media and Information By Bo Perrin

In America, the media used to hold a privileged position. The media is popularly viewed as the one entity which has the ability to get to the truth of any subject and the capability to disseminate that information to the populace. The American media is protected by the First Amendment so that it can search for the truth unshackled by fear of governmental and public organizations which might want to muzzle its voice. Unfortunately, of late, the American media has begun to act more like the political and ideological arm of the Marxist arm of the Democratic party. The media has instead used its Constitutional protections to actually smear patriotic, conservative Americans who disagree with the Marxist policies of the Obama administration and who have begun to awaken to the dangers of Islam in all her forms.

Hizb has very little to say about its concept of a Khilafah-run media organization but it is very Orwellian. Hizb states that sound information is essential to an informed Ummah but sound does not mean the truthful. Instead, the Khilafah-run media has two primary responsibilities. First, the media is to present Islam to the Ummah and world in a “powerful manner.” (1) The media is to propagate the “truth of Islam, the justice it brings and the military superiority of the state.” If the Khilafah-run media is to fulfill its obligations then it must beg three questions which are Is Islam truth? Is it just? and Is its militarily superior? At this juncture only the first two questions can be answered since a Khilafah exists nowhere on earth. These questions are not allowed to be examined in the Islamic hegemony called the Khilafah. In addition, the media will be used to achieve the objectives of foreign policy. For Hizb the Khilafah’s foreign policy is summed up in Da’wah and jihad. Hizb argues that under the Khilafah the media may not report on military issues whether victories or defeats. Therefore, the Khilafah-run media’s main responsibility will be to declare Islamic monotheism to the world and call for obedience to Allah and the institution of Shari’ah.

On the other hand, the Khilafah-run media will be used to expose the “corrupt” kufr thoughts so that the Ummah can remain fast in the face of the onslaught of colonialist values. Again, Hizb, like all Islamic organizations, continually whine about how they are so persecuted by Islamophobists. The fact is the current state of affairs would not exist if Muhammad had not turned Islam from a religion into a theocracy and jihaded those who refuse to accept his moon-god. In actuality, Hizb’s media will in all probably be no different from modern Islamic groups like Al Jazeera who constantly distort the truth to promote Islam. Islam cannot stand in the face of truth. The purpose of the media’s exposure of the kufr is to eradicate the “low values of capitalism” and the “promotion of the sublime values of Islam.” Hizb uses the word capitalism to refer to the separation of religion from the rest of life. (2) This includes exposing the corruption of man-made systems such as Marxism and Democracy. Both of these institutions are considered Shirk because they allow man to make the laws and reject Allah’s laws encased in Shari’ah. The media will also expose the military weaknesses of the enemy as well.

The media will also play a role in advising the Khilafah rulers over policies and hold them accountable for their actions. While the Khilafah-run media seems to be rather free in what he can broadcast there are some issues it cannot broadcast with the Khilafah’s permission. A few of these issues are military matters. So, the Khilafah has the responsibility of determining what may or may not be broadcast. In addition, any citizen of the Khilafah is permitted to set up print or electronic media. There are two stipulations. First, they must inform the Khilafah of their operation and obey his directorates and they will be held accountable to any violation of Shari’ah.

The Khilafah-run media is very Orwellian because ultimately it is state-controlled. There is no First Amendment in the Khilafah. Hizb states that any citizen can operate a print or electronic media but the Khilafah will provide clear guidelines of what they may or may not broadcast. In the end the

Khilafah-run media is merely another propaganda arm of the state. Enviably, in such circumstances, truth always gets lost. If modern Islamic-run print and electronic media provide us with insight into what to expect from a Khilafah-run media then truth will be the first and ultimate victim. Frightfully, Hizb's Khilafah-run media sounds a lot like the America's media.

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