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'Stop Islamization of America' campaign makes no sense: U.S. authorities



The founders of a campaign geared at preventing “Islamization” in America are pressing on, this week, with a court battle after their campaign trademark was rejected by U.S. authorities.

The group, named the Freedom of Defense Initiative (FDI), is partly headed by U.S anti-Islam campaigner Pamela Geller. The group was told that their “Stop Islamization of America” campaign makes no literal sense.

“‘Islamization’ means converting to Islam or ‘to make Islamic,’” the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office said in a statement rejecting the FDI’s application, as reported by the U.S.-based WND website on Tuesday.

The statement also refuted the group’s stated aim to stop the alleged process of ‘Islamization’ in the country.

“‘Stop’ would be understood to mean that action must be taken to cease, or put an end to, converting or making people in America conform to Islam,” and therefore the trademark would “disparage Muslims and links them to terrorism,” the ruling said.

The aim of the group’s campaign is to “foster and provide an understanding of how to prevent Shariah-based tyranny and Islamist terrorism,” according to the FDI.

Now, the American Freedom Law Center is appealing to the U.S. Court of Appeal, on behalf of Geller, after the trademark application was rejected.

Geller is known primarily for her criticism of Islam and opposition to Muslim activities and causes. She opposed the proposed construction of an Islamic community center near ground zero, the former site of the World Trade Center.

Last December, Geller unveiled her group's latest anti-Islam subway ad, which included the phrase: "Soon shall We cast terror into the hearts of the Unbelievers," quoting a snippet translated from the Koran, alongside an image of the World Trade Center twin towers burning on Sept. 11, 2001.