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A DIALOGUE ON THE SHIA-SUNNI POLITICS IN IRAQ

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WHAT IS INDEPENDENT VIEWPOINTS

Independents Viewpoints (IV) is committed to creating a public space that fosters political awareness by providing a platform for alternative viewpoints, both within the American Muslim community and between Muslims and other concerned citizens. Independent Viewpoints is a project of Mohsena Memorial Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization and NGO member of the United Nations based in Princeton, New Jersey. MMF is dedicated to teaching, learning and disseminating accurate information about Islam and Muslims.

THE MOTIVATION

As the War in Iraq ensues without any chance of the insurgency backing down or the US pulling out, the situation is growing increasingly dangerous for all the peaceful citizens of this newly democratic nation. However, not all is known about the occurrences in Iraq due to the political and commercial influence on the American media. Hence, Independent Viewpoints is making an effort to bring together a set of speakers who have ideas alternative to those usually heard in mainstream media. We feel that this will give the audience a broader and a deeper outlook on the various political, social and sectarian forces at work in the Iraqi society today while bringing a new passion into the ongoing public debate over American foreign policy.

The late scholar Dr. Edward Said often spoke of the importance of American public opinion in his own fight to remedy the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. This

truth also applies to the situation in Iraq. It is the responsibility of mindful Shias, Sunnis, and all Muslims to begin to develop a semblance of Islamic unity in their homes, their mosques, and in the public sphere here in the United States. American non-Muslims should begin to see their Muslim counterparts as peaceful people who are able to build bridges with one another. This will help shape a positive perception of the American-Muslim community, which will ultimately help them to build bridges within various spheres of American life.

THE EVENT

In order to move forward with this agenda, Independent Viewpoints is preparing this event on the Shia-Sunni Politics in Iraq. Our aim is to bring Sunni, Shia and all Muslim Americans together for this historic event as a show of good faith to the Iraqi people for their efforts to do the same in their newly formed government. The program will not only be for Muslims, it will be open to the general public as well.

THE SPEAKERS

We have invited Dr. Noam Chomsky (accepted) and Ms. Arundhati Roy (pending) to share their thoughts on this endeavor, on Iraq and its future, and on how American foreign policy can change to foster this desire for unity in Iraq. Also invited are two speakers from the Muslim community: Imam Faisal and Qazwini. etc etc.



TENTATIVE DATE:
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2006
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