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This undated photo provided by the FBI shows Mohammed Alshamrani. The Saudi student opened fire inside a classroom at Naval Air Station Pensacola before one of the deputies killed him. (FBI via AP)

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alarms, DoD officials said Friday.

The officials, speaking on background, said that 21-year-old Saudi Royal Air Force 2nd Lt. Mohammed Saeed Alshamrani and all other foreign military trainees are cleared first by their own countries and then subjected to a three-level screening process by U.S. Embassies in the host nations.

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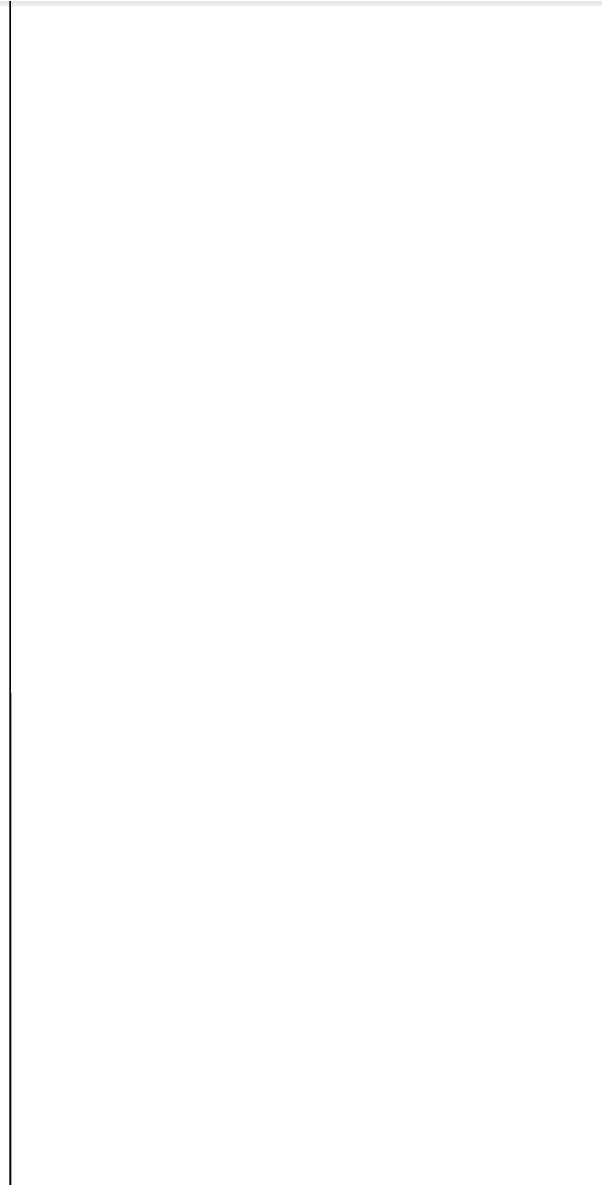
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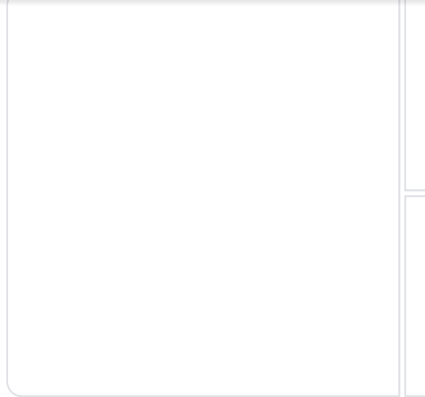


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J. Chapman • 2 years ago

Didn't we learn anything from 9/11 when Saudi nationals trained here under our very noses...the same Saudis who attacked the Twin Towers and the Pentagon? I would consider any and all Saudi nationals to be inculcated with anti-American ideology unless proven otherwise. This tragedy is on the Defense Dept. for risking American lives as an exercise in vetting procedures.

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ITK221 • 2 years ago

That's not rigorous? checking databases is the equivalent to a NAC check -- these students should undergo a serious background investigation (similar to the SSBI performed for a TS clearance) and polygraph at their own country's expense and performed by the US Government - better to be safe than sorry

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14104573 • 2 years ago • edited

ONE question in the so-called "rigorous vetting" would've prevented that tragedy and the others before it: "Do you follow Islam and its teachings?" PERIOD!

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gunbunny476 • 2 years ago

That is a stash that only a mother could love. It looks goofy on him.

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37603456 • 2 years ago

The Saudis are Trump and Kushners buddies...remember trump warming his hands around "The Orb" as the so called Saudi princes stood by rattling their sabres? Trump gave a pass for them murdering Jamal Khashoggi. The majority of the 9/11 hijackers were Saudis. Jarrod is in a bromance with the crown prince having conversations on insecure cell phones. Putin has to be peeing himself with delight.

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14104573 • 37603456 • 2 years ago



34240296 • 2 years ago

Thousands of foreign military come here to train every year. This has been going on for decades. Eventually you are going to get a bad one. But the positive of them training here is that we get to learn their culture and they get a taste of the good American life. It helps our future relationship.

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14104573 → 34240296 • 2 years ago

Wow, THAT was indicative of one whose "Indoctrination Certificate" hangs proudly on one's wall.

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34240296 → Guest • 2 years ago

I didn't say other cultures are good or bad. I meant that when operating in, or fighting against, another culture, it helps to understand them in order to influence or defeat them easier.

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37408486 • 2 years ago

Any vetting process is only as good as the underlying data. Sure, we have databases to check, but I bet they are not all that comprehensive. They'd catch Bin Laden, but not so much some otherwise unremarkable young Saudi officer. And what are the odds that any foreign government would nominate someone for training in the US who could not pass the vetting process? These folks are no refugees; they are hand picked for a plum assignment and opportunity.

Even so, what's to say that he was not perfectly clear when he was vetted but changed afterwards. Vetting is snap shot, not an ongoing process.

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Bob Smalser • 2 years ago

Vetting probably wasn't the problem. Insults and revenge were. A classic example tribal behavior, for those who haven't studied their Thesiger.

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ColdWarVet75 • 2 years ago

Remember when Obama, Biden, and Clinton claimed Middle Eastern Refugees would be Vetted? The swamp in DC is so embedded with rats...you'd almost need to remove all from federal service and start anew.

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37568481 • 2 years ago

I guess the military's definition of "rigorous" is not as hmmm 'rigorous' as yours or mine would be when it comes to vetting procedure. Especially when it comes to policy towards foreign nationals. For quite some time the Pentagon has had a lenient policy where foreign nationals were accepted with little scrutiny because of the Pentagon's aligning itself with NWO Agenda multicultural guidelines. Soooo, Arabs come in to learn how to fly 767's into building by training on Piper Cubs. Maybe the Pentagon should adopt President Trump's policy of America First and make it as difficult for foreigners to qualify as for American citizens. After all, he is called "Commander in Chief". Can the Pentagon Staff be called up on 'insubordination'?

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33455003 • 2 years ago

The vetting process does not stop criminals from committing crimes. These foreign nations know we have a vetting system. They find ways to slip people in anyway. The only way to stop this is stop letting them come here.

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15200834 → 33455003 • 2 years ago

"The only way to stop this is stop letting them come here."
And to let people defend themselves wherever they are.

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Professor2 • 2 years ago • edited

What a crock! They didn't even check his social media accounts. They didn't speak to a single friend or family member. They listen to the Presidents calls and send spies to his office but they can't be bothered to check a single social media account of a Saudi before bringing him into the country and teaching him how to kill. The FBI is a failed institution. Or intelligence agencies are failed institutions. Law enforcement is now the enemy. They target who they choose to target and give passes to who they choose all based on your political views. If this guy were posting stuff about white power or masculinity you can be sure these fake law enforcement agencies would have caught it. ANYBODY who cooperates with these criminal organizations today is a total and complete idiot. They are NOT our friends. They support our enemies. They are continuing to lie and foment a coup against a legitimately elected President. They will do the same to you if you let them. DO NOT cooperate with federal law enforcement. You are not required to speak to them. You are not required to help them- which is only fair because they will not help you. Their job is to target one group of Americans and, much like our women and MeToo, federal LEO has been weaponized against white men. Starve the beast!

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michaelprescottmacarthur • 2 years ago

No he didn't . he's a Saudi. That's the first red flag right there. oh wait, I forgot that we kiss their bums as a part of of foreign policy.



MikeZorillo • 2 years ago

well, this again shows that NO matter how "vigorous" the background check of ANYONE, anyone can do whatever. the alternative could be something we all fought against = tyranny or communism!!! both are BAD!!! do we need to change some of the laws that create "loop-holes" that allow bad things to happen = YES no matter what their "nationality." just does not matter - if a person wants to do "bad" things, they will find a way - to me one way would be to do the SAME sort of security like MANY schools do - bag checks, limited entry, and scanners - it could have worked. (i bet someone wanted to do it before - but "others" (nothing political meant here) said there was no "proof" or it "cost too much" or would be an "inconvenience" to folks. go tell that to those in Arlington.

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Will Strup • 2 years ago

But not too vigorous...wouldn't want to upset our "allies" in the Kingdom. Cancel this program. The american taxpayer has subsidized the training for enough of these people, and not just in Saudi Arabia, for them to carry on at home with their own domestic instructors. If we're not the "world's police force", we sure as shootin' aren't the world's source for military training.

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JimX2011 • 2 years ago

Where were the 9/11 hijackers from?

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37578484 → JimX2011 • 2 years ago

Majority were from Saudi Arabia.

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TeXan1111 • 2 years ago

Methinks that this Naval aviator was another one of the friends Jared Kushner. May have bought Jared by buying off his 666 5th Avenue White Elephant for 1 billion dollars. OBS has Jared Kushner wrapped around his little finger and he will do anything for obs. When Jared uses his private server to communicate with foreign leaders it's hard to follow him. Almost everything he says is classified on his private server. That's not as bad as President Trump on his unsecured iPhone communicating with Putin

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36758134 • 2 years ago • edited

Problem is someone can be a lukewarm follower of their religion and pass all the vetting...then, something triggers a conversion experience, causing that person to enter a deep devotion to that religion. An act of devotion for a Protestant may be to begin witnessing to strangers on a street corner; a Catholic may choose to put aside self to serve the sick and dying; a Jew may begin entry into deep contemplative meditative prayer. But for one religion, violence against the unbeliever maybe considered an act of devotion. To screen for this requires some common

...based on an examination of serious quantities of empirical evidence, and if the potential



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Sausagenfo → 36758134 • 2 years ago

Islam is NOT compatible with the U.S. Constitution.

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Ranger Rick → Sausagenfo • 2 years ago

Nor is it compatible with tranquility or normal life.

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David Carruthers, USN • 2 years ago

saudis.....nuff said.... \$\$\$\$\$\$ is the most important thing... saudis are NOT our friends, unless you are a goat or a little boy....

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alpinejager • 2 years ago

same gub'mint and idiot rules, that wants to take your weapons away to deny you the right to self defense.

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Sausagenfo → alpinejager • 2 years ago

They did, they put those, and all of them, sailors in a pen like sheep.

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29281405 • 2 years ago • edited

Obviously it wasn't rigorous enough! Three American sailors are dead because of this vetting failure. Go back to the drawing board and come up with something much better than what we have now because it is not working. Better yet, remove all these third world ME arab types from CONUS and if it is in the best interest of the US, train them in thier country of origin but not here.

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8950331 → 29281405 • 2 years ago

Further; once we've given contractual training in their own country for whatever aircraft &/or equipment that was purchased by them; then any future training on this same aircraft &/or equipment should be provided by them to their pilots &/or operators.

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znut90 • 2 years ago

During my time in the military I attended classes with and and provided instruction to foreign military students. The US Embassy in their country was supposed to certify their ability to speak English and they showed up in many cases knowing very little. Also many of the arab countries would send student to course that required mechanical abilities that has to spend their 1st month or so in in classes building birdhouse and models to learn what tools were and how to use them



37064010 → znut90 • 2 years ago

I had a similar experience with Iranians in the 70's. Dumber than a bag of rocks and a total waste of our time and resources. Worst of all they went in town and created problems. Then we'd go and bail them out. They had a nasty disposition towards females. They drank to excess and caused more problems. I would surmise that the Saudis probably are as much of a pain as the Iranians. None of these are our friends. Don't invite them here. Let them train on line in the comfort of their tents.

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CTOCS77 • 2 years ago

Apparently not.

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8950331 • 2 years ago

Most apparently, the vetting of this jihadi murderer was clearly hardly vigorous enough. The failure crack was plenty big enough for this slug to fall through!

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James Marlow • 2 years ago

This rigorous vetting can only go so far when it comes to these foreigners coming here. When it comes to these Middle East people, its best just to keep them out. If we had done that in the past, many Americans who were murdered would be alive today.

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wowlikewow • 2 years ago • edited

"pron-stache" LOL!!! he was ticked about this?

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echo28rc • 2 years ago

When are we ever going to learn !!

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dkgiovenco • 2 years ago

Not rigorous enough!!!!

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conradswims • 2 years ago • edited

Being a "Saudi" Citizen should have been enough to keep him out! The three "C's" in D.C. are alive and well. This is just more, in the very long list, of "Controversy, Crap and Confusion" that endlessly get's spewed from the cesspit we all pay for. Shut D.C. down!

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media and who he has contact with. Total bullcrap. I would not trust the state department to find me a roll of toilet paper.

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☆ **Lady Blue**  • 2 years ago

Rigorous my tale. How about a lie detector test? Oh wait that's to intrusive.

As another poster stated can't vet the soul. He had murder in his soul long before he arrived.

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