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INTRODUCTION

HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

In 2011, Arielle Silverstein joined the cyberterrorist group Anonymous and started posting antireligious hate speech on the group's forum using the pseudonym *Bozuri* and others. Under the cover of anonymity, Silverstein promoted **"Everybody Draw Mohammed Day"** that offended millions of Muslims worldwide. An avowed antireligionist, she repeatedly insulted other faiths and their followers, including Christians and Jews.

When she was exposed as the author of the poison-pen anonymous postings, Silverstein became accountable to her employer—the United Nations—for posting during work hours and inciting religious strife from within the very walls of UN headquarters in direct contravention of the UN mandate.

Silverstein was actively undermining the foundation of the Charter of the United Nations and one of its purposes: *"promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion."*

Silverstein was contractually obligated to abide by UN Staff Rules mandating that any UN

employee *"shall avoid any action and, in particular, any kind of public pronouncement that may adversely reflect on their status, or on the integrity, independence and impartiality that are required by that status."*

As a lawyer, Silverstein knew full well that she had committed a severe violation, and facing the prospect of unemployment, she went to great lengths to scrub the internet of any trace of her antireligious invectives. But the records were captured before she was able to erase them. *Freedom* sheds new light on Silverstein's character and motives, making available a selection of Silverstein's antireligious pronouncements while serving as an international civil servant in UN employ.

Today, Silverstein channels her bigotry through her husband, Tony Ortega, an unemployed blogger who feeds antireligious propaganda to tabloid media. During his final employment, with the defunct *Village Voice*, Ortega profited from the child sex trafficking website Backpage.com, shut down in 2018 by law enforcement and its principals under federal indictment.



ARIELLE SILVERSTEIN

= BOZURI = SARAI

PROMOTING **“EVERYBODY DRAW** **MOHAMMED DAY”**

On Tuesday, May 12, 2011—in the middle of a work day at the United Nations—Silverstein posted under the pseudonym Bozuri: *“I’m planning on committing the crime of blasphemy on #MohammedDay, May 20. It’s good not to be living in Kuwait, Afghanistan or Saudi Arabia.”*

Six days later, on May 18, she posted: *“Draw Mohammad Day 2011 ... it makes me mad that the Muslim world reacts so violently to any stick figure named Mohamed [sic].”*

Such actions to deliberately mock and deride sacred aspects of a religion brought resentment and, contrary to the purposes of the UN itself, served to foment a more hostile environment. As is now well known, that hostility led to violence that eventually included the January 2015 *Charlie*



“THIS FIGURE
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IS CENTRAL TO
ISLAM, IS BEING
INSULTED REPEATEDLY
AND IT FEELS TO
THEM [MUSLIMS]
LIKE DELIBERATE
PROVOCATION.”

AKBAR AHMED
Chair of the
Islamic Studies Department
at American University
in Washington, D.C.

Hebdo massacre in Paris. Twelve died and 11 more were wounded in that tragedy—one widely condemned by Muslims and Islamic organizations.

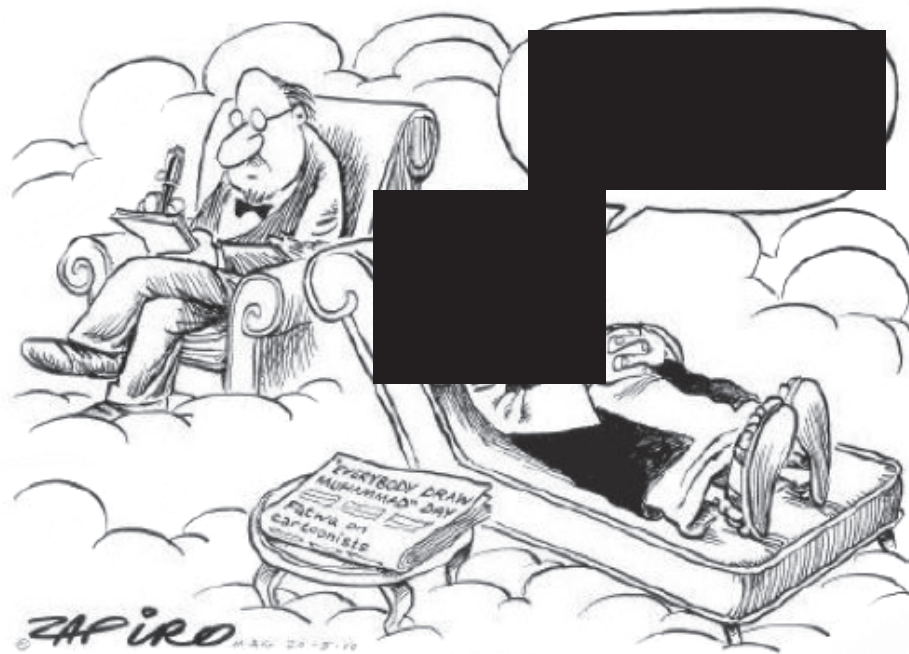
In the *Staff Rules and Staff Regulations of the United Nations*, the first item listed under “Core values” states: *“Staff members shall uphold and respect the principles set out in the Charter, including faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and*

worth of the human person....

Consequently, staff members shall exhibit respect for all cultures; they shall not discriminate against any individual or group of individuals or otherwise abuse the power and authority vested in them.”

In violation of such clearly worded policy, Silverstein propagated incitation to hatred and intolerance from within the walls of the United Nations headquarters and from her UN-subsidized home.

Yes, one of the funniest days of the year.
My personal favourite is Zapiro's cartoon. So funny, so spot on.



Silverstein, aka Bozuri, posted this cartoon on an Anonymous forum to promote “Everybody Draw Mohammed Day.” Editor’s Note: Out of respect for those of the Islamic faith we have covered the face and quote in this drawing.

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The Muslim society in general, not just in Iran, is very sexually repressed and has unhealthy attitudes towards sexuality, whether heterosexual or homosexual. Even the more developed Muslim countries (Dubai, Qatar, Turkey) are still incredibly hypocrite [sic] when it comes to sex.

BOZURI (ARIELLE SILVERSTEIN)

”

INCITING HATRED AGAINST MUSLIMS

Arielle Silverstein's hate campaign against the Islamic religion has not been limited to "Everybody Draw Mohammed Day."

She posts antireligious invectives on social media and in Anonymous forums where hate speech, racism and child porn are

primary topics. Hiding behind various pseudonyms, she has been, until now, comfortable and unrestrained, drawing a hefty paycheck from the United Nations, and receiving subsidized housing and other benefits while betraying the very purposes of that organization.

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Kuwait arrests a man for offending the prophet Mohamed [sic] on Twitter. Who knew that an illiterate desert dweller as Mohamed [sic] could read tweets?

BOZURI (ARIELLE SILVERSTEIN)

”

“

It has been part of the Muslim's [sic] belief, based on traditions, that the Prophet Muhammad was illiterate.

BOZURI (ARIELLE SILVERSTEIN)

”

“

Arab men ... think that the husband is always right and that they are allowed to beat up the woman. No thanks. Will never happen. And guess what? I'm making 100,000 thousand [sic] without having to endure a Neanderthal husband.

BOZURI (ARIELLE SILVERSTEIN)

”



Rabbi Marvin Hier, Dean and Founder
of the Simon Wiesenthal Center

“

*Rabbi Heir [sic] is an ass**** and
fame whore of the first degree.*

BOZURI (ARIELLE SILVERSTEIN)

”

“

*I now want the Simon
Wiesenthal Center
organization to cease to exist.*

BOZURI (ARIELLE SILVERSTEIN)

”

FURTHERING BIGOTRY AGAINST JEWS

Silverstein has variously referred to herself as an “atheist Jew” and a “heretic Jew.” Her deep-seated

hatred of religion and religious people extends to members of all faiths, including Judaism.

“

My dislike of the ultra-orthodox is so high, that I refuse to work with them on anything.

BOZURI (ARIELLE SILVERSTEIN)

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“

The ultra-orthodox are never defined as cults [even though they totally are].

BOZURI (ARIELLE SILVERSTEIN)

”

“

I like nothing more than explaining to religious people why I dislike God.

BOZURI (ARIELLE SILVERSTEIN)

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“

As if chanting some magic words ever helped anyone?

BOZURI (ARIELLE SILVERSTEIN)

”



“

Christians were really glorifying a torturous death and becoming martyrs. That's why many of them refused to convert. They thought there [sic] were going to heaven for sticking to the faith and dying painfully. Suckers!

BOZURI (ARIELLE SILVERSTEIN)

”

“

Whether it's the Hispanic preachers, Jehova witnesses [sic] or those crazy 'the end of the world is coming' people. They are all loud and crazy.

BOZURI (ARIELLE SILVERSTEIN)

”

FURTHERING BIGOTRY AGAINST CHRISTIANS

Silverstein's hate speech and denigration of sacred images is not limited to the Islamic religion. Under the name "Arielle Sarai" she posted an obscene comparison

of the image of Jesus Christ on the Facebook page of her father, Leon Silverstein, an Israeli land developer.



A degrading and insulting image Silverstein posted on Facebook.



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*We ruin the lives of
other people simply
because we can.*

ANONYMOUS

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SUPPORTING **ANONYMOUS** CYBERTERRORISTS



Arielle Silverstein is a supporter of Anonymous, the cyberterrorist group that states in a manifesto, “Right or wrong? No. We destroy for destruction’s sake.”

Anonymous has targeted blacks, Jews and Muslims with hate propaganda. It has attacked people of all faiths for their religious beliefs with a barrage of demeaning images and obscenities.

In recent years, Anonymous has mounted hate campaigns against selected targets with tactics that range from spreading obscenities and degraded imagery on the internet to massive attacks that render websites inaccessible. Anonymous members have infested the internet with postings encouraging suicide and murder, also engaging in cyberterrorism and more conventional forms of harassment such as bomb threats and vandalism.



Anonymous members use Nazi symbology to mock and disparage people for their beliefs or practices, reflecting the Nazi mentality that runs through the hate group's forums and websites.



Anonymous foments hatred against racial minorities, especially African Americans. Its members freely use the worst cultural epithets and stereotypes to attack blacks and their culture.



Like the Nazis in their propaganda of the 1930s and 1940s, Anonymous posts caricatures to denigrate Jews.

With her UN salary, Silverstein knowingly financed a fellow Anonymous member who has been repeatedly arrested for criminal acts. He prides himself for “suck[ing] in donations and spend[ing] them on booze, pot, crystal meth and more!”

This is what Silverstein had to say about this individual:

... Please be nice and send him some money for his legal defence [sic]. I did.

Bozuri

As Bozuri, Silverstein described her collaboration with an Anonymous hacker:

An Israeli hacker recently joined WWP [an Anonymous forum]. His name is TheOnlyOne. I'm in touch with him, he might get some info for us. He actually posted here, saying that he wanted to protest and was looking for others to join him in Tel Aviv.

Bozuri

Silverstein as Bozuri incited Anonymous to directly interfere with a religion:

And in case in the future anons would like to raid this table [a religious information stand] it was [address deleted].

Bozuri



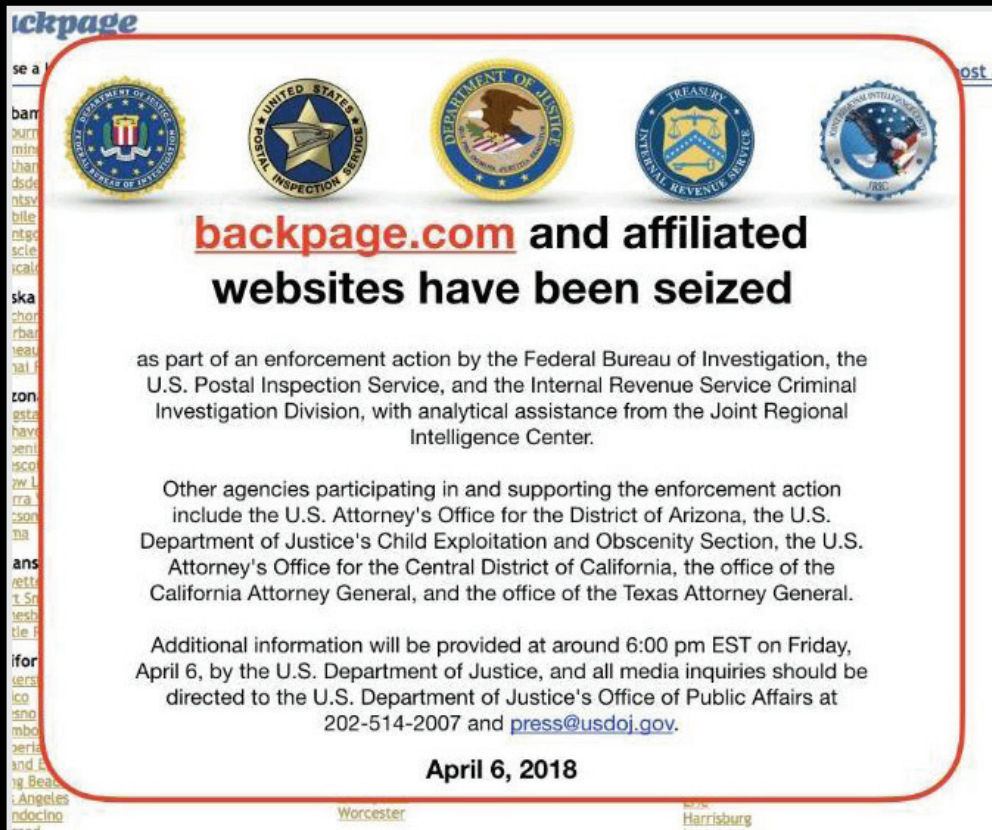
So far averting prosecution
in connection with Backpage.com
child sex trafficking at *Village Voice*,
Tony Ortega is now supported by
his wife, Arielle, with her United
Nations income.

ENABLING A SEX TRAFFICKING PROMOTER

For years, Arielle Silverstein's UN salary has supported not only her own campaigns of vilification, but those of her husband, unemployed blogger Tony Ortega. Like Silverstein, Ortega is a bigot and hater.

While working at *The Village Voice*, Ortega served as a principal defender of the sex trafficking website Backpage.com. A cesspool for sex ads for underage males and females, the site served as the cash cow that sustained not only Ortega and the dying *Voice*, but reaped huge sums for owners Michael Lacey and James Larkin.

Both owners were charged in a 93-count federal indictment for prostitution and money laundering and are awaiting trial. Federal authorities seized Backpage.com in 2018 and shut it down.



**“BACKPAGE
KNOWS THAT
IT FACILITATES
PROSTITUTION
AND
CHILD SEX
TRAFFICKING.”**

UNITED STATES SENATE
Permanent Subcommittee
on Investigations



“Backpage is involved in 73% of all child trafficking reports that the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) receives from the general public,” according to a 2017 U.S. Senate report titled *Backpage.com’s Knowing Facilitation of Online Sex Trafficking*.

Conspicuously, Ortega was not among those indicted. The owners had severed him from *Village Voice* in 2012 when his obsession with the most effective advocate against the sex-trafficking site—the Church of Scientology—was drawing too much attention to Backpage. Ortega was out. He received hush money to forget what he knew.

When the money ran out, Ortega was still unemployed and unemployable. His only income came from occasional pittances from tabloid media. In stepped Silverstein. Ortega’s attorney,

Scott Pilutik, described her as “a power behind the throne ... his tireless researcher and significant other, Arielle.”

Silverstein, of course, had already come out as an antireligionist, cut from the same cloth as her husband, when she posted as “Bozuri,” joined the cyberterrorist hate group Anonymous, and promoted “Everybody Draw Mohammed Day.” Given her own bigoted heart, Silverstein has no qualms about sharing her life, her prejudices and her income with Ortega.

But as an employee of the United Nations, her support of a religious hater provides yet another example of her flagrant violations of the UN’s humanitarian principles she ostensibly supports and the ethics codes she is committed to uphold.

“

The people I work for were smart enough to start Backpage.com.

TONY ORTEGA

”



“

Of course it’s about money. But it doesn’t make it illegal or wrong. A liberal like me strongly believes that prostitution should be legal.

BOZURI (ARIELLE SILVERSTEIN)

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BETRAYING THE **UNITED NATIONS** MANDATE

According to one internet source, CareerBliss.com, “United Nations Attorneys earn \$131,000 annually, or \$63 per hour, which is 47% higher than the national average for all attorneys ... at \$81,000 annually and 70% higher than the national salary average for all working Americans.”

Considering the long time she has been drawing a UN paycheck, Arielle Silverstein may be making more than \$63 an hour while posting her hateful and toxic tirades. As a UN employee, she enjoys other generous benefits as well.

Meanwhile, her position as “Ethics Officer” bestows upon her a trust for policing and upholding the internal rules and policies of the United Nations.



UNITED NATIONS ETHICS OFFICE



In that regard, revelations of Silverstein's true personality and disregard for ethics emerged when this self-described "highly educated" lawyer anonymously posted her views on due process and other aspects of the legal system.

On her view of the right to a fair trial, for example, Silverstein

posted this, strewn with obscenities, under her Bozuri alias: ***"I can't believe he survived in the first place. How the f*** did that happen? Why didn't the police shoot him? He will just agitate the victims' families. Nobody wants to hear his delusional s***. I hope he gets killed in prison before he ever gets to court. I hope he gets killed before he goes to court."***

Basic rights and obligations of staff

Core values

- (a) Staff members shall uphold and respect the principles set out in the Charter, including faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women. Consequently, staff members shall exhibit respect for all cultures; they shall not discriminate against any individual or group of individuals or otherwise abuse the power and authority vested in them.

Regulation 1.2 Basic rights and obligations of staff
Staff Rules and Staff Regulations of the United Nations



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Staff Rules

and Staff Regulations of the United Nations

Secretary-General's bulletin



TO COMBAT **BIGOTRY** AND TO INCREASE TOLERANCE AND UNDERSTANDING

Your Information Is Wanted

The United Nations has strict protocols to regulate staff conduct. Foremost among these is to “exhibit respect for all cultures” and to “not discriminate against any individual or group of individuals”:

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