

Ben Carson: I'd Vote for a Muslim, if He's an 'Infidel'

Dr. Ben Carson caused a firestorm of controversy when he said he "would not advocate that we put a Muslim in charge of this nation."

Last night, he clarified that he would vote for someone who believed in the God of Islam—as long as he did not believe that Sharia law should replace the Constitution.

"Now, if someone has a Muslim background, and they're willing to reject those tenets and to accept the way of life that we have [in America], and clearly will swear to place our Constitution above their religion, then—of course, they will be considered infidels and heretics—but, at least I would then be quite willing to support them."

The problem is that faithful Muslims "currently do not tend to operate the same way that our system does."

According to a poll released in June, 51 percent of American Muslims believe they "should have the choice of being governed according to" Sharia law.

Dr. Carson said that he opposes transforming the United States into a theocracy of any sort—even a Christian one. "If you're a Christian, and you're running for president, and you want to make this into a theocracy, I'm not going to support you. I'm not going to advocate you being the president," he said.