

Muhammad Cartoon Contest Organizer Pamela Geller Takes Campaign Nationwide

The foundation of a free society is based on free speech, something on which political activist and commentator Pamela Geller is forming a campaign.

Geller hit national headlines recently during her Muhammad Art Exhibit and Cartoon Contest in Texas, which drew literal shots fired from Islamic State agents on United States soil.

Now, she's supporting the launch of the American Freedom Defense Initiative ad campaign on public transportation in the District of Columbia.

"Drawing Muhammad is not illegal under American law, but only under Islamic law," Geller says. "Violence that arises over the cartoons is solely the responsibility of the Islamic jihadists who perpetrate it. Either America will stand now against attempts to suppress the freedom of speech by violence, or will submit and give the violent the signal that we can be silenced by threats and murder. ... We cannot submit to the assassin's veto."

The goal of the campaign is for Americans to see what the "cowardly" press is covering up because they're afraid of offending Islam.

AFDI Vice President Robert Spencer, though, says radical Islamists are already provoked, and the better decision would be for Americans to demonstrate consequences for Islamist actions rather than submitting to fear of offense.