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Sharron Angle: Muslim Law Taking Hold In Parts Of U.S.

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LAS VEGAS — U.S. Senate candidate Sharron Angle told a crowd of supporters that the country needs to address a "militant terrorist situation" that has allowed Islamic religious law to take hold in some American cities.

Her comments came at a rally of tea party supporters in the Nevada resort town of Mesquite last week after the candidate was asked about Muslims angling to take over the country, and marked the latest of several controversial remarks by the Nevada Republican.

In a recording of the rally provided to The Associated Press by the Mesquite Local News, a man is heard asking Angle : "I keep hearing about Muslims wanting to take over the United States ... on a TV program just last night, I saw that they are taking over a city in Michigan and the residents of the city, they want them out. They want them out. So, I want to hear your thoughts about that."

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Angle responds that "we're talking about a militant terrorist situation, which I believe it isn't a widespread thing, but it is enough that we need to address, and we have been addressing it."

"My thoughts are these, first of all, Dearborn, Michigan, and Frankford, Texas are on American soil, and under constitutional law. Not Sharia law. And I don't know how that happened in the United States," she said. "It seems to me there is something fundamentally wrong with allowing a foreign system of law to even take hold in any municipality or government situation in our United States."

Dearborn, Mich., has a thriving Muslim community. It was not immediately clear why Angle singled out Frankford, Texas, a former town that was annexed into Dallas around 1975.

Responding to the same question, she also drew comparisons between the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the Nazi Holocaust. She said the property owners behind the proposed Islamic community center near ground zero should move it in deference to the people who died there.

"There was, in Auschwitz, I think it was Auschwitz, it was at least a prisoner of war camp, where the Catholic Church owned some property and they were going to build a church there. They had every right to do it but they stepped aside and said, no, we are going to allow the Jewish people to

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make a monument because they lost lives," she said. "They had a responsibility to be sensitive to what had happened there and it is exactly the same thing as 9/11. Ground zero, we have a responsibility to be sensitive to the loss of a nation, to the loss of families, to the loss of life that happened there."

Angle seemed to be referring to a Roman Catholic convent at the Auschwitz death camp that Pope John Paul II ordered moved in 1993 in response to Jewish protests.

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Others, including the Anti-Defamation League, the nation's leading Jewish civil rights group, have evoked the relocated convent while voicing opposition to the mosque. But the ADL also has stressed that 9/11 and the Holocaust are separate, incomparable events.

Angle's campaign did not answer questions about her statements.

"I'm pretty sure that she did make it clear that there had been incidents in the news, but there is nothing widespread, and that we have freedom of religion in this country," said spokesman Jarrod Agen in an e-mail.

Ibrahim Hooper, a spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a Washington-based advocacy group, called Angle's statements "bizarre."

"This seems to be an example of incoherent bigotry. It is pretty clear that she has something against Islam and Muslims but she is so incoherent you don't know what she stands for," Hooper said. "The proper response would have been, 'American Muslims are citizens like anyone else. They are free to practice their faith,' not seeming to agree that Muslims are somehow seeking to take over."

Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly called Angle's comments "shameful." He said tea party groups inaccurately spread the word that his Detroit suburb was ruled by Islamic law after members of an anti-Islam group were arrested at an Arab cultural festival in June because a Christian volunteer complained of harassment.

"She took it as face value and maligned the city of Dearborn and I consider that totally irresponsible," he said. "If she wants to come here, I will take her on a tour. I will show her we follow the Constitution just as well as anyone else."

Angle, a Southern Baptist, has called herself a faith-based politician. Among her positions, she opposes abortion in all circumstances, including rape and incest and doesn't believe the Constitution requires the separation of church and state.

Angle is in a dead-heat race against Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, who has also said the community center, which would include a mosque, should be built elsewhere. A recent poll showed Reid and Angle tied in the high-profile campaign.

Reid's campaign said Angle's comments advances its ongoing campaign to portray her as outside mainstream America.

"The fact that Sharron Angle believes American cities have been taken over by militant terrorist organizations that are ruling our citizens under Sharia law shows a terrifying lack of connection with reality and a willingness to subscribe to conspiracy theories that demonstrates she's far too extreme and dangerous to represent Nevada in the U.S. Senate," spokesman Kelly Steele said.

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After all the absurd, ridiculous, outrageous things Sharron Angle has said and believes, if she can still defeat Harry Reid on November 2nd then there's just one question for Nevadans - Are you all nucking futs????

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Rather than this bogus sharia law argument, Americans really ought to be worried about being taken over by the likes of Sharon Angle

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Yeah, Sharon. Sorta like all those orthodox Jews trying to impose Talmudic law in the Crown Heights seciotn of Brooklyn, right?

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"The tragedy of our day is the climate of fear in which we live, and fear breeds repression. Too often sinister threats to the Bill of Rights, to freedom of the mind, are concealed under the patriotic cloak, of anti-[terrorism]."

- Adlai Stevenson

With but the single change of the word "communism" to "terrorism," Stevenson's words are remarkably prescient and appropriate for our present crisis of fear.

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Nevadans, please, PLEASE help us be done with this woman on November 2nd.

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Why don't we build an atheist/agnostic center there (ground zero)...leave all the religious garbage out? Call it "I don't know and neither do you"

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How dare you try to bring rational ideas into the political arena!

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This woman could be the inspiration for the Mose Allison song "Your Mind is On Vacation; But Your Mouth is Working Overtime".

Is there any connection between this woman's brain and her lips? It seems not.

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The scary part about this idiot woman is that her mind is doing the best it can. it's just not a very good mind.

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This lady makes some ridiculous statemen!

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Don't know about anyone else but, I sure will be glad when thE loonies are caged and this mess is over. These people are disturbing to my sensible nature.

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Koo Koo, Koo Koo

...must be top of the hour given Sharron Angle has emerged from her roost to chime in a new hour.

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"I'm not an old, experienced hand at politics. But I am now seasoned enough to have learned that the hardest thing about any political campaign is how to win without proving that you are unworthy of winning."

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...the answer should have been 'stop watching Glenn Beck and your problem is solved.'

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I guess the whole 'wall of separation between church and state' thing is a myth so long as it's your religion that's running the show.

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We can't stop laughing with those unintelligent bigots.

I feel that our nation is under siege. It is literally an onslaught on our democracy.

From the emp-tea party to the GnoP and most of the Christian conservatives, a new breed of frankly lying an uneducated candidates, are lining up, to claim power in our political landscape. What is the most infuriating, is that they lie, contradict themselves in almost total impunity. Faux-news and the rest of those deceivers are allowing them to fool a large number Americans. It is sickening.

Also, you have all those trolls, acting like happy fleas, jumping around HP and the country, on a mission to spread the lies of Faux-news and their existential #@tred of everything different than them. It is as if, they are truly the only possible future, it is as if they are truly the righteous children of gawd, judging, condemning, #@ting others, in the name of their...huh...maybe whiteouness. I don't know really.

The worst in this ongoing tragic tell, is that they are believing in this specific gawd, all there to take care of their needs and privileges, before opening the doors of heaven or paradise for them.

Jeez, I just got caught by a massive nervous LOL now.....

What is happening to this great country? Rhetorical question of course.

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