



## MUSLIM SOLIDARITY RALLY STATEMENT OF BELIEFS

### Our Mission:

Today, we refuse to be passive bystanders in the face of hate. There are those in our country, our campus, our community, who would deny Muslims their inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We will not allow these bigots to hold hostage human rights, on our campus, in our names. We stand together against racism, Islamophobia, and xenophobia. We stand together in the name of universal human rights. We stand together.

### On Islamophobia:

The descent into malice is gradual. It can be difficult to discern the point at which the transgressions laid against a population cease to be petty and enter the realm of the intolerable. But now is not a time of ambiguity. This is the time to act to support and protect our Muslim neighbors, friends, and professors.

### On Robert Spencer:

There are many things that we could say about Robert Spencer, but this event is not about him. The world will always have people who are filled with hatred, but this event is about love. We want to show our Muslim friends, classmates, professors, neighbors, and anyone else who is listening that we stand with them.

### On YAF at Gettysburg College:

It's disappointing that even those with access to the incredible education that Gettysburg College provides would rather immerse themselves in fear mongering than in facts.

### On Todd Green, Ph.D.:

We are grateful to Dr. Green for speaking with us, especially on such short notice. He is extremely well educated on the issues of Islamophobia, particularly as an industry. His talk provided us with more information as well as tools for combating Islamophobia.

### On the Gettysburg Administration:

Although we recognize that the administration's decision to allow Robert Spencer to speak here was a difficult one to make, it was still a choice. Gettysburg still could have said "No." We are grateful, however, for all of the support that the administration has provided to help us organize and orchestrate a successful event.

### Final Thoughts:

We urge you to think of the future. Do you want to look back and think, "If only I had done something, maybe things would be better?" Or would you like to know that you did everything within your ability to help? Stay strong, so that one day you'll be able to say that when they came for the Muslims, you said "Fuck no!"