بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

﴿وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَىٰ لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا وَمَن كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَٰلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ﴾

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# It Is the Deep State That Shapes America's Policies, Not the Parties Competing for Power

To spite Trump and his party, many observers in America and abroad celebrated the outcome of the midterm elections held on November 3, 2026, rejoicing at the Democrats' victory in gaining control of both the House of Representatives and the Senate. In the Senate, Democrats captured seven Republican seats in Texas, Kansas, Iowa, Ohio, Maine, North Carolina, and South Carolina, while retaining their two competitive seats in Georgia and Michigan. In the House of Representatives, they flipped more than twenty districts, including districts that had voted for Trump by substantial margins in the 2024 elections. We would like to clarify the following points concerning the elections and their outcome:

**First:** What concerns us about domestic American politics is, first and foremost, the relationship of these elections and their consequences to the Muslim Ummah and its causes throughout the world, including the Muslim community. These elections must therefore be assessed from this perspective. For it has been narrated concerning the circumstance of the revelation of the verses: ﴿الم (1) غُلِبَتِ الرُّومُ (2) فِي أَدْنَى الْأَرْضِ وَهُم مِّن بَعْدِ غَلَبِهِمْ سَيَغْلِبُونَ (3) فِي بِضْعِ سِنِينَ...﴾ **"Alif, Lam, Mim. The Romans have been defeated in the nearest land. Yet, after their defeat, they will be victorious within a few years…"** [TMQ Ar-Rum: 1-4], that the Persians had defeated the Romans, and that the Muslims desired a Roman victory because the Romans were People of the Scripture. The polytheists of Quraysh, meanwhile, desired a Persian victory because they shared with the Persians a lack of affiliation with a scriptural religion. Abu Bakr al-Siddiq therefore wagered on the truth of what the verses foretold. Abu Bakr al-Siddiq's attention to international political events thus stemmed from the perspective of Islamic creed and revelation, not from considerations of "benefits and harms" or "the lesser of two evils and the lesser of two harms," as some claim.

**Second:** It has become self-evident to observers that it is the deep state that governs America and determines the state's policies, represented by the owners of capital and giant corporations, regardless of the religion they profess. These people care less about who governs the country than about who serves their capitalist interests, which are based on plundering, robbing, and impoverishing peoples at home and around the world. Noam Chomsky, who is one of them, explained this when he said: "The two parties operate within a single economic and institutional framework and converge in protecting the financial system and corporate interests and in using American power. Consequently, a change in the ruling party does not fundamentally alter the direction of the state, as the two parties are wings of what he calls the 'Business Party'."

**Third:** The convergence of the two parties' policies, to the point of being identical, is evident in the practical implementation of the policies laid out for them, rather than in their false and misleading rhetoric, which is intended to steer voters toward the ballot boxes as though they were hypnotized. The two parties' position on the cause dear to the hearts of the Ummah, the blessed land of Palestine, confirms that both parties adopt the same policy of preserving the Zionist entity and providing it with unconditional financial, military, political, and media support. Following are examples on that:

**A.** In 2016, Barack Obama's Democratic administration signed a memorandum of understanding to provide the Zionist entity with $38 billion in military assistance over ten years. The agreement's term began in October 2018, during the presidency of Republican Donald Trump.

**B.** Trump recognized Jerusalem as the Zionist entity's capital in 2017, and the American embassy was moved there in 2018. When Democrat Joe Biden assumed presidency, his administration confirmed that it would not reverse either the embassy's relocation or the recognition of Jerusalem as the entity's capital. Under Trump, Washington used its veto in December 2017 against a draft Security Council resolution opposing a change in Jerusalem's status, following his recognition of it as the Zionist entity's capital. Under Biden, Washington used its veto on April 18, 2024, against a draft resolution

recommending that “Palestine” be granted full membership in the United Nations, despite twelve members voting in favor and Britain and Switzerland abstaining.

**C.** The Trump administration sponsored the normalization agreements of 2020, known as the Abraham Accords. The Biden administration did not abandon them; instead, it sought to expand the process to include Saudi Arabia through negotiations addressing American security guarantees and civil nuclear cooperation.

**D.** Drone strikes did not stop when the presidency passed from Bush to Obama. Indeed, from the time Obama assumed office up to that point, he authorized five times as many strikes as Bush had authorized during his second term. Anyone who thinks that the Democrats’ victory in the House and Senate will reverse Trump’s current policy of supporting the Zionist entity in the crime of genocide in the blessed land of Palestine or bring an end to the unjust war against Iran is deluded; unless the deep state achieves its objectives in the war it launched against Iran. The deep state brought Trump to power to carry out that war after taming him through the courts and the cases it brought against him, before accepting his credentials as the executor of those projects.

**Fourth:** The Muslim community has not been spared from what we see as the deep state’s conspiracies to influence and corrupt Muslim institutions and activists from within by providing political and financial support to certain activists seeking public office. These efforts seek to neutralize, mislead, and contain Muslims within what’s referred to as the democratic game, by publicly pledging to govern according to secular ideology and man-made laws rather than governance according to what Allah has revealed. This is reflected in the positions these activists have taken on issues such as the Zionist entity’s claimed “right” to exist in the blessed land of Palestine, the affirmation of LGBTQ members’ rights, atheists’ practice of faith, and so on. Despite Muslims’ knowledge that voting is impermissible, as it means authorizing someone to govern by something other than what Allah has revealed, whether that person is a Muslim or a disbeliever, and that this is definitively established in the words of Allah the Most High: ﴿أَفَحُكْمَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ يَبْغُونَ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ اللَّهِ حُكْمًا لِقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُونَ﴾ **“Is it the judgment of ignorance they seek? And who is better than Allah in judgment for people who are certain?”** [TMQ Al-Maaida: 50], and His swt words, ﴿إِنِ الْحُكْمُ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ﴾ **“Judgment belongs to Allah alone”** [TMQ Yusuf: 40]; and despite the majority of the Muslim community abstaining from elections because of their knowledge of the aforementioned and their allegiance to Allah, His Messenger, and the believers; despite all this, there are some fatawas declaring participation in elections to be obligatory, which contradicts what is definitively established in our noble religion, thereby leading to what is forbidden and ultimately to ruin.

The Muslim community has an essential, highly important role: to carry Islam as a message of light and guidance to all people, including common folks, politicians, and economists. Western civilization’s corruption and defects have become apparent and it has brought people misery, impoverished them, and killed them. The greatness of Islam, by contrast, treats the strong and the weak, the poor and the rich, equally. Islam safeguards people’s lives, honor, and property, unlike rapacious capitalism, which is founded on plunder, robbery, killing, and colonialism.

Explaining the true nature of Islam as a just system of life for people, as both religion and state, is the duty of the community and its Islamic institutions; not calling for life on the margins of capitalist politics, which dissolves the community into a lost society so that its members become lost along with it, and confines Islam to mosques as rituals of worship that do not extend beyond their thresholds!

﴿قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ تَعَالَوْا إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ أَلَّا نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ وَلَا نُشْرِكَ بِهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا أَرْبَابًا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقُولُوا اشْهَدُوا بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ﴾

**“Say: O People of the Scripture, come to a common word between us and you: that we worship none but Allah, associate nothing with Him, and that none of us take others as lords besides Allah. But if they turn away, then say: Bear witness that we are Muslims.”** [TMQ Aal-i Imran: 64]

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