

# Libel, Terrorism, and the Assault on Academic Freedom

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Brief Analysis

From London to Los Angeles, an increasing number of libel lawsuits have been filed against scholars researching the financial connections behind radical Islamist terrorism. This disturbing trend threatens to have a chilling effect on the important contributions that enterprising scholars can make to the work of law enforcement and intelligence agencies on a matter of pressing public interest. To discuss this critical issue, The Washington Institute hosted a special policy form with Judith Miller and Ruth Wedgwood.

Judith Miller is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and a former investigative reporter and Cairo bureau chief for the New York Times. She is currently an adjunct fellow at the Manhattan Institute; her article on this topic appeared recently in City Journal.

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