

## Kathy Sayad Zatari Presentation

On August 7, 2018, Kathy Sayad Zatari was part of a panel that participated in the Assyrian Martyr Day commemoration that was organized under the theme legacy of genocide and the Assyrians in Diaspora at CSU, Stanislaus.



The remarks of this retired lawyer were very disturbing for many who attended. It turned out that she had her own agenda to present on this somber occasion of the Simele massacre. Kathy politicized the subject, misled the public about the facts and then suggested solutions that were bizarre considering the Assyrians' circumstances and environment.

Kathy first attacked President Trump's administration and referred to it as the most racist and later turned around to praise Obama. I guess Kathy was asleep during ISIS atrocities against the Assyrians and Yezidis from 2014 to 2016. We know that the US has the most advanced satellite system in the world. The US intelligence were surely aware of ISIS's military movements and the none stop movements of ISIS caravans that were roaming the Raqqa (Syria) - Mosul (Iraq) highway with their black flags flying high. If so, why was it that Obama never bothered to stop ISIS's movements or better yet bomb those caravans? What did Obama do to help, protect and save the Assyrians and Yezidi from 2014 to 2016 while he was in office? Furthermore, Kathy seems to have forgotten that it was the Democratic Party leaders that supported the enslavement of Blacks. It was the Democratic Party that supported racism and the Dixie Klan in the South. She has forgotten that Blacks were predominantly

Republicans due to Lincoln and the Emancipation. The only reason why Blacks are predominantly Democrats today is because the Democratic Party leaders wanted the Blacks vote so in the 1930s they promised them a new deal that included retirement, and welfare programs.

As Kathy proceeded with her speech, she humiliated and degraded without exception all Assyrian male politicians who have Middle Eastern background, as she put it. I was shocked yet again by such general statement that is so unfair, hateful and bias. Are all the American and Western male politicians educated, worthy, fair and decent? Did she forget Bill Clinton? Did she forgot how he created a Muslim country in the heart of Europe? How could anyone declare that there were no decent and smart Assyrian politicians from Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Syria or Lebanon?

Then she suggested that Assyrians should pursue a goal that is achievable as she argued, which is to create something similar to the Indian reservations model. I am not going to elaborate on this silly suggestion. I will say though that this was a Kurdish suggestion for the Assyrians many years back. The suggestion was ignored. Also, we must consider that Kathy is married to an Israeli man so such suggestion perhaps was initiated from that connection.



It was unfortunate that there was no Q & A session during this presentation; therefore, many who were angry with her presentation did not get the chance to challenge her.

Kathy should have stuck with her grandmother's story which was what she was contacted to do without imposing her twisted personal political or national views where they did not belong, thus contaminating

the event with her unfair, uneducated and bias remarks. Pulling a fast one on the organizers and the event was unprofessional and sneaky.