

ROSANNA PULIDO (R)

Rosanna Pulido was the Republican candidate in the 2009 special election for the IL-05 Congressional seat. Pulido has been active in the anti-immigration community for years. She has strong connections to extremist groups, is the founder of the Illinois Minuteman Project, and was a field representative for FAIR. She has even been endorsed by the notorious Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa County, Arizona. Rosanna Pulido was also a regular blogger on immigration issues, often writing offensive and racist comments. [Blog, [Wonkette](#), accessed 4/8/09; [NBC Chicago](#), accessed 4/8/09]

Pulido is a Leader in the Anti-Immigrant Movement

Pulido Was A Field Representative For FAIR. Pulido was a field representative for the Federation for American Immigration Reform, an anti-immigration organization that has been labeled a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center. [[FAIR](#), accessed 4/8/09]

Pulido Serves as Spokesperson for Various anti-immigrant groups:

- FAIR's front group "You Don't Speak For Me." [[Illinois Minuteman Project](#), Pulido Congressional Testimony, 5/22/07]
- American Hispanics Against Illegal Immigration. [[FOX News](#), 9/12/07]

Pulido was touted as a voice of reason on the white supremacist website Stormfront.org
[Blog Post, [Stormfront](#), accessed 4/8/09]

Pulido is one of the founders of the Illinois Minuteman Project. [[NBC Chicago](#), accessed 4/8/09]

Pulido cites disturbing posts from fellow minuteman's website: angrywhitemale.com:

- Post: [Anti Christian Bigotry - NO WAY!](#) [Blog post, Free Republic, 2/12/04]
- Post: [SuperBowl Politics](#) [Blog post, Free Republic, 2/11/04]
- Post: [Wild Turkey \(of the Hillary type!\)](#) [Blog post, Free Republic, 12/7/03]

Pulido candidacy endorsed by Arizona's notorious Sheriff Joe Arpaio – currently under investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice for civil rights violations of Latinos. [[Pulido for Congress](#), 2/24/09; [MSNBC](#), 3/14/09]

Pulido's Xenophobic Quotes

Catholics

Pulido claims that Catholic Cardinal George is "responsible for every illegal immigrant that dies while crossing over the border here because he's luring them." [[WLS-TV](#), 3/21/09]

According to the Campaign for a United America at a forum at the Chicago History Museum Pulido said, "What better way to fill your pews and fill your offering coffers than with inviting in and giving sanctuary to illegal aliens?" [[Campaign for a United America](#), accessed 4/8/09]

Latinos

"Mexicans are the new Ku Klux Klan with the Tan!" [[NBC Chicago](#), accessed 4/8/09]

"It is so cultural to rip people off they do not see that it is wrong. It's culture."

[Blog post, [Free Republic](#), 12/1/07]

“It is a moral outrage that we are being taxed to death for people who are coming here. My father learned English because he wanted to, on his own.” [[Daily Herald](#), 11/19/07]

“I second the motion and I am of Mexican descent. It is my parents first language and it enrages me when I hear it.” [Blog post, [Free Republic](#), 12/12/07]

Muslims

Pulido says Muslims at prayer: “It reminds me of my dog, smelling butts.”

[Blog, [Wonkette](#), accessed 4/8/09]

Pulido Denounced for Extremist Views

Pulido denounced by Civil Rights Organizations for inflammatory and racist views.

Signers included:

- Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago
- Priests for Justice for Immigrants
- Council of American-Islamic Relations – Chicago
- Jewish Council on Urban Affairs
- Equality Illinois
- Loyola University NAACP

[[Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights](#), 3/31/09]

John Curry, the 32nd Ward Republican Committeeman denounces Pulido’s candidacy for the IL-5 Congressional Seat for her extremist views. “Pulido is on record as making groundless and reprehensible remarks, unworthy of a good citizen, disparaging the Cardinal of the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, gays, Mexicans, African Americans, and others.”

[[32nd Ward Republican Organization](#), accessed 4/8/09]

Muslim leader and York Township Trustee Moon Kahn Retracts Pulido Endorsement citing her “disturbing mindset” [[Progress Illinois](#), 4/1/09]

Conservative Blog RightNotWrong.com writes in reference to Pulido’s candidacy: “Candidates that have made comments bordering on racism do nothing good for advancement of the Republican Party.”

www.rightnotwrong.com