

A Brief Biography of Dr. Farid Younos

The most outspoken and independent thinker in the Afghan-American community, Dr. Farid Younos received his Doctorate degree in International and Multicultural Education and Islamic sociology from the University of San Francisco.

Doug McConnell, host of the "Bay Area Back roads" show on KRON-TV, calls him a "Strong force" and "Well known community leader." San Jose Mercury News calls him "A well known activist." Most of Afghans call him a "renowned speaker and author." He has been interviewed by major newspapers including New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, San Francisco Chronicle, Associated Press and radios such as, voice of America, Freedom Radio (Prague), and many other local and national media concerning Afghanistan.

He is an Afghan TV personality and celebrity who, with his controversial and novel ideas attracted millions of viewers in the Afghan community worldwide, as an advocate of women's rights. After the September 11th, Dr. Younos has responded by educating others about Islam and politics of Afghanistan. The University of San Francisco magazine calls him, "A prominent voice in the Bay Area of northern California." He is a co-author in "Asia in the San Francisco Bay Area," a publication of Asia Society and the author of "Gender Equality in Islam" published by 1st Books Library, 2002, and his recent book, Democratic Imperialism: Democratization vs. Islamization, 2008.

Dr Younos has been invited and sponsored numerous times by Afghans in Europe, Canada as well as in the US to speak about Islam and Afghanistan.

Dr. Younos is a lecturer of Cultural Anthropology and Human Development at the California State University-East Bay in northern California. He has been nominated by his students as "Outstanding Professor of the year 2008-09" at the California State University East Bay. He married Fowzia Younos in 1975, who is also a college teacher in the field of business management in the San Francisco Bay area. Dr Younos is very grateful to his wife who made enormous contributions in his career for the last 33 years.