**Nonie Darwish** ([Arabic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabic_language): نوني درويش‎; born 1949)[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nonie_Darwish#cite_note-LADN0605-1)[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nonie_Darwish#cite_note-Guard0507-2) is an Egyptian-American human rights activist and critic of [Islam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam), and founder of[Arabs for Israel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabs_for_Israel), and is Director of [Former Muslims United](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Former_Muslims_United). She is the author of three books: [*Now They Call Me Infidel; Why I Renounced Jihad for America, Israel and the War on Terror*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Now_They_Call_Me_Infidel;_Why_I_Renounced_Jihad_for_America,_Israel_and_the_War_on_Terror), [*Cruel and Usual Punishment: The Terrifying Global Implications of Islamic Law*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cruel_and_Usual_Punishment%3A_The_Terrifying_Global_Implications_of_Islamic_Law), and [*The Devil We Don't Know: The Dark Side of Revolutions in the Middle East*](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=The_Devil_We_Don%27t_Know:_The_Dark_Side_of_Revolutions_in_the_Middle_East&action=edit&redlink=1). Darwish's speech topics cover human rights, with emphasis on women's rights and minority rights in the Middle East. Born in Egypt, Darwish is the daughter of an [Egyptian Army](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egyptian_Army) lieutenant general, who was called a "[shahid](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shahid_%28martyr%29%22%20%5Co%20%22Shahid%20%28martyr%29)" by the Egyptian president [Gamal Abdel Nasser](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gamal_Abdel_Nasser%22%20%5Co%20%22Gamal%20Abdel%20Nasser),[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nonie_Darwish#cite_note-NRO1106-3) after being killed in a targeted killing by the [Israel Defense Forces](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel_Defense_Forces) in 1956. Darwish blames "the Middle Eastern [Islamic culture](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic_culture) and the propaganda of hatred taught to children from birth" for his death. In 1978, she moved with her husband to the United States, and converted to [Christianity](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity%22%20%5Co%20%22Christianity)there. In the aftermath of the [September 11, 2001 attacks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/September_11_attacks), she has written on Islam-related topics.[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nonie_Darwish#cite_note-NRO1106-3)