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For Katrina Lantos Swett, who chairs one of the two American agencies that are mandated to monitor religious freedom, life is full of pleasant and unpleasant surprises. On a trip to the Middle East a few weeks ago, she had a brusque encounter with a senior member of Egypt's new administration who adheres to the zealous Salafi reading of Islam. As the daughter of two holocaust survivors, Ms Swett told him of her personal horror over recently unearthed statements by Egypt's new President Mohamed Morsi, who in 2010 urged Egyptians to "nurse their children and grandchildren" on hatred for Jews and Zionists.

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