

## A NIGHTMARE COME TO LIFE

"A passionate activist and pro-Palestinian, professor Sami Al-Arian was charged with terrorism and held in prison without trial for two-and-a-half years. 'USA vs Al-Arian' is an intimate family portrait that documents the strain brought on by Al-Arian's trial, a battle waged both in court and in the media. A tight-knit family unravels before our very eyes as trial preparations, strategy and spin consume their lives. This is a nightmare come to life, as a man is prosecuted for his beliefs rather than his actions. Director Line Halvorsen presents democracy in a new light-in a post-9/11 culture of fear, "security measures" trump free speech and punishment is meted out in the name of protection." **HOT DOCS 2007**

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charges of terrorism  
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