

Islamophobia & Its Social Impact on Muslim World An Analytical Study

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Abstract:

Since many decades the account of intrigues, animosity and resentment against Islam and Muslims has been subsisting and perpetual. Anti- Muslim prejudice, bigotry, discrimination and social bias have become persistent problem rather escalating day by day on the base of their religion Islam which is viewed as an implacable and Archetypal Enemy for the West. Islamophobia has increased the level of this hatred and hostility against Muslim world. Thus, devil of Islamophobia has seized brazenly whole world in general and Muslim world in particular. Muslims have been increasing level of repression, verbal abuse, physical attacks, violent assaults, vandalizing, and exclusions from all economical, civic and social wings of life in most of the western countries. These Islamophobic countries are setting a trap to eject and exclude the Muslims from Islamic civilization by diffusing different inventions on one hand, while on the other hand these western nations are trying to abnegate, disown and demolish the foundation of Muslim Societies by strengthening Zionist means of transmission which are projecting and presenting the Muslim World as fanatic, fundamentalist, orthodox, primitive, savage and OTHER. By using the tool of Islamophobia, they are trying to hollow those social foundations of Muslims world which were laid by the Holy Prophet PBUH. Henceforth Muslim World is being entangled by the Western tricks of modernism, individualism, capitalism, racism, nationalism and materialism, which are putting havoc and drastic impacts on social life of Muslim Ummah. In this research paper it would be thrown light that how Muslims are being persecuted, discriminated and marginalized socially in the West, how they are being pushed in the bog of those inflated situations which are depicting Muslim Ummah as monolithic, terrorist, and great threat for western civilization? However, this research paper would also put forth some recommendations and suggestions for eliminating all dark veils of prejudices, resentments and negative stereotyping against Islam and Muslims.

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Introduction

It is undeniable fact and not veiled from any intellectual that, the boat of Islam since its inception has been surrounding by the gale and storms of external manipulation and conspiracies, which are bruising the Muslim world from all around whether it is Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Burma, Rohingya, Algeria, Kashmir or it is the confinement of America, France, Australia, Belgium, Demark, Spain, and China. Everywhere Islam and Muslims are being targeted. There was a time when Anti-Islam forces wanted to achieve their desired objectives by raising plethora of academic questions against Islam such as polygamy, divorce, veil, fornication, severe punishment in case of Fornication, theft,(whipping and cutting of hands) Otherness of Muslims and subjugation of the women etc. but the complicated knots of these all questions have been opened effectively in each era. As a matter of fact, as much it is tried to block the Light of Islam as much it brightens the world, this fact has been pointed out in such a way:

كَلَّمَا أَوْقَدُوا نَارَ الْغَرْبِ أَطْفَأَهَا اللَّهُ.¹

Every time they kindle the fire of war (against you), Allah extinguished it.

Henceforth, expansion of Islam was neither bearable yesterday nor today it is tolerable for all Islamophobes that's why since few decades some changed arrows are being thrown from the spiny arch of the satanic forces to snub Muslims which is being named as Islamophobia. In fact, the horrible surge of Islamophobia is not only uprising amidst the West but it is also being turned towards the Muslim World and as a tool is being used effectively to avert Muslims away from their faith by blurring the light of Islam and by creating the walls of suspicions around it. In fact, by using this tactic, the miscreant Zionists, fundamentalist Crusaders, orientalist, extremists Hindus and fanatic Buddhists want to bolt the doors of Islamic propagation whom they consider as 'Green Menace' and a great threat for their entity after communism.² Their malicious and negative perception has vividly been mentioned in Qur'an:

لَتَجِدَنَّ أَشَدَّ النَّعَاسِ عَدَاوَةَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَلَيْسَ الَّذِينَ أُشْرَكُوا³.

You will surely find the most intense of the people in animosity towards believers to be the Jews and those who associate others with Allah.

Even though the pages of history are filled with negative stereotyping against Islam and Muslims which though were initiated with the advent of Islam but the 21st

¹ . Al- Qur'an, 5:64

² . Aqliytoun k Haqooq Aur Islamophobia, Abdurashid , Agwaan, Islamophobia , Ruhjanat, Esraat, aur Teddaruk, (Delhi: Ifa Publications, 2011), 513

³ . Al-Qur'an, 5: 82

century shows that how Islam has become the “Center Stage”⁴ across the world in general and in the West and Europe in particular, especially after the planned drama of 9/11, which led way forcibly to present Islam before the world as “an illegitimate, Inferior and misplaced in the liberal Countries.”⁵ Hate mongers, detractors, political elites, dogmatists are coercively radiating and publicizing a thing that Islam has similarities with Nazism and Communism that is in spite of having incompatibilities with the West, it is intruding in their civilization, as Runnymede Trust Report presents those closed views of Islam and the Muslims which are common and prevailing across the West.

- Islam is a not a variable religion, it does not accept new theories because it is monolithic and passive against all facts and realities.
- Islam is old, separate, and primitive, and can neither affect other cultures and civilization nor it can compete with them.
- Islam is religion of aggression, terrorism, extremism, and fundamentalism as it supports brutality and indulges in the clash of civilizations.
- Islam is inherently inferior, sexiest and barbaric, it is not a religion rather a political ideology which is used just for political purposes.⁶

However such type of negative projection of Islām and Muslims is causing to accentuate Anti-Muslims hate crimes in the West which is disturbing Muslim community in all wings of life, if politically they are harassed and marginalized, economically they are lagged behind, if on religious and ethnical level they are degraded and derogated, socially they are targeted, assaulted and discriminated on public and private places.⁷ Thus, this paper exhibits a humble endeavor to analyze the inclusive and exclusive impacts of the moving wheel of Islāmophobia which is disproportionately crushing and persecuting Muslims on social level by leaving indelible marks, thereupon, the whole discussion would be reviewed on mainly in four parts; these are:

- Origin and Connotation of Islāmophobia relating to its background.
- Condensed description of disseminated causes behind Islāmophobia.
- Social impacts description on inclusive and exclusive level.
- Recommendations and Suggestions

⁴ . Helbling Marc, Islamophobia in The West, (New York: Rutledge, 2012), p. 17

⁵ . Ibid, p. 17

⁶ . Farah Elahi, Umer Khan. Runnymede Trust Report, Islamophobia, Challenge For us All UK, 2017, (originally published in 1997), p. 06

⁷ . Ibid, pp: 16

ORIGIN OF TERM ISLĀMOPHOBIA:

There are cluster of terms which have been coining by the Islāmophobes for expressing rigid conduct towards Muslims such as, Muslimophobia, Islāmofascism, Anti-Muslim Prejudice etc. but the widely used term is 'Islāmophobia'.⁸This term basically gained popularity from West, originated in 1910 from the French word Islāmophobie, which has not been adduced as 'Fear and Threat' in the contemporary meaning rather it was used in the meaning of as; "inimical, hostile and ill-disposed feelings towards Islām",⁹ But in print media this word was first time used in 1985 in English by Edward Said in an article, by relating the connection between 'Islāmophobia and Anti-Semitism',¹⁰ Then in late 1989, Islāmophobia term was used frequently after Iranian s' Fatwa against Salman Rushdi s' absurd book satanic verses, which drew the attention of the Western mass towards the reaction of Muslims, who were consequently labeled as Fundamentalist and Extremists in the repercussion of the "Freedom of Expression"¹¹ Explicitly this term was publicized globally after 1997 Report of Runnymede Trust, Islāmophobia Challenge For Us All, and gained wide popularity after increasing terrorism around the world which was ever connected with Muslims especially in the case of 9/11 event that depicted the Muslim World, "a suspicious community".¹²

However since, Islāmophobia word was used in printing, it encompasses that negative perception of Islām and Muslims, whether in the commencement of 19th century or late 20th. Henceforth, to fully understand that what is the mind set behind its dissemination, there is need to elucidate its connotation regarding its true cerebration.

DISSEMINATED FACTORS BEHIND ISLĀMOPHOBIA:

Though it is widely being considered that 9/11 and the global terrorist events are the pivot causes of Islāmophobia but the fact is not so which is being proclaimed.

⁸ . Carpenter, A.Markus ,Susan ,Conclave, Diversity, (New York: Intercultural Encounter and Education, 2013), p.164.

⁹ . H. Steven Moffic, John Peteet and others, Islamophobia and Psychiatry, (Switzerland: Springer, 2018, p. 17.

*. Frenando Bravo Lopez, Towards a definition of Islamophobia: Ethnic and Racial Studies, Taylor & Francis, Rutledge, 2010 p. 10.

¹⁰ . Said, W, Edward, Orientalism Reconsidered, Race and class, Sage Journals, Vol, 27, New York, 1985, p. 14.

¹¹ . Andrew Anthony, How One Book ignited a Culture War, the guardian.com, 10th Jan, 2009, 19: 01 EST, Retrieved on 1st Apr, 2020, from, <https://www.google.com/amp/s/amp.theguardian.com/books/2009/jan/11/salman-rushdi-satanic-verses>

¹² . *Mohammad Nimer*, Islamophobia and Anti-Americanism, (United State: Amana publications, 2007), p. 23.

The enmity of Europeans with Islām and Muslims, to enslave them, to capture their resources and to wipe out their civilization and culture are not a new phenomena because the strains of Islāmophobia has Centuries – go Long efforts of the opponents of Islām who ever wanted to wind off the doors of Islām.

At the time of the advent of Islām. Quraish e Makah started to create the fear of Islām, and intensified their intrigues, when they felt that Islām is expanding and influencing people rapidly. By having prejudice against new rising religion Islām, they gathered in Dār-un- Nadwa for plotting and stereotyping against Islām and Muslims by weaving the net of false impressions, misconception and delusions against Muḥammad (SAW) so they started to warn each tribe that “among us appeared a man who claimed to have prophet hood, even he is a poet and a magician, because he speaks such enchanting words which seem just a magic, he creates dissension and disruption among relations, so don’t listen to him”, and whenever Prophet Muḥammad (SAW) started to recite the verses of Holy Qur’ān, they clapped their hands, made noise and diverted the attention of the people by stopping them to listen the sacred verses of Qur’ān,¹³ their mischievous act has vividly been mentioned in Qur’ān:

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَا تَسْمَعُوا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ وَالْغَوْا فِيهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ¹⁴

And those who disbelieve say, “Do not listen to this Qur’ān and speak noisily during (the recitation of) it that perhaps you will overcome.

That was indeed the demonstration of Islāmophobia which the enemies of Islām have had in their heart. However, in the present era by this planning the West is trying to ensure the world by beating the drum of Islāmic Terrorism so that people start considering, Islām is a religion which promotes terror instead of peace, sectarianism instead of brotherhood, intolerance instead of tolerance, disintegration instead of reconciliation, it is the promoter of ignorance and subjugation. The fact is that their real phobia is phobia of religion Islām, as Samuel Huntington asserts that:

Today the real problem that West is confronting is not Islāmic Fundamentalism, rather Islām itself, which is indeed an alien and strange religion.”¹⁵

Having malicious designs for subduing Islām and distorting its image in one hand, while on the other hand for gaining their satanic economic interests what is the

¹³ . Mubārakpurī, Ṣaḥī ur Rahmān, Moalāna, Ar-Raḥīq ul Mahktūm, (Beirut: Dār Aḥyaa Ut Turāth, 1976), p. 349.

¹⁴ . Al Quran, 41:26

¹⁵ . Huntington, Samuel P, The Clash of Civilization and the Remaking of World Order, (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1996), p.66.

politics behind Islāmophobia campaign can be described by the words of Armstrong who describes the cause of the adherence of the Western societies towards the Muslim World:

It is seen that in Persia and Byzantium the reasons of earliest victory were political not religion which were gained after the demise of the Prophet SAW___ Muslim extremism and intolerance were due to the tenacious political problems, oil, Palestine, subjection and domination of Muslim lands and overcoming of despotic regimes in the Middle East and above all the double standard of the West.”¹⁶

The above remarks of Karen Armstrong clearly point out towards the strings of those political and economic causes which were spread in the Muslim World by the net of globalization for gaining and reaching at their desired objectives. As such today the rising Anti-Muslims hate crimes are not an outcome of sudden incident, rather its succession is bound with those protocols of Zionists which were prepared in 1897, for the accomplishment of their dream of Greater Israel as it has been revealed by those secrets' protocols of the Jews which they planned for ruling over the world:

If we want to complete our objectives, then it is necessary to terminate the importance of all religions by destroying and eradicating the roots of the divinity and spirituality from the minds of all non-Muslims.¹⁷

Their remarks unveil that this type of resentment, partiality and biased conduct towards Islām is not the creation of few years rather behind this hatred there lies those Zionist untiring efforts which cultivated the poisonous seeds of bigotry towards Islām far before 9/11 attack, indeed that was mainly based on those causes behind dissemination of Islāmophobia which were also exposed by Karen Armstrong: such as;

- For becoming the world policy maker to get access of Oil of the Middle East
- For Dominating Palestine, to assist Crusaders against Muslims
- For Occupation of Muslim Lands, the appearance of Christians as their so-called supporters.

And for attaining their objectives they have been using the tools of Print and Electronic Media biased books and literature which are considered the main source of getting information about Islām and the Muslims in the Universities and

¹⁶ . Armstrong Karen, We Cannot afford to maintain ancient prejudice against Islam, 17th Sep 2006, The Guardian, Retrieved on 12th Sep, 2019, from:

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/amp.theguardian.com/commentisfree/>

¹⁷ . Ibid; Yahya Khan Muhammad, *Yahoodi Protocols*, 2014, p. 21.

Libraries of Europe and America, comprised on negative depiction about them. Among these books are include:

- The Islāmīc Encyclopedia, by Montgomery Watt
- History of Arab, by Philip K. Hitti,
- An Introduction to Islāmīc Laws, by Joseph Schacht,
- Islāmīc Theology and Law, by Goldziher

Islām & The Modern World”, by Gold E. Smith, in which the drastic and horrible picture of Islām and Muslims have been drawn besides by sketching the sacred Figure of Muḥammad SAW and other Prophets in a derogatory and wrong ways. Indeed a Roman malicious hateful Theophanous The Confessor became the instigator of creating all myths and bosh by writing an impudent biography in 780CE, about The Prophet SAW and his that book was started to acknowledge as the main source for all descendants who carried on writing obscenities against the sacred figure of The Holy Prophet SAW.¹⁸

In fact, all bashing literature and behind Media, there is a Jewish planned propaganda which paved way for stopping the peoples' adherence towards Islām. Through biased print and electronic media, they are still intensively discerning and figuring out Islām and Muslims as the main springs and source of prevailing global Violence and Terror, as Andrew Shryock writes:

*“Even before 9/11 there has ever been existing a link between Islām and terrorism which was becoming more stronger with every new day because the prominent enemies represent themselves as Muslims”.*¹⁹

Thus such type of rhetoric and stance are creating fear of Muslims, Sharia'h,, Jihad and Islāmīc symbols, as these are all misrepresented. Moreover, the increasing population of Muslims in the West has also been becoming a bone of depression and phobia for them that Muslim World would prevail, take over western civilization and become a threat for their entity, as Muḥammad Duhan writes about the fear of the West due to the rapid expansion of Islām since its origin:

شيئا من الخوف يجب أن يسيطر على العالم الغربي، ولهذا الخوف أسباب منها: أن الإسلام منذ ظهر في مكة لم يضعف عددياً، بل دلماً في ازدياد واتباع، ثم إن الإسلام ليس ديناً فحسب بل ان من أركانه الجهاد، ولم يتفق قط أن شعباً دخل في الإسلام ثم عاد نصرانياً.²⁰

It is rational if the Western world feel fear, as this fear is because of some causes in which the most important is that, since Islām appeared in Mecca its adherents

¹⁸ . Oriya Meqbool Jaan, Islamophobia , Awaaztoday.com, Retrieved on 21st. Sep, 2019, from: <http://www.awaztoday.pk/singlecolumn/68856/2019/o4/23>

¹⁹ . Shryock Andrew, Islamophobia Islamophilia, Beyond the Politics of Enemy and Friend, (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2010), p.19.

²⁰ . Muhammad Edduhan, Muhammad, *Qawi, Essher, Muttihalifa*, (Cairo: Darul Wafa, 1988), p.22

are constantly increasing, rather this Religion is expanding constantly. Then Islām is not only a religion rather JIHAD is one of the main components of Islām. And it does never happen, after embracing Islām any nation, turn back towards Christianity.

However, for subduing this Phobia all Islāmophobes are taking strict measures and burning their midnight oil to suppress Muslim World, somewhere in the guise of so-called redeemer and helpers, they are rusting their civilization and silently killing them by sowing the seeds of globalizations, westernization and by entangling slumbered Muslim in materialism and somewhere on the name of countering terrorism they are massacring Muslim Ummah. While in the West, these Islāmophobes are compressing and pressurizing Muslims by imposing divergent restrictions. In this regard a scholar Abu Suleiman has described the present condition of the Muslim world in these words:

*“They are often controlled and abused by external powers, the Muslim World is in state of crises .”*²¹

How the rising Islāmophobia and its disseminated factors are impacting the Muslim World, can be well described in its internal and external aspects; the detail is as below:

SOCIAL IMPACTS OF ISLĀMOPHOBIA IN THE WEST

It is seen that in Western countries, comprising on the advanced nations of Europe and America in special and other areas of the world in general, the surge of Islāmophobia has become so extreme that due to this people even having appearance like Muslims are persecuted, suspected and treated badly. On a large scale Anti-Islāmic campaigns started to attack Mosques, burn Qur’ān, humiliate and derogate the Prophet SAW Desecrate graves, persecute the Muslims by verbal and physical attacks, persistent bullying and pinging in different countries of the West as in France, Belgium, Denmark, America, Belgium and New Zealand Anti-Muslims acts are on rise. In this regard European Islāmophobia Report (EIP) which covers almost all the Europeans Continents from Russia to Portugal and from Greece to Latvia, vividly expose the hostile disposition and negative conduct of the West towards Muslims:

“Degradation and depreciation of the Muslims has become the routine matter as such the vocal and the verbal animosity has turned into physical animosity which Muslims are bearing in everyday life spending in schools,

²¹ . Abdul Hamid A. Abusulayman (1994), Towards a Islamic Theory of International Relation, New Direction for methodology and thought, Herdon, The International Institute of Thought

*the workplace, in Mosques, transportation and in the local areas as in the streets”.*²²

Therefore, the external impacts which Muslims are going through socially have been categorized as:

DISREGARD AND VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE MUSLIMS

The chain of adverse circumstances is being tightened around Muslims to destroy and disintegrate them from all sides. From Guantanamo to the imprisonment of Abu Gharib

the human rights and dignity has been trampled. These stances of Islāmophobia are rusting the lives of Muslims at such an extent that they are finding it hard to retain their Islāmic entity among the Pharaohs of the present world. It is seen:

*“Islāmophobia is turning into a premier challenge for ensuring the Social Peace and Co-existence of different cultures, religions and ethnicities in Europe .”*²³

Though Muslims are in 1 billion, they constitute 25% of the world population²⁴, and increasing in number day by day but despite of this fact they are being constructed as “Other”. By pointing out Islām, its opponents are discriminating, persecuting, annihilating and targeting Muslims by pushing them away from all circles of life. In fact, this rising wave of Islāmophobia is putting havoc impacts on Muslims not only to those who are residing amidst the West rather having far of consequences as it is engulfing the Muslims in Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Algeria, Burma Yemen, Kashmir, and other areas of the world. Most of the Muslim countries are being occupied by non-Muslim communities, Palestine, Chechnya, Bosnia and Kashmir are vivid instance of imperialistic forces who have been massacring, humiliating and oppressing poor innocent unarmed Muslims, who are becoming the victims of the violation of human rights. Chechnya people have no right to choose the place of their residence, this nation was attacked for fifty years by Russia, in 1994, Russia brought the death of about 80.000 Chechnya Civilians. While in Bosnia genocide the violation of human rights by the hands of Serbs in 1990, was vicious and blatant, as they have been torturing, murdering, raping, sexual assaulting, robbing and massacring hundred of the civilians. Same brutality and inhuman conduct is happening with the Palestinians, about whom Jews said:

²² . Enes Bayrakl, Hafeez Farid, European Islamophobia Report Istenbul Turkry, 2017, p.358.

²³ . Ibid, p.07.

²⁴ . Britannica Book of the Year, Houghton Mifflin Co, Boston , New York, 1996, 49/ 164

*“For the expansion of Jewish settlement, these Cockroaches should be collected and expelled from the country”.*²⁵

As such instead of saving human rights, the acts of prejudice, fanaticism, discrimination, marginalization, and intolerance are rising against Muslims, wherever they are living, becoming the prey of increasing Islāmophobic incidents which are adversely impacting their lives. On the name of counterterrorism, their rights, lives, sanctity and their ethnic values are being crushed. Indeed, what was the criteria of bigotry and prejudice prevailed in the time of *Abū Jehl*, and *Abū Lehb* that is still hunting Muslims, Islāmophobes have changed their form of assault but not their intention they are with the same old rivalry and old intentions as

تَشَابَهَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ²⁶

all bigots have same hearts.

ANTI-MUSLIM HATE CRIMES:

The sadistic term Islāmophobia is not only becoming the cause of trampling of Muslim rights rather this wrath and hostility is tightening the social circle of Muslims by affixing them suspicion community and spies which is also leading to their detention, expulsion and persistent harassment on social sectors rather they are being resembled with Nazis that is why it is common to note that Anti- Semitism and Xenophobia has turned into another name, that is Islāmophobia.²⁷

Hijāb or head scarves restrictions and ban has become common, in France, Germany and in other areas of the West, this *Hijābophobia* is crudely impacting the Muslim women who are victimized significantly. Women and students in *Hijāb* and veil are disproportionately taunted, assaulted and often labeled and called on with different offensive names such as terrorist and bank robber. In this regard the rigid remarks of Michael Savage Rabble Rouse are noted, as he says whenever he sees any woman, in veil or in Burqa, she reminds that hateful Nazi who wants to kill, scares and threat your children.²⁸

²⁵ . Sa'idah Lutfiyan Dr, Human Rights in Practice: The Violation of The Muslims Rights Throughout the World And the Position of the United Nation- Al-Islam.org Retrieved on 2nd April, 2020 from:

<https://www.al-islam.org/islamic-views-human-rights-viewpoints-Iranian-scholars/human-rights>

²⁶ . Al-Quran, 2:118

²⁷ . Lindsey Green, Islamophobia: The New Anti-Semitism? Human Action, Amsterdam, 2008, Retrieved on 29th March 2020, from:

<https://www.humanityinaction.org/knowledge-detail/islamophobia-the-new-anti-Semitism/>

²⁸ . Fair Smear casting: How Islamophobia spread Fear Bigotry and Misconception, oct, 2008, Retrieved on 2nd Sep 2019, from:

<https://www.democracynow.org/2008/10/17/smearcasting-how-islamophobes-spread-fear-bigotry>

There are other problems that Muslims are facing because of, practicing their religion, according to the report of Tell MAMA, after 9/11 Anti Muslims hate crimes are accentuating in the West and Europe speedily, where brown skin, bared, hijab, scarves and Asian articles of wearing and food requirements are perceived as threat.

Women on large scales are targeted as approximately 61% Islāmophobic accidents are related to veiled women, as they are taunted due to wearing scarves rather in transport these are pulled off. However, 75% victims of Islāmophobia are Muslims who are harassed online as well.²⁹

This shows their intolerance and fanaticism towards Muslims, who are merely seen to be as “Perpetrator”. Though in contemporary era, most of the generation of the West is unaware about the true teachings and essence of Islām but an atmosphere of malice and resentment towards Islām and fear of it, is being transformed from generation to generation. Moreover, it has become difficult to get Halal foods, separate schools for children, buying any property or finding a place for settlement. Thus, Islāmophobia is putting drastic and radical impacts on Muslims, especially on women and students on a large scale, they are snubbed, slurred, bullied, pinched, harassed, and tortured by calling with different labels, such as, Terrorist uncivilized and Radical Islāmists. According to MPACs’ leaders: (Muslim Public Affairs Council):

The rising trend of Islāmophobia has made Muslim an ill-treated and oppressed minority and this negative attitude was existed even 5 years before 9/11³⁰

DEROGATE & RIDICULE THE SACRED FIGURE OF THE PROPHET ﷺ

Freedom of expression is neither unconstrained in Islām nor it can spread derogation, slander, ridicule and hostility, as it has been said in Qur’ān:

وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا³¹.

And speak to people good words.

While in other verse the freedom of expression has been interpreted as:

وَاجْتَنِبُوا قَوْلَ الزُّورِ³².

And avoid false statement.

²⁹ . Peter Hopkins, Eight Ways that islamophobia operates in everyday life, 11th Oct 2016, Retrieved on 19th July,2019, from:

<https://theconversation.com/eight-ways-that-islamophobia-operates-in-everyday-life-6444>

³⁰ . Meira Svirsky, Islamophobia, A Strategy Devised Before 9/11, 12th June, 2013, Retrieved on, 6th July 2018, from <https://calrionproject.org>

³¹ . Al-Quran 2: 83

³² . Al-Quran 22: 30

While in European societies the right of freedom of expression is unenforceable, but for these limitations are fixed there. But they acquire duplicity and make two sets of rules It was not allowed to publish, or to write anything against Holocaust. In 2005 The world-renowned author Ernst Zundel was detained from Canada for denying Holocaust,³³ while in 2006 a historian David Erving was imprisoned for three year because of writing 2nd world war history,³⁴ another priest was fined 12000 pounds for denying Holocaust. While on the other hand it is seen that these double standard Islāmophobes openly and publically derogate Islāmīc Symbols, Islāmīc figures and even draw impertinent sketches of Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ on the name of freedom of expression they humiliate Muslims by hurting their emotions and affiliation with their Faith, Islāmīc Symbols and especially with their beloved Prophet Prophet Muḥammad SAW³⁵ In this regard Peer Muḥammad Karam shah accounts:

Crusaders were fully aware of this fact that the secret of Muslim success does not lie in the strength and boldness of any ruler rather their success lies in the teachings of their Faith and the center of their strength is Gunmbd-e-Khiḍrā (the dome over Prophet Muḥammad PBUH mausoleum in medina) from where they get new spirit, so there is just one way to weaken, shake and hollow their affiliation with their faith and that is to cut their knot with their CENTER ISLĀM.³⁶

As a matter of fact, in Europe, the Muslims are among those who abhorrently become the victim of Islāmophobia. The propagation by Media, political leaders and Western scholars are fanning and accentuating this phenomenon and subsequently in wrath and grudge the mass is degrading and trampling the sanctity of the sacred figures and symbols of Islām. As such on the name of this freedom of expression, they are openly vilifying and damning Islām.

DESECRATION OF THE GRAVES & BURNING OF MOSQUES AND QUR’ĀN:

Literally in Europe, Muslim communities are in divergent farms, they are from various Parts of the Muslim World, as they are Turks, Kurds, Moroccans,

³³ . Kate Connolly, Holocaust denial writer jailed for 5 years, 16th Feb 2007, Berlin, the Guardian. Retrieved on 3rd Apr 2020, from: <https://www.google.com/amp/s/amp.theguardian.com/world/2007/feb/16hoistorybooks.secondworldwar>

³⁴ . CBC NEWS, British historian to 3 years for denying Holocaust, 2nd Feb 2006, Retrieved on 4th Apr 2020, from: <https://www.google.com/amp/s/amp.theguardian.com/world/2007/feb/16/historybooks.secondworldwar>

³⁵ . Islamophobia, Esbaab Esraatm Tedaaruk, 2003, Hadees e Shoq.com. Rtived on 2nd Apr 2020, from: <https://www.hades-e-shoq.blogspot.com/2015/09/islamophobia.html?m=1>

³⁶ . Al- Azhri, Peer Muhammad Karm Shah, *Zia-un- Nabī SAW*, Vol. 06, p.81.

Pakistanis, Somalis, Bangladeshis, Afghans, Iraqis, Iranians, etc, all are perceived the part of criminal ideology, they are of the view that 'all Muslims are contradictory, incompatible and mismatched with their legal order'; an Italian Froze Italia MP notified that 'Muslims are like spreading dangerous cancer who are polluting their land, as such they are radical activists who want to wage a holy war in the west. Moreover, Swiss SVP MP Oskar Frey singer expresses his wrath against the minarets by saying that, the minarets are an emblem and sign of offensive and political Islāmand symbol of Islāmic law. If there would be more minarets in Europe, then it means that Islām would become forceful and take over it.³⁷

The OIC Secretary General expressed his lamentation over the prevailing impacts of Islāmophobia in the West which are creating a dispersed social set up by besetting the life of Muslims. As he said that:

In the relation with the non –Muslims Muslims are bearing and passing through a tough time as they have to endure stereotyping, religious defamation, marginalization, discrimination slander and backstabbing on individual to communal level. It is strongly felt that in the West, Islām and their sacred symbols are targeted by these campaigns.³⁸

The radical marginal groups who believe that it is necessary for their freedom of speech to insult and target Muslims and hurt them by humiliating and vilifying their sacred symbols. The desecration of Muslim graves, in Austria, Crimea and France, the burning of Qur'ān and Mosques profanation, restriction on Minarets incidents are breaking through the West and Europe in special and other areas of the world in general, this scenario is impacting their social life because in such atrocious incidents hundreds of the Muslims become the victims of fanatic white-supremacists who do not endure the presence of brown race in their societies.

Tell Mama, a British group monitors anti- Muslim incidents puts a report of anti-Mosques crimes, that across the country almost 100 Mosques and Islāmic Organizations were the target of Anti-Muslims attacks. Most of the Anti-Mosques incidents include vandalism, arson, ban on Mosques, minarets, petrol bombing, smoke bombing, use of pigs' heads, threats and abusing the worshippers has become common in Austria California, France, Britain and in Belgium.³⁹

³⁷ . 1st OIC Report, Kampala Republic of Uganda, June 2008, p.19. retrieved on, 30th April 2019 from: <https://www.oic-oci.org/PDF>

³⁸ . Ibid: 1st OIC Report, p.08, retrieved on , 30th April 2019 from <https://www.oicoci.org/PDF>

³⁹ . James R. Martin, Anti-Muslim Activities in the United States, New America, Retrieved on 4th April 2020, from: <https://www.newamerica.org/in-depth/anti-muslim-activity/>

As such it has become difficult for them to save from the social annihilation, distrust, social interaction and social cohesion even despite of living there since generations, social violence and unrest is suppressing and lingering over them.

MARGINALIZATION IN EMPLOYMENT & WORKPLACE:

Derogatory remarks are not merely limited to social public areas rather on workplace and educational wings Muslims have to listen rigid labels and remarks like Islām is the lower culture, Muslims are backwards, and their children are called Usama as such they have become the mark of fear and Otherness. In America and Europe the Immigrants and rising population of Muslims especially from Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq and Pakistan have become a political- economical debate receiving negative attitude, as it is perceived that these refuges, asylum seekers and immigrants are not only integrating with their secular societies, rather a burden on their economy. Moreover, due to the repression of their economy the ratio of unemployment is increasing day by day they have to face marginalization in workplace and difficulties in job hunting, consequently, they have to do such jobs which the natives of those secular countries do not like to do. Moreover, it is seen that Muslims are being considered a great challenge to stabilize and to make stagnant the socio-economical condition in the West.

*A large number of people of France, Italy Poland, Greece and Hungary are of the view that Muslim refugees and immigrants are taking their jobs and social benefits as well and in this way, they are not only impacting their economy but also have become a burden over it”.*⁴⁰

In fact, Western religiosity and Islāmophobic campaigns are increasing Anti-Muslims hate crimes and pursuing Muslim community like an elf by targeting them. Even the Muslim minorities of India and Rohingya who are deprived of citizenship and are compelled to leave their country, are not free from this partiality. Islāmophobia is well observed individually and collectively, if on individual level the Muslim community is harassed then collectively, they are marginalized and lagged behind in case of finding jobs, and unequally interviewed due to their Islāmīc marks as Hijab, veil, Beard and names. It is seen that Europe has divided Islām into many phobias, by scaring the world from Islām and proving it a source of terrorism that if it would prevail over the world then liberation, democracy, the rights of the women and pace of science and technology would be stagnant and rusted ⁴¹As such the malice and their anti- Muslim hatred has vividly been accounted in Qur’ān in these words:

⁴⁰ . Nicolas Wild, Migrant and their Descendents: Guide to Policies for the Well-Being of All in Pluralist Societies, Council of Europe, Dec 2010, p.27.

⁴¹ . Ibid ,1st OIC Report, pp: 21 retrieved on, 30th April 2019 from <https://www.oic-oci.orgPDF>

لَا يَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ خَبَالًا وَكُؤَامًا عَيْنَتْهُ⁴².

They would spare no pain to ruin you, they love to distress you.

Indeed, the opponents never leave any way to exploit Muslims as the above description show these were the External Islāmophobic pins which are being pricked to Muslim Ummah across the West in special and other parts of the world in general as in India, China Burma where they are constantly being persecuted, targeted, and outraged. Besides, the succession of satanic Islāmophobic campaigns is impacting Muslim Ummah internally, where they are succeeding to victimize them, ethnically, by fixing their claws on Muslim World with the support and favor of those allies who have become stooge rulers. Due to their sheer negligence and partly due to their lust for power is disrupting the foundation of Islāmīc culture and Islāmīc civilization. Overall, from all sides, satanic forces are never letting any way to put down the caravan of Muslims internally and externally. This state has been best described in this Ḥadīth:

عَنْ ثَوْبَانَ، قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: «يُوشِكُ الْأُمَمُ أَنْ تَدَاعَى عَلَيْكُمْ كَمَا تَدَاعَى الْأَكَلَةُ إِلَى قَصْعَتِهَا، فَفَعَالَ قَائِلُونَ مِنْ قَلَّةٍ نَحْنُ يَوْمَئِذٍ؟ قَالَ: بَلْ أَنْتُمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ كَثِيرٌ وَلَكِنَّكُمْ غُثَاءٌ كَغُثَاءِ السَّنْبِيلِ وَلَيَنْزِعَنَّ اللَّهُ مِنْ صُدُورِ عَدُوِّكُمْ الْمَهَابَةَ مِنْكُمْ وَلَيَقْذِفَنَّ اللَّهُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمُ الْوَهْنَ، فَفَعَالَ قَائِلٌ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَمَا الْوَهْنُ؟ قَالَ: حُبُّ الدُّنْيَا وَكَرَاهِيَةُ الْمَوْتِ.⁴³

Narrated by Thawbān: The Prophet SAWW said: “The nations will soon invite one another to devour you, just as dinners are invited to a dish”. It was said, “Will be because of our small number on that day?” He said, “No, rather you will be many on that day, but like the foam on the river. And Allah will remove the fear of you from the hearts of your enemies, and will cast weakness into your hearts”. Someone said, “O Messenger of Allah, what will this weakness be?” He said, “The love of this world, and the hatred of death”

Therefore, it cannot be falsified that, though since many decades Muslim World has been enduring twinge of prejudice from external forces and internally being beset by their strategies, but by following them blind they are not only deviating from there that social structure which was set up on the bases of Islām; if on one hand the rising Anti-Muslim sentiments are breeding hate crimes against them while on other hand imperialists meddling into the policies of the Muslim World is impacting the social norms of Muslim World by hitting their spiritual and ethical value.

⁴² . Al Quran, 3:118

⁴³ . Abu Dawood, Suleiman Ibn al- Ash’ath, al-Azdi as- Sijistani, Imam, *Sunnen Abi Dawood* (Mekkah tul Mukkerma: Mektaba tul Tijaaria, *Kitab ul Malahim, Baab Fi Tdaa il Ummem Alel Islam*, 4297, p.108

DETERIORATION OF SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS:

As it is crystal clear fact that the Renaissance of Islām has never been acceptable by the Satanic Forces, thus Judeo-Christians circle raised divergent slogans like enlightenment, modernism and liberalism and the echo of these slogan which was scattered around the globe by the tool of Media, is in fact, rusting and destroying Muslims silently as they are aping Western norms by taking them as the mark of modern civilization:

The cosmic and universal media is promoting Western culture and lifestyle with an object to modernize and liberalize Muslims thoughts, it is imposing their products as basic necessity. In the result the teenagers are getting influenced by them and they are considering their Islāmic values and Islāmic culture as undeveloped and out of date. Moreover, this global media is not only imparting sexual services, vulgar obscene pictures of men, women, gay, and lesbian but also espousing free mixing among sexes and encouraging cohabitation life-style and live in relationship. Altogether, on the name of fashion and modernism Muslim youth is addicting of alcohol.⁴⁴

It seems that the black clouds of Islāmophobes would never leave to chase the light of Islām, they are in this endeavor to keep on prevailing over Muslims for keeping them in darkness, as it has vividly been commanded in Qur'ān:

وَلَنْ تَرْضَىٰ عَنْكَ الْيَهُودُ وَلَا النَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَتَّبِعَ مِلَّتَهُمْ⁴⁵.

And never will the Jews or Christians approve of you until you follow their religion.

Henceforth, Westerns are promoting their that feeble, broken and unstable social system which has no value for family institution and regard for any relation, in which non-marital social practices are common. Steadily they are getting fed up by this unleashed system and are in search to find better substitute, but the tragedy is that what they are leaving, is being adopted and welcomed by Muslims, they have kept themselves indulging in imitating those ways of imperialists which have become a symbol of fashion and enlightenment for them. The situations show, even though the communism and socialism have withered away but still, its branches secularism and liberalism are piercing and bleeding Muslim Ummah, especially the youth is under its surge, and it is planned by the Jews as pointed out by an American writer:

⁴⁴ . M.Yousuf, The Impacts of Globalization on Muslim Thoughts and Culture, 2006, Retrieved on 1st July 2019, from <https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/pdf-online>

⁴⁵ . Al-Quran, 2: 120

For making the youth of the third world countries as rebels against their current state of affairs, they would be addicted of rock music and drugs, then it would become easy to destroy their family units.⁴⁶

Moreover, under the wheel of modernity and the slogan of enlightenment, chastity and modesty of Muslim women is also being crushed who are not only blindly running after the Western norms rather assembling under its slogan of “Feminism and Gender Discrimination. They in the imitation of West are destroying their family institutions, Day Care Centers and old Houses are becoming the part of that Muslim society where there is no space for them. Family institution which is the strength of a society is impacting due to rising Trends of enlightenment and liberalism. The last Prophet (SAW) had foretold that Muslims would follow and imitate the ways of KUFFĀR,

عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - قَالَ: "لَتَتَّبِعَنَّ سَنَنْ مَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ شَيْئًا شَبِهُهُ شَيْئًا وَذُرَاعًا بِذِرَاعٍ حَتَّىٰ لَوْ دَخَلُوا جُحْرَ ضَبٍّ تَبِعْتُمُوهُمْ" قُلْنَا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ: الْيَهُودُ وَالنَّصَارَى؟⁴⁷

Narrated by: Abu Sa'id al-Khudri (R.A), The Prophet SAW said, "you will follow the wrong ways of your predecessors so completely and literally that if they should go into the hole of a mastigure, you too will go there." We said, "O Allah's Apostle! Do you mean the Jews and the Christians?" He replied, "Whom else?" (Meaning, of course, the Jews and the Christians.)

Indeed, the present palpable anarchy and hypocrisy in the Muslim countries is exposing that how some cosmopolitans, and power-loving leaders as well as the mass, are groping happily in that darkness of Westernization which they are considering hallmark and indispensable for gaining success. While Western nations s' onslaught is not only destroying their Social system by the monster media but also blindly smashing and scrunching Muslim minorities especially after 9/11. Islām has become an horrible monster for its enemies and opponents, that they find it impossible to integrate and assemble their strength without destroying Islām and Muslim ummah, In this regard Sayyed Qutb gives such remarks that:

“The western ways of thoughts have an enmity towards all religions, but with great hostility towards Islām is especially pronounced, and many times is the result of a well thought scheme the object of which is first to

⁴⁶ . Coleman John, *Conspirators Hierarchy, The Story of The Committee of 300*, American West Publishers, 1992, p.19.

⁴⁷ . Albukhari, Muhammad Bin Ismail, *Aljami Ussahi*, kitaab ul Ittesaam Bil Kitabi Wa Sunnahti, Baab, Qoal un Nabi SAW, Latetbaunna Sennanaa Men, Kaana Qablaakum, Hadith 7320/ 63, Vol.6, .Makktabba tul Malik, Riyadh 1429, 2008,

shake the foundations of Islāmic beliefs and then gradually to demolish the structure of Muslim society.”⁴⁸

ABSORPTION OF WESTERNIZATION:

By stating the impacts of Western culture over Muslim Ummah, that is lacking creativity and innovation, Abul Hassan Nadwi writes:

The people of the East do not wish to give up the ideals of Western civilization. Indeed Muslim states are exhibiting the same materialistic ways & tendencies which are the hall-mark of the Western social system.⁴⁹

It shows that Islāmophobic campaigns have badly affected the life of the Muslim Ummah, now they are finding it backward to seek or give education to their children in Madaras. Having such bent of mind Muslims not only follow Western secular states rather enforce their fellow beings to acquire Western ways of living. Thus, Islāmophobia has worked like a social agenda that is spreading net of, intrigues to hit their moral ethnic values, as Dr. Ameen writes:

Western countries have ever tried to change not only the minds of Muslims but also changed their educational system, environment of educational institutions, changed the ways of coaching, and on accord of Lord Macaulay's policy, prepared such Muslims, who are the Muslim just by their name but intellectually and practically they are the followers of western secular states.⁵⁰

Here some measures in form of recommendations and suggestions are given to turn the worst phase of havoc impacts of Islāmophobia which are besetting the Muslim world, such as:

RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS:

(1) ...The eradication of Islāmophobia and solution of all negative stereotyping lies within Muslims, therefore, for combating the raising challenges of Islāmophobia, Muslims would have to introduce Islām with its traits and blessings before Westerns .

(2) ... By discarding all mutual dissensions and sectarianism clashes, Muslim World coherently and collectively would have to make common, comprehensive and thorough stratagem to cope up with Islāmophobia challenges, by organizing in the light of Qur'ān and Sīrah and they apply it on individual to communal and on private to government level.

(3) ... They must propagate the teachings and values of Islām in its true color and with its entirety, comprising on the fundamental principles of Islām, such as

⁴⁸ . Sayyed Qutb , Milestone, 1981, p.94-95

⁴⁹ . Ibid, Nadwi, Ali, Abul Hassan, Sayyed, Islam and the World, p.178.

⁵⁰ . Ibid, Ameen Muhammad Dr, *Islam aur Tehzeeb e Meghrib ki Kashmkesh*, p.115.

tolerance, endurance, justice, reconciliation and mutual love, in this way the common Western would realize that the real Islām is not which some Muslims present for their own interests.

(4) ... A strong and stable state and government system must be set up for ensuring the peaceful Co-existence and for paving ways of integration.

(5) ... All intellectuals, Ulemās, thinkers, and statesman of the Muslim World would have to see that all those Islāmic organizations which want to confront Western imperialists, whether are they effective for Islām and Ummah or harmful? If answer is positive, then they would have to change their strategy for tackling inclusive and exclusive Islāmophobia challenges.

(6) ... All Islāmic Countries would have to come forward to defend, encourage and favor those intellectuals, and Ulemas who work for امر بالمعروف ونهى عن المنكر

(7) ... Madras must inculcate such traits in students which may mold their views regarding the dignity and respect of other sects and religions as well as the academic planner must review and revise their syllabus in the perspective of present time.

(8) ... In coping all challenges of Islāmophobia, Muslims residing amidst the West, Europe and other countries must acquire the conduct of tolerance and patience instead of showing aggression, barbarism and extremism on the manifestation of Islāmophobia, they would have to seek out the proper ways of legal litigations.

(9) ... The impacts of Islāmophobia can be offset by a prosaic, intellectual and scholarly style, with standard high-quality writing and useful dialogues with the non-Muslim Organizations.

(10) ... They must keep on their Da'wah mission on the principles of الموعظة بالحكمة. And would have to propagate those teachings of Islām which put forth the solutions of contemporary problems.

(11) ... Regarding Media, operative measures should be taken not to present Islām as a name of divergent sects. Thus, awareness must be created among people so that they cannot follow any negative propaganda on social media.

(12) .. Besides, keenly watching out Media, Muslim World would have to prepare such members who can respond instantly and effectively for all created myths and propaganda of Media.

(13) ... For avoiding the excessive foreign meddling in their affairs, and for educational reforms, economic stability and political awareness, a Joint Forum must be established with the Strong collaboration of Muslim Countries.

(14) ... The illusion and dust of Westernization, and secularism must be cleared out from the mind, views and ways of life of the people by broadcasting programs on media based on Islāmic culture and Islāmic values.

(15) ... Living nations commence their struggle to organize their current forces, so it is a dire need to choose the right way by organizing and strengthening the available force, so that all worst challenge created by the opponents of Islām may be confronted.

However, yesterday, ⁵¹ *يُرِيدُونَ لِيُظْفِقُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ* were Jews and Christians, and still today they are. Under the bridge of that New World order which is stand on so-called Democracy, Human Rights and Free Trading what they did in Grenada, Bosnia, Algeria, Somalia, Palestine and Kashmir, is not veiled from any intellectuals. In truth, black clouds of animosity, detestation and abhorrence, have been prevailing over Muslim Ummah to suppress the light of Islām under their thunder of oppression, hypocrisy and tyranny but despite of cunning cabals, fanaticism, bigotry, obstinacy, and hatred of the enemies of Islām, this religion kept on expanding with its fervor. It has been commanded in Qur’ān:

*إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُصْلِحُ عَمَلَ الْمُفْسِدِينَ. وَيُحِقُّ اللَّهُ الْحَقَّ بِكَلِمَاتِهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُجْرِمُونَ.*⁵²

Indeed, Allah does not set right the wok of the corrupts (evil –doers) And Allah will establish the truth, even if the guilty ones dislike.

Thus, Muslim Ummah would not be an embodiment of *خيرامة* if for combating all external and internal confrontations they would not implement *Dīn e Islām* in their practical and academic life, merely in this way they can regain and restore their lost status. However, despite of all despotism, anarchy and wretched condition of Muslim World, there is optimism in the strong and unflinching light of Islām.



⁵¹ . Al Quran, 61:8

⁵² . Al Quran, 10: 82