

FEAR OF ISLAMOPHOBIA CAN HARM U.S.

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Is concern about jihad terror just “Islamophobia”?

The FBI reports that in 2016, there were “1,584 victims of anti-religious hate crimes,” and that “54.4 percent were victims of crimes motivated by their offenders’ anti-Jewish bias,” while “24.5 percent were victims of anti-Islamic (Muslim) bias.”

The figures are consistent with FBI hate crime statistics going back to the beginning of such reporting: anti-Semitic hate crimes are far more frequent than hate crimes against Muslims. Yet on campuses nationwide, “Islamophobia” is a far more common preoccupation of both administration and student groups, and too often concern about jihad terror is dismissed as mere prejudice against Muslims.

All attacks against innocent Muslims are reprehensible, and there is no excuse or justification for them whatsoever. However, it is short-sighted to ascribe all concern about jihad terror to “Islamophobia.” There is considerable reason to be concerned about Islam and jihad.

What the Islamic texts advocate

Barack Obama lamented in March 2016 that “the Republican base had been fed this notion that Islam is inherently violent.” How could anyone get such an idea? Perhaps from the Qur’an, which in many places enjoins warfare against unbelievers:

“And kill them wherever you come upon them, and expel them from where they expelled you; persecution is more grievous than slaughter. But do not fight them by the Holy Mosque until they should fight you there; then, if they fight you, kill them — such is the recompense of unbelievers, but if they give over, surely Allah is All-forgiving, All-compassionate. Fight

them till there is no persecution and the religion is Allah’s; then if they give over, there shall be no enmity save for evildoers.” (2:191-193)

“They wish that you would disbelieve as they disbelieve, and then you would be equal; therefore do not make friends with them until they emigrate in the way of Allah; then, if they turn their backs, seize them and kill them wherever you find them; do not take any of them as friend or helper.” (4:89)

“Fight them till there is no persecution and the religion is Allah’s entirely.” (8:39)

“Then, when the sacred months are over, kill the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them and confine them, and lie in wait for them at every place of ambush. But if they repent, and perform the prayer, and pay the alms, then let them go their way; Allah is All-forgiving, All-compassionate.” (9:5)

“Fight those who believe not in Allah and the Last Day and do not forbid what Allah and His Messenger have forbidden, and do not practice the religion of truth, even if they are of the People of the Book — until they pay the jizya with willing submission and feel themselves subdued.” (9:29)

There are many other Qur’anic passages enjoining warfare against unbelievers. Muhammad, the prophet of Islam, participated in battles and called upon his followers to wage war against unbelievers. A hadith depicts him as saying: “I have been commanded to fight against people so long as they do not declare that there is no god but Allah, and he who professed it was guaranteed the protection of his property and life on my

behalf” (*Sahih Muslim* 30). This means that one’s property and life is not guaranteed protection if one does not become Muslim; a prescription for endless warfare against unbelievers.

The situation in Europe today vividly illustrates this war. Germany’s Angela Merkel, keen to alleviate what appeared to be a humanitarian crisis, opened Germany’s doors to the refugee influx of 2015. Other Western



European states did as well. Yet while some of the refugees are grateful for the hospitality, others clearly are not. All of the Islamic jihadis who murdered 130 people in Paris in a series of jihad attacks in November 2015 were refugees who had recently been welcomed into Europe.

The Muslim migrants in Europe have also been responsible for an appalling epidemic of rape, sexual assault, theft, petty crime, and looting. On December 31, 2015, Muslim migrants committed mass rapes and sexual assaults in Cologne, Stockholm, and other European cities. But such assaults weren’t limited to that day alone; Sweden has been called the “rape capital of the world,” because of the notorious activities of Muslim migrants.

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In the British town of Rotherham, Muslim gangs brutalized, sexually assaulted, and raped over 1,400 young British girls, while authorities remained extremely reluctant to say or do anything in response, for fear of being labeled “racist.”

Nothing to do with Islam? It is written in the Qur’an that a Muslim man may have sexual relations with the “captives of the right hand,” that is, captured non-Muslim women (4:3; 4:24; 23:1-6; 33:50; 70:30). The Qur’an also says that women should veil themselves so that they may not be molested (33:59), with the implication being that if they are not veiled, they may indeed be molested.

American and European liberals who are concerned about “Islamophobia” should consider these implications for their own daughters.

The jihad threat is real, and growing worldwide, as the evidence of 30,000 jihad attacks worldwide since 9/11 shows. A website called theregionofpeace.com keeps a sourced and documented database of all those attacks, complete with the number of people killed and wounded in each. During each Ramadan, the site tracks the number of people killed by Islamic jihadis during the time when Muslims are supposed to redouble their efforts to please Allah. During Ramadan 2017, there were 161 jihad terror attacks, leaving 1,483 people dead and another 1,557 wounded.

Those who have stigmatized everyone who calls attention to the jihad threat as “Islamophobic” (fear of Islam) are ultimately responsible for those attacks.

“Islamophobia” endangers us all

Counterterror analyst Paul Sperry reported in April 2017 that the New York Police Department has “censored

an anti-terror handbook to appease offended Muslims, even though it has accurately predicted radicalization patterns in recent ‘homegrown’ terror cases.” The stigmatization and marginalization of realistic counterterror analysis is endangering Americans.

Patrick Dunleavy, former deputy inspector general of the New York state prisons’ criminal-intelligence division, noted that the discarded NYPD report “was extremely accurate on how the radicalization process works and what indicators to look for.” Former FBI agent John Guandolo explained: “The FBI has its hands full with over 1,000 open cases on ISIS terrorist suspects already in the U.S., and it needs the help of well-trained eyes and ears on the ground at the local and state level. The bad guys know if police don’t know this stuff at the ground level, they win.”

In December 2015 in San Bernardino, when the Islamic jihadist couple Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik murdered fourteen people at a Christmas party, a friend of one of their neighbors recalled that the neighbor had told him about suspicious activity at the couple’s home. “Sounds like she didn’t do anything about it,” the friend remembered. “She didn’t want to do any kind of racial profiling. She’s like, ‘I didn’t call it in ... maybe it was just me thinking something that’s not there.’”

She did not want to do any kind of racial profiling. For years, she had been force-fed the notion that to be suspicious of Muslims was “bigotry” and “racial profiling” — “Islamophobia” — and so she did not alert police to the strange activity at the home of Farook and Malik.

Fourteen people are dead so that politically-correct niceties could be preserved, and no one incurred any charges of “racism.”

If it is not resolutely rejected, this politically-correct willful ignorance could mean the death of free societies in the Western world. 

EDITOR’S NOTE:

American interest in Islam was piqued on September 11, 2001, when 19 Islamic men hijacked four commercial airliners and used them to kill nearly 3,000 Americans. One terrorist came from Egypt, one from Lebanon, two from the United Arab Emirates and 15 from Saudi Arabia.

The “Manhattan Raid” is what 9/11 organizers, Al Qaeda, call the terror attack that destroyed the World Trade Center towers and damaged the Pentagon. The 9/11 Commission reported that it caused \$100 billion in property damage and up to \$2 trillion in economic damage. In response to 9/11, the two wars in Afghanistan and Iraq are estimated to have cost Americans about \$4 trillion.

Following Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden’s death in 2011, Ayman al-Zawahiri assumed leadership. He was involved in all the past terror plots and continues to release jihad video messages, including his March 2018 video entitled, “America is the First Enemy of the Muslims.” No one doubts he is plotting another attack.

In keeping with America’s Judeo-Christian foundation, this *Eagle Forum Report* examines Islam. Nonie Darwish’s testimony should be an exhortation to each of us that those who hold different faiths deserve our prayers and our faithful practice of Biblical values.

Americans must stand firm on our Biblical values, while remaining eternally vigilant with a clear focus on understanding the ideology that declares America its “First Enemy.” The Qur’an is diametrically opposed to Biblical values, as expressed in both articles. This *Eagle Forum Report* encourages us to be faithful in defense of our values because America can only be as great as she is good. 

