



# ISLAMOPHOBIA IS A MANIFESTATION OF RELIGIOUS XENOPHOBIA

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## ANNOTATION

*The article is headlined islamophobia and became one of the current topics. Although islamophobia is one of the realities inherent in the 21st century, it has a unique history. As a term, history dates back to the time when the religion of Islam was revealed, although it was used repeatedly in recent years. As proof of this, the article presents the views and opinions of several scientists and specialists. In the article, the author, together with the past of islamophobia, attempts to analyze and study the features and consequences of the era of globalism. Also among the representatives of the other religion there are specific data on the formation and causes of negative views on the religion of Islam. The author recognized the efforts carried out by the state officials in order to prevent the escalation and spread of islamophobia in some countries. The use of creative products of various authors in the article serves its scientific level.*

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## DISCUSSION

It is known that the discovery of various innovations and inventions in recent years has led to the penetration of new words and phrases in scientific invasion and everyday life. Islamophobia, which is considered the phenomenon of the 21st century, is also from the sentences. First of all, it is important to describe this concept, to substantiate it scientifically, to understand its essence.

According to the information given in the article "Islamophobia in Europe", the so-called "Islamophobia" was introduced into circulation in 1980 year, and began to be widely used after the events of 11 September 2001. In 1997, however, the British scientific center Runnymede Trust published a report titled "Islamophobia still a challenge for us all"<sup>1</sup>, which states that it "has become a common reality in every layer of society and media, with feelings of fear and hatred for Islam and Muslims." Islamophobia has a wide coverage of the term, which includes most of the reverence and actions against Islam. It is a set of actions that are said and committed against the teaching, views, acting appearance of the religion of Islam. Also, according to the report cited by the center, "the religion of Islam is a remnant from the West as a civilization, while Muslim culture is interpreted as a religion that is far from news

and debate, threatening other cultures, which have become as diverse as they are, and which have become hardened in one place<sup>2</sup>.

According to another information, the phrase "Islamophobia" is quoted in the essay "East – West in 1922 year" by the Orientalist scientist Ethene Dine, in particular, has been preserved since the crusades in history, emphasizing disagreements between the West and the Muslim world<sup>3</sup>.

It can be seen that although the term Islamophobia appeared in the twentieth century, its manifestation in society is the case of the last 20 years. Experts emphasize that this phobia has arisen after the events of September 11, 2001, and is associated with the terror of the religion of Islam in the US and European countries, while imagining Muslims as violent and aggressive people. In fact, the fact that Islam is a religion of peace is also mentioned in the hadiths in the divine book.

In particular, remember in verse 126 of the Qur'an, the Holy Quran, "Baqara", in which Abraham said, "O My Lord, make this a city of peace, and

<sup>1</sup> Islamophobia: A Challenge For Us All (Runnymede Trust) 1997.

<sup>2</sup> Islamophobia: collection of articles / Dj. Mirzoev. M:2016

<sup>3</sup> Suren Manukyan. Xenophobia in the modern West: on Islamophobia. 15.04.2008 Bulletin of scientific and educational Fund "Noravank" N 21, 2008



provide sustenance for those of its people who believe in Allah and the last day."<sup>4</sup>

Peace is about the greatness and the fact that Islam is high in its dignity Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) "ask Allah for forgiveness and peace, there is no blessing given to a person after Faith and preference for peace."<sup>5</sup>

As mentioned above, in Islam, any actions that contradict peace and tranquility are condemned. In fact, Islamophobia is also a religion of Islam and unjustified fear of Muslims, arising from ignorance and appreciation of its teachings and ideas of goodness.

The expert scientist, quoted in an article titled "The historical roots and causes of Western Islamophobia, says that Islamophobia has now become a major threat to the West and the Christian world. Its appearance and formation took a long time. In particular, the works of French sociologist Raymon Aron "inconsistency of Civilizations", well-known, Islamist and Orientalist scientist Bernard Lewis "clash of cultures" or Samuel Huntington "clash of civilizations" had a great influence on the formation of Islamophobia," he said<sup>6</sup>.

At the Stockholm International Forum in January 2001, the fight against religious intolerance was promoted, and Islamophobia was also recognized as a form of intolerance, such as xenophobia and anti-Semitism. In May 2002, the Center for control and monitoring of racism and xenophobia in Europe published a "brief report on Islamophobia in Europe after 11 September 2001". According to him, after the events of this date, information about the Islamic mood and actions is reflected.

In today's era of globalization, Western society is concerned about the complete Islamization of the world and is concerned about the negative manifestation of Islam religion, its complete disappearance from society.

It is worth noting that the roots of Islamophobia go back to a long history. From the very first days of the appearance of the religion of Islam, his supporters were subjected to various repressions. After a certain time, the Prophet (p.b.u.h.) and it was not even possible that there would be a word about the resistance of Muslims to Islam after they founded their state. Although there was some small disagreement, it did not have serious consequences.

Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) in the civilized period (from 622 year), Christians and Jews did not recognize

that Islam was the last monotheistic religion, as well as its teaching, Muhammad (p.b.u.h.), at the time of receiving the revelation, the Jewish tribes of Madinah (Banu Qaynuko, Banu Qurayza and Banu Nadir) did not accept his treatise. In turn, the controversy between Christians and Muslims was classified as a heresy, which came from Christianity as the religion of Islam in his treatise. The famous Johann Damaskin (who died in 787 year) of the Christian psychics, in his treatise "briefly about a hundred heresies". This description of the religion of Islam by Damaskin in this way shocked the negative opinion about Islam in the Christian world (both Catholic and Orthodox). Also, the spiritual Feodor Abu-kurra, who continued to look after Damaskin at the end of the VIII century, also called Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) was in a negative attitude to the figure and doctrine<sup>7</sup>.

Although one of the largest persecutions in relation to Muslims was observed during the crusades, he did not have an Islamophobic character, the crusaders, who were against them, destroyed both Christians and Jews. The Mongol invasion was also not carried out so against Islam, because even in the Golden Horde, which is now located in the territories of Russia, religion was under state protection.

But by the XVI century, the situation changed after the conquest of the two Muslim states of the kordova caliphate and the Kazan Khanate. After that, in the occupied territories, Islamophobia began to manifest itself in such forms as oppression at the level of state policy, proselytism and the Muslim Assembly. This policy was rightly genocide, which was manifested until the forced deportation and the execution of Muslims. Although the term Islamophobia was not used at that time yet, later Islamophobia became the source of the colonial policy of non-Muslim states and the humiliation and reprimand of religious affiliation.

Today, Islamophobia has reached its peak and is becoming a global phenomenon. After the 1960s, when the countries of Africa and Asia entered the lake of their independence (these countries were much more backward in economic and social terms, after a long colonial policy), in the hope of a prosperous life, people began to settle in large communities in Western countries. As a result, a peculiar attitude was formed between the indigenous population and migrants – owners of other religions and cultures, which today led to the emergence of Islamophobia. Some European countries are manifested in such bans as the construction of mosques in their territories and the wearing of religious clothes in state organizations. Anti-Islamic publications in the press, propaganda in cinema

<sup>4</sup> Abdulaziz Mansur, the author translation and interpretation of the meanings of the Qur'an. - Tashkent: TIU publishing and printing Association, 2012

<sup>5</sup> Sahihi Buhari: Aljomi'as sahih (convincing Collection) 1 book// Al Bukhari, Abu Abdullah ibn Ismail.

Tashkent: National Encyclopedia of Uzbekistan State Scientific Publishing House, 2008

<sup>6</sup> Islamophobia: collection of articles / Dj. Mirzoev. M:2016

<sup>7</sup> Skorik A. P., father Andrew (Neomycin). Orthodoxy in the historical destinies of the South of Russia // South Russian review. Vol. 16. - Rostov, 2003.



and television caused a further escalation of the Islamophobic mood<sup>8</sup>.

It is worth noting that the mass media in some countries lead to an increase in the Islamophobic mood in society and the formation of negative opinions about Muslims. As an example: The media was strongly criticized for the impetus for the escalation of Islamophobia, according to the Encyclopedia of Race and Ethnic Studies, which included racial and national studies. According to the results of the analysis conducted in England in 1994-2004 on the example of articles, no Muslim opinion was given in any of the publications, and believers were described from the negative side. Muslims have been shown to be a threat to Western values and security. Also, the use of such expressions in the media as "Islamic terrorism", "Islamic jihad", "Islamic aggression" leads to the formation of negative opinions about Islam<sup>9</sup>.

Analyzing how Islam manifests itself in European countries today, it is enough to look at what has happened in recent years. Wearing the hijab (France), the slaughter of the living on the basis of Sharia (Switzerland), Muhammad (p.b.u.h) cartoon (Denmark), riots in France and Belgium, illegal migration processes, terrains in London and Madrid. Most are the topics that are most often mentioned in the discussions about Islam by foreign media. While they are not openly reflected in the reports, there are cases that link the sensational and security-threatening messages with Islam. Experts argue that media conduct its function on the basis of public opinion, rather than the function of providing objective information<sup>10</sup>.

Also scientists bring five reasons for the formation of Islamophobia:

1. Comparison of Islam with terrorism;
2. The fact that representatives of different levels of government do not accept these or that norms of Sharia (hijab issue);
3. To follow some aspects of Islamic teachings and traditions;
4. Failure to meet some of the requirements of the Muslim community (usually this is not the allocation of land to the construction of mosques);
5. Fact that Muslim countries are not in harmony<sup>11</sup>.

<sup>8</sup> Magazine Новое дело / Islamophobia as it is. 23.03.2019

<sup>9</sup> Encyclopedia of Race and Ethnic Studies.

Contributors: Ellis Cashmore - Author. Publisher: Routledge. Place of publication: London. Publication year: 2004. Page number:3

<sup>10</sup> Tariq Ramadan. Invétons une culture islamique européenne. <http://www.tariqramadan.com/>.

<sup>11</sup> Crimin A., Engelhardt G. Islamophobia // Otechestvennyye Zapiski. URL: <http://www.strana.oz.ru/2003/5/islamofobiya>

Islamophobia-the main reason why Islam has become the problem of today is the silence of communication, the value and views of Muslims, the principles of worship and an irreverent attitude to their way of life.

One more definition of the subject, "Islamophobia is complex, according to its manifestation, it has different views. Islamophobia in everyday life is manifested as a certain mood, the irrational fear of the broad masses (phobia), the fear of Islam and the negative attitude to it at various levels, the emergence of negative attitudes without sufficient understanding of the specific values and traditions of religion, the way of life of Muslims. In theory, this concept is based on everything from the most important features of Islamophobia, from all aspects of ideological and political currents, to today it has a psychological and social similarity with such militants as racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism<sup>12</sup>.

That is, they say that the restoration will take place only in the proportions of the Greco-Roman and Jewish-Christian cultures, bypassing the Eastern culture. Later, as the policy of colonialism began to grow in XIX-XX centuries, the culture of colonial countries began to be considered superior to colonial cultures. Since then, most European countries have observed a tendency to put their civilizations above other cultures. In their opinion, they put forward the idea that development, high technology, innovation are the result of this civilization and all should follow it<sup>13</sup>.

In the study of the phenomenon of Islamophobia, it is also revealed that it is an attempt to destabilize the prestige of the religion of Islam, propagated by certain forces to the society, its original noble ideas, neglect of its position as a religion that promotes peace and development. In fact, the religion and culture of Islam have for centuries provided not only representatives of all religions on earth with a sense of social equality, together with a huge cultural and spiritual heritage, which has been serving for the well-being of society so far.

In particular, Islamic spirituality has demonstrated a stable view of social relations in the peaceful coexistence of representatives of all nationalities. On the basis of this, of course, the contribution of the moral standards of Islamic teaching is great, which is the basis of the renewal of Eastern culture. The spiritual and educational awakening of Muslim society manifested the "face" of the entire Islamic culture. The social teaching of the religion of

<sup>12</sup> N. Rajabov. Islamophobia in Western Europe and its impact on political processes in Central Asia. Autoabstract. Dushanbe-2016

<sup>13</sup> Said E. Orientalism. L: Penguin book, 1978 ; Sophie Bessis, L'Occident et les Autres. Paris: La Découverte, 2001.



Islam is based on ideas of tolerance, and the practice of it belongs to most of the Islamic Ummah.

On the one hand, the various acts of corruption carried out under the name of Islam are increasing and the peoples of the world are faced with its negative consequences. On the other hand, the moral and moral norms of Islamic teaching constitute the most active rejection and opposition bases against false Islam. Islamic teaching is capable of preventing extremism disguised as Islamic expressions and symbols, together with various cultural and social factors. Thus, the formation of an immune response to the actions of extremist organizations in society is one of the important tasks of today<sup>14</sup>.

It is worth noting that the origin of Islamophobia is also caused by various extremist and terrorist attacks, which have become a huge problem of our time. Naturally, in Islamic teaching, it is strongly condemned to harm a person.

But extremist and terrorist organizations, proceeding from their merciless goals, try to mislead people on the right path by making an biased, erroneous interpretation of the essence and significance of some ideas and principles of Islamic doctrine. Such flows, which they claim to be "we are reformers" are bringing out those who have "gone astray" who have not joined their views and practices. As a result, various manifestations of Islamophobia ("fear of Islam", "horror") are also creating the ground for the adoption of Islam as a "kingdom of evil" and a source of threat in the grassroots population of non-Muslim countries. It is not difficult to understand that such concessions and interpretations threaten social unity in society, can bring about internal fragility<sup>15</sup>.

The Prophet (p.b.u.h.) he says: "Let none of you point at his brother with a gun (do not shoot), because he does not know that Satan can break his hand (that is, by inciting temptation to his soul, he can shoot at the Muslim). As a result, the man will fall into hell."

In the interpretation of Islamophobia, researchers in most cases try to link political Islam<sup>16</sup> with terrorism by comparing it to anti-Semitism. There are some forces continue to represent political Islam as a concept of social corruption and instability, interacting with terrorism. In this respect, this phenomenon is forcibly integrated into society for the realization of certain goals. This phobia is different in three aspects from the others. First of all, Islamophobia

is a psychological weapon that is not consciously dressing in people, but is cleverly developed and carefully integrated into society. Secondly, it is a necessary support to certain circles of the world for the realization of their political and material interests, and thirdly, Islamophobia is an ideological weapon used in the implementation of the struggles in the domestic and foreign policy of the country and in general the political, economic and ideological interests of different countries on the world stage – nationally, regionally and globally<sup>17</sup>.

In this regard, according to a report published by The Runnymede Trust Research Center of Great Britain, the following 8 conclusions were made about Islamophobia:

1. Islamic civilization is a culture without news, hardened in one place.
2. Islamic civilization is a separate religion, far from other cultures, their values, views.
3. Islamic civilization-in relation to Western culture, it manifests itself as a backward, wacky, irrational, wild culture.
4. Islamic civilization is a rough, aggressive civilization, in most cases a religion that promotes conflict with terrorism and other cultures.
5. Islam is a political ideology, used for military-political purposes.
6. Muslim-critical views on the West are old and not relevant.
7. The aggressive attitude towards Islam is a reasonable reason for Muslim discrimination.
8. Hostility towards Islam is an ordinary phenomenon<sup>18</sup>.

In most European countries, there are also opinions about the religion of Islam and about muslims as above, but moderate opinions about Islam also make up the majority<sup>19</sup>.

The above is an irrefutable fact that Islam in some states and its negative relations with respect to it are completely unfounded. However, there is inexhaustible material and spiritual evidence that Islamic civilization is the great embodiment of personality culture, which for centuries has been studied not only by muslim scientists, but also by representatives of different religions and nationalities.

In particular, the Islamic scholar A.Zarrinkub's work titled "Islamic civilization" was quoted as saying that Islamic Civilization turned the lands of Muslim

<sup>14</sup> Yakupov M. A. The socio-cultural content of Islam in the modern world. Abstract / Ufa 2011.

<sup>15</sup> Karimov J. Enlightenment against ignorance. Training manual. Publishing Press Association of the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan. T: 2019.

<sup>16</sup> Political Islam is a religious-political ideology and practical activity, it is understood that any issues related to Muslim society and international relations of the state are based on Sharia norms.

<sup>17</sup>N. Rajabov. Islamophobia in Western Europe and its impact on political processes in Central Asia. Autoabstract. Dushanbe-2016

<sup>18</sup> <http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/publications/pdfs/islamophobia.pdf>

<sup>19</sup> Benn, T. & Jawad, H. (2004). Muslim Women in the United Kingdom and Beyond: Experiences and Images. 2004.



countries into a vivid example of world civilization and became known to the world as the highest peak of culture. It was formed for several centuries. Until the Mongol invasion, it was formed and developed as the most prosperous period of life, the principles of tolerance, science and literature, having become the highest peak of human culture, from the maturity of peace, tranquility, moral norms in society. Islamic civilization has made its high contribution to the world like the ellin culture. The difference is that the Islamic culture has so far made its significant contribution to the whole world, and its spiritual foundations have not yet lost their attractiveness<sup>20</sup>.

In this regard, the President of Uzbekistan Mirziyoyev also noted that the religion of holy Islam should be manifested as a religion free of various superstitious thoughts and aggressions. "The religion of Islam encourages us to be kind and peaceful, to preserve the original human qualities. We value our sacred religion as an expression of the incarnation of our age-old values. We strongly condemn those who put our holy religion in a row with violence and bloodshed, and we will never be able to reconcile with them"<sup>21</sup>.

Now it is known that the Islamic mood is observed mainly in European countries and the United States. Muslims, whose Europeans, together with the mosques, show themselves in a religious dress in public places, also make a negative impression on them. According to the Pew Research Center, in 2013 Year in 32 countries in Europe there were cases of persecution of Muslims and aggressive relations. In 19 theses, the forced expulsion of Muslims from the country, attacks on women in religious dress, the burning of mosques, the activities of Muslim societies in another 15 countries have been resisted. It has also been subjected to persecution of Europeans who have adopted Islam.

Islamophobia in the German city of Dresden did not take a sharp toll, and by accident there was no movement "Pegida" (Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamisation of the Occident). The first demonstration of the action took place in 2014 year. This movement is characteristic of the city of Dresden, which is almost not spread in Berlin, Dortmund, Cologne. "Pegida" says that Muslims brought all their problems to our country and to our streets. Most of the members of the movement are representatives of the neonassit and right-wing parties<sup>22</sup>.

It is an irrefutable fact that the migrant Muslims, who are now considered a reality, are moving

to the US and European countries. What does their adaptation and integration look like in the receiving state today?

Experts say that most citizens of European countries believe that Muslim adaptation, integration processes should be carried out only by migrants, in fact, these issues are the tasks of both sides, and representatives of the indigenous population say that they must carry out several, including legal, institutional and ideological reforms.

Migrant integration is also regarded as a problem, not a necessary process, as it is now a reality. This approach stems from the idea that the processes of adaptation and integration are related only to culture and religion. But integration is at least three: the implementation of legal, socio-economic and cultural stages on the basis of mutual proportionality creates a basis for a positive result. However, in European society, culture and religion are recognized as important aspects .

Nevertheless, it is necessary to recognize that in European countries a number of measures have been taken to accelerate the process of integration of Muslims, counteract the escalation of the Islamophobic mood among the population. This is manifested in several examples.

- Education. In Luxembourg, the training program of the Ministry of education includes a subject called "moral and religious guidelines" for high-class students, in which the importance of teaching religious values in non-Christian religions and the content of inter-confessional communication is emphasized.

- Inter-confessional communication. In Germany, several dialogues on the religion of Islam have been organized, the purpose of which is to establish mutual relations with Muslims and various organizations and societies. In Great Britain, however, the leaders of the Muslim, Jewish and Christian faith organized three religious forums, the main task of which was to hold conferences, seminars and meetings with national and local politicians.

- Government initiatives. In Rotterdam, the authorities financially support Islamic organizations. Founded in 1990, the structure unites 42 organizations, aimed at protecting the interests of Muslims, eight of them are national centers, and the rest are women and youth organizations. The main task before him is to organize a dialogue of Muslim and non-Muslim confessions.

- Many local organizations in the UK have published various manuscripts in order to satisfy religious and spiritual excesses for muslim students. So one of the crafts was prepared in cooperation with the main mosque of the city of Birmingham. Some local authorities have published manuals against Islamophobia.

- Police initiatives. In Britain, it cooperates with non-governmental organizations such as the

<sup>20</sup> A. Zarrinkub. Islamic civilization-M: "Andalus", 2004.

<sup>21</sup> Sh. Mirziyoyev We will restore the free and prosperous , democratic state of Uzbekistan together. Tashkent: 2016.

<sup>22</sup> O.Yarosh. Causes and consequences of Islamophobia in Western Europe. <https://islam.in.ua/ru>



London police FAIR (Forum Against Islamophobia and Racism, Forum Against Islamophobia and racism). Another of them is "Islamophobia — do not suffer silently". It is a society that was established in 2004 year and fights against relatively criminal and discrimination cases<sup>23</sup>.

According to experts, although the religion of Islam entered most European countries about 70-80 years ago, it does not disappear over time so it is necessary to act on both sides so that Islamophobia does not escalate between representatives of the indigenous population and migrants. The following views expressed by S. Hatington contradict the ideas of tolerance and can also lead to the emergence of Islamophobia in society: "there is such a culture in this part of the Earth, and in the other part, the culture is separated by a creamy line between them so that their interaction does not merge...Undoubtedly, conflict is inevitable because cultures are increasingly building ditches around themselves, each creating an indestructible civilization that cannot be confused with other cultures...

Today the life of Muslims in Europe, European and Muslim values can exist together. Although it is not easy, it is possible to become a Muslim without being English, French, German nationality. Although there are difficult socio-economic issues such as language learning, education, choice of profession as a result of migration processes, they are gradually finding their solution.

In conclusion, it should be noted that Islamophobia, as already mentioned above, is manifested in different manifestations in some parts of the world. Although this term has been used repeatedly in recent years, it has also been observed in our history that the fear of Islam, its lack of understanding of the original ideas of goodness. In fact, we are not mistaken if we say that Islamophobia also occurs as a result of globalization. Therefore, it is also known that the migration processes, the activities of various terrorist organizations, the mercenary forces are trying to undermine the name of the religion of peace and goodness in consideration of work under the guise of Islam. As a result, there are cases of fear of this religion in people who are unaware of the teachings, traditions and values of the Islamic religion. Therefore, we should focus our activities and attention on the priority of the ideas of dialogue and tolerance. No religion incites evil and wrongful acts. On the contrary, kindness embodies the perception of genuine human feelings and positive ideas. It is also appropriate to note that the Islamic religion of heavenly religions is also revealed by Allah as the perfect religion for the people of reason, rather

than to criticize and reject the instructions of this religion.

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<sup>23</sup> European Union Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia, Muslims in European Union: discrimination and islamophobia, (december 2006) // [www.eumc.europa.eu](http://www.eumc.europa.eu).