



**Forum:** General Assembly 3

**Issue:** Combating the Growing Islamophobia in Non-Islamic Countries

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## Overview

Before the 21st century, Islamophobia was a relatively uncommon term to people. But after the 9/11 and 7/7, terrorist attacks made the Muslim into public's attention. Reports from scholars revealed that initially, the hostility was only towards terrorists and extremist organizations. However, the conflicts between western and middle-east made political factors eventually involve in this hostility. The over-propaganda from media closely connected the entire race of Muslim with the extreme actions. Moreover, the "anti-Muslim" emotion spread rapidly in Non-Islamic countries, due to more and more vicious incidents in the recent year.

However, Islam is one of the largest regions in the world. Countless innocent Muslims are affected by this unreasonable islamophobia both physically and mentally. Islamophobic hates speeches, policies or attacks towards Muslim. This situation happens more frequently in the Non-Islamic countries, such as the United States, France, England and so on, further aggravating the conflicts. The UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres pointed "One of the things that fuel terrorism is the expression in some parts of the world of Islamophobia." (Guterres 2017) Therefore, using correct methods to combat the growing Islamophobia in Non-Islamic Countries is a crucial issue to be discussed.

## Key Terms

### Islamophobia

In short, Islamophobia is anti-Muslim racism. The fear of Islamic people due to many reasons including the terrorism incidents and related terrorist groups.

### Xenophobia

Unreasonable dislike, fear, and hatred of strangers or foreigners or of anything that is strange or foreign.

### Racism

When certain races believe they are superior to one particular or more races, the discrimination of actions and mindset developed. The Racism is not simply an attitude or prejudice. It denies people's dignities, rights, and liberties across a range of political, economic, social, and cultural institutions.

### Extremist Organization

Organizations or groups that hold extreme political or religious views and advocating illegal, violent, or other methods such as but not limited to terrorist attack, bomb strike, suicide attack to achieve their goal.

## Important Events/Timelines

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- Apr. 19 1995** The Federal Building in Oklahoma City was rocked by a bomb. This is actually a domestic terrorist attack, but the media reported that "Islamic extremists" or "Arab radicals" were the culprits.
- 1996** The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (AEDPA) was the beginning of policing of Muslim subjects and communities. It led to the deportation of Muslims with links - real or fictive - to terrorist activity.
- Sep 11. 2001** The biggest and most astonishing terrorists attack in the US history.
- Sep. 2010** Five years before Donald Trump announcing his candidacy, he suggests the US is at War with Muslims, the atmosphere of "Anti-Muslim" is officially be announce from politician to public.
- 2010** Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) members are seeking UN action on West's "Islamophobia". According to a UN summary, an Egyptian delegate said People of Arab origin face forms of racism, discrimination, and related forms of marginalization and intolerance.
- 2015** 2015 San Bernardino Attack in California. After these events, American politicians amidst a surge in anti-Muslim rhetoric. Muslims in America facing violence, harassment, intimidation, and bigotry have become

omnipresent. Many Muslims say Islamophobia is worse now than it's ever been -- even worse than it was after 9/11.

**Nov. 2015**      November 2015, Paris Attacks. Further developed the Islamophobic in Europe.

Trump says Hatred is coming from Mosques, calls for Surveillance of Muslim Communities.

## **Major Parties and region positions:**

### **Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)**

American largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization. This organization's goal is to monitor and combat Islamophobia in the US. And also, this organization strive to ensure social and legal protections for numerous marginalized racial, ethnic and religious communities in Americans.

### **United Nations**

As the biggest inter-governmental organization, UN is willing to promote equalities and rights for every race and groups.

### **Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)**

The second largest inter-governmental organization after the UN with a membership of 57 states. OIC is the collective voice of the Muslim world. It is willing to safeguard and protect the interests of the Muslim as well as the peace and harmony in the world.

### **The United States**

Due to the 9/11 event as well as the following terrorist attacks, Islamophobia is a problem that part of the citizens and politicians consider. Especially recent year in United State, President Trump announce several methods to restrict the rights of Muslim.



## Europe

In recent year, the multiple terrorist attacks happened around Europe especially the Paris Attack in Franc raising citizen's Islamophobia.

## Asia

The Non-Islamic countries in Asia including China, Japan, Korea are so on. Japan and Korea are single race countries that have relatively simple conflicts between different races and religions. Due to many reasons including geography, these countries didn't receive many refugees and migrants who are Islamic or other religious backgrounds. There were several terrorist attacks happened in China, but Chinese social environment, as well as the government's acts, prevent the further development of Islamophobia.

## Important Documents/Passed Solutions

Islamophobia is developing in Non-Islamic countries, it didn't cause serious substantial harm to Muslim citizens yet. However, Islamophobic is harming the human rights of Muslims and will be an influential topic as the counter-terrorism in the future. Many human rights workers and leaders such as the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres are calling people's attention to combat Islamophobia. The UN Forum is exploring ways to fight "Islamophobia" (Evan 2010).

## Possible Solutions

Islamic cooperation such as OIC collaborates with the inter-governmental organization such as UN to create measures on political, social, and other perspectives, and asking non-Islamic countries to promote the measures to citizens.

Promoting Propaganda on anti-Islamophobia in non-Islamic countries and funding organizations to help Muslims who suffer from anti-Muslim actions.

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