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THE IMPACT OF ISLAMOPHOBIA ON SOCIETY, ATTITUDE, POLICIES AND THE YOUTH

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Abstract: Since decades, the surge of off-putting stereotyping has been pursuing and trailing the Muslim World in divergent guise and forms; as time before the terms like “**Red Scare, Red Menace**” and “**Red Peril**” were coined for Anti Socialist resentment by the imperialistic clouts. After the degeneration of soviet Russia, the mission of imperialistic powers turned its drift towards the Muslim caravan, which they mulled over as their new rival and antagonist, therefore the terms of “**Green Menace**” and “**Green Movement**” were formulated for slandering that socio-political thought which was being deemed as challenge for the Western dominion and authorities. Thus by pushing aside these most complicated terms, rapidly, the most aggressive and violent terms as Islamic Warriors’, Islamic fundamentalism and Islamist Terrorists were coined. The important thing is that why such terms were woven exact after the disintegration of Russia and its answer is found in the propaganda of ‘**ISLAMOPHOBIA**’, which is mostly interpreted as the ‘irrational fear of Islam and the Muslims as well as the denunciation of the religion Islam. After the fabricated melodrama of **9/11**, this rising, disconcerting and disturbing trend of Islamophobia has been turning into an alarming form by suppressing socially, marginalizing economically, persecuting religiously and upsetting Muslims with variety of angles across the world in general and in the West in special. These impacts are becoming worst day by day due to the wrong projection of Islam and Muslims through the Zionist means of transmission in form of **nefarious Media** Exclusively in the West it is perceiving as a “New Challenge”, and for contesting with their this woven Menace they have been presenting the slogans of globalization and democracy with changed complicated policies wrapping in novel ways. In an idiosyncratic way, Islamophobic manifestations are snubbing and putting havoc and drastic impacts on Muslim youth from religious to social, individual to collective and from verbal to

physical level of repression, abuse, vandalizing and exclusion from all wings of life. However, this study would throw light that how this mounting phobia of racism is changing the multicultural societies, their policies and attitudes towards minorities expressly the Muslims. As reflected from Quran and Seerah, this research paper would also present some commendations to cope up and overcome the increasing impacts of Islamophobic campaigns over the last couples of decades. Thus, the motion of this work are as following:

- How the Islamophobia is being interpreted and disseminated?
- How its propagation and detonation is impacting the lives of the Muslim and besetting the peace of the societies
- What are the possible measures to be taken to trounce this crucial mounting phenomena?

KEYWORDS: Islamophobia, Anti-Islamic sentiments, Negative projection, Changed policies, Effective Measures

Introduction:

Since the surge in the time of Prophet Noah (A.S) till the present era, the suffusion of Muslim has been remaining global,^[1] they are the followers of that religion, ISLAM which appeared as the 2nd largest religion on the world approximately 1.8 billion followers, comprising on the 24.1% of the world population^[2], that is incomparable, flawless and constructs such code of life that has been chosen by Almighty Allah for the whole humanity by vividly ordaining in Quran Pak that none other code of life is acceptable before Him, except this religion,

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَسِرِينَ - [3]

“And whoever desires other than Islam as religion, never will it be accepted from Him and He, in the hereafter will be among the losers.

Ominously, it is witnessed that Islam has the largest number of delusions, aberrations and misapprehensions around the globe, especially being stereotyped in the West and Europe. Abul Hassan Nadwi inscribes:

“There has ever remained a gulf between the Muslim East and the Christians West that seems to be unbridgeable and unsurmountable as for centuries they have been living in scuffle and confrontation which is making their reconciliation and harmony as impossible.”^[4] According to the research of CSEW (Crime Survey for England) globally the victim of resentment, bellicosity and antagonism, are the Muslims who constitute 9% of the population, conversely the proportion of Hindus is 2.8%. Christianity is 3.8% and other religions are with lower proportion of 2%. Indeed such type of relic of antagonism, hostility, biased, hateful and malice conduct towards Islam and Muslims is not any new venture rather it is as old and archaic as Islam itself

and this **Anti-Muslim fanaticism and bigotry** has been perpetuating with the passing span of time, engulfing and persecuting Muslims across the world. But despite of back lashing and anti-Islam hostility, the strength of Muslims is cumulative and increasing day by day as Quran says:

كُلَّمَا أَوْقَدُوا نَارًا لِّلْحَرْبِ أَطْفَأَهَا اللَّهُ^[5]

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

Indeed despite of enemies suppression, Islam kept on expanding from one continent to another with innovative fervor and it's this expansion with increasing number of Muslims inculcated "a sense of insecurity and fear" named **Islamophobia**, in the hearts of all hate mongers and tormentors who are seeing and projecting Islam ' An alien, stranger and rising Green Menace adhering towards their shore with the Orient. ^[6] Indeed, Islamophobia disease has probably become a global infectious disease that is created by anti-Islam conspiracies from every corner of the world, Zia ud din inscribes about the decision of **Council of Vienna** regarding sadistic Anti-Muslim sentiments of those Islamophobes who long for to splinter this faith, expressly of the Muslim youth as they are an easy target:

"It is difficult to change, convert and persuade the Muslim youth, hence theoretical and speculative onslaught should be initiated against them".^[7]

Moreover, behind this Onslaught, one ought to thoroughly analyze the succession of events, which can be specifically connected to the changing view about migrants with Muslim background in the West as : Arab-Israel war leading to the global oil crisis (1973) Iranian Revolution (1979), Rushdie Affair (1989), headscarf affair in France (1989), Gulf War I (1990), Gulf War (1991), Bosnian War (1992) and above all the first World Trade Center bombing in the USA (1993), then the long watch of the events of 9/11 and the bombings in **Madrid** and **London**, which led Afghanistan War (2001) on the name of operation to root out terrorism, have struggled with the recurring predicament of **Islamophobia**, thereupon it continues to surface in waves of controversial legislative proposals, public anger over the construction of religious erection, and outbreaks of increasing violence.^[8] Hence, this research paper has been divided into following three main fragments for unveiling that predicament, anti-Muslim bigotry, biased attitude and predisposed policies which are upsetting societies of multi races.

(1)....How Islamophobia Term is Being Interpreted?

Islamophobia which is outlined in Arabic as, رهاب الاسلام، او الخوف المرضى^[9] من الاسلام, describes the meaning: the fear of Islam or having to suffer in the dread of Islam. The label of Islamophobia in fact such a distinctive form of intolerance, that is conclusively and significantly new, recently been coined

and appeared in the consequence of “colonization, interaction of colonialism, immigration and neo- liberalism”. All intellectuals and expertise confer upon this fact that ‘Islamophobia’ though is a new term but it is an outcome of aforementioned attitude and dealings of the Westerns towards Muslims having quite archaic and old traces of prejudice.^[10]”, this Anti-Islam and anti-Muslims hostility reached at its apex after the end of the 20th century specifically **after the alarming wave of 9/11** when West started to affix Islam and Muslim World is discordant and incompatible with the Western norms and civilization rather presented it contrary to their liberal democratic system and began to instigate the fire of Islamophobia labeling Islam a religion of bloodshed and Muslims are violent, the barbarians and terrorists, who are disrupting the peace of the world. Time and again just one thing is being repeated in the West that Islam is the religion of Extremists. ^[11]. Unlike contemporary use of this word, in the commencement of 20th century, this word was used in divergent celebration with same denotation, as in the meaning of, **Feelings inimical to Islam** ^[12]. **‘A kind of discrimination’**, **‘another name of xenophobia and anti-Semitism’**, **‘a form of cultural racism or cultural intolerance**, and **‘racial bigotry.’**^[13]While connecting with FEAR, and PHOBIA most of the social scientists have adopted the definition of Islamophobia as:

A kind of that negative attitude towards Muslims and Islam which is gripping the Western on political, public and academic level at such an extent that they are hating and considering the Muslims as a threat and danger for their liberal societies.^[14]

However, this term Islamophobia is equivalent with the following words:

- ❖ ... Anxiety → of stranger (xenophobia)
- ❖ ... Fear → of to be dominated
- ❖ ... Aversion → with another religion

After late **1980** this term Islamophobia was started to publish widely and became popular in the literary arena, especially after its definition was presented in **1997** in the report of, Runnymede Trust Commission on British Muslims and Islamophobia (CBMI) entitled **Islamophobia ,A Challenge for Us All** .The Report was written in response to that rising and accentuating anti- Muslim sentiments in Britain which were causing to persecute and marginalize the Muslim community . However, in this report the introduction of the term was defended and uphold the analyses that "anti- Muslim prejudice has grown considerably and so rapidly in recent years that a new item in the terminology is needed"^[15].This Report

Stated the term Islamophobia refers to three phenomena:

- 1... Illogical and unsustainable enmity towards Islam.

2... Outcome of this enmity and hostility appears in the form of that discrimination

and inequality which is against the individual or community of the Muslims .

3... Segregation or expulsion of the Muslims from all socio- political matters.

However, altogether this commission has defined Islamophobia as:

"Islamophobia is such an angle, perspective and world-view which involves, and containing an unfounded hostility, dread and dislike of all or most of the Muslims, which results in practices of exclusion and discrimination".^[16] Whereas , most of the authors remark, that the definition of Islamophobia presented by Runnymede Trust Commission, is invalid and unclear, as sociologist **Dr. Christ Allan** opine that:

The report of Runnymede and its pattern have remained fail to describe the prevailing present condition its analyses is based on numerous flaws, among them the most remarkable disadvantage is that, it has presented anti-Muslims hostility as a Phobia, and though phobia is an irrational fear so such type of analysis defends the hostile actions and makes them rebellious and defiant, this thing blocks the ways of Reflective Dialogues.^[17] In this regard

Roger Kinball also asserts that:

Islamophobia is an inaccurate and a wrong term, because phobia means, an illogical fear, but the fact is that the fear of radical Islam is not illogical and irrational it has deep well old founded. ^[18]

Factually, Muslims are chased by this Phobia merely due to following their religious doctrines and religious norms. It is in fact, contained on a set of processes which impact on legislation, politics, economic, and society as well. As such, this accentuating enormous anxiety, fear and phobia is leading to acts of discrimination, marginalization and intolerance against Muslims.in all spectrum of life from verbal to physical and from individual to social level and besides socio- political obliteration, women in Hijab and young generation are becoming an easy target of this radicalism across the world as **Kofi Annan**, the General Secretary of United Nations has named Islamophobia as **the increasingly widespread bigotry**"^[19], as such with slight words differences all celebrations of Islamophobia, expose that: Islamophobia is such a world-view which presents Islam, Muslims, Islamic Civilization and values as an "Outdated", and according to it all or most of the Muslims are Fanatics who have Barbarian view about Non-Muslims.^[20].

How Islamophobia is Being Disseminated?

For demonizing, slandering and disparaging Islam and Muslims, a succession of proxy wars was initiated across the globe in one hand while on the other hand its inaudibly working along with the stratagem to deteriorate Multiculturalism in their regions. Impassively the subterfuge of Islamophobia implicitly started from Crusade Wars in an organized way because despite of heavy armors and powerful resources in abundant, the

crusaders remained failed, and this failure raised more hostility against Islam, as in this context one of a Western writers Karen Armstrong has admitted this fact that hatred of Islam is inescapable, common and is deep rooted in Western Culture; as she writes:

“The history of Islamophobia has connection with Crusade Wars rather it was started in an organized and proper way from this succession of wars..... it also exposes that the fear and animosity of Islam and Muslims is safe and still alive in the world of Christianity, indeed west is badly Islamophobic.”^[21]

Such external Islamophobic clutches have gripped and wired a succession of marginalization and biased conduct towards Muslim community globally. **Abu Suleiman** has described the present condition of the Muslim world in these words:

“Muslims World is frequently controlled, exploited and abused by the external powers, the Muslim World is in state of crises.”^[22]

It is being disseminated that Islam is such a religion , that has ever been the source of Threat and Terror, as **Andrew Shryock** writes:

“Since few decades Islam and terrorism have grown as high profile enemies, both have strong connection with each other even long before 9/11.They are defined as Muslims” ^[23] Islam has become the “center stage” ^[24]

across the world, especially in the West, where Islamophobes, politicians, commentators and the giants of hilarious Media are vivaciously and emphatically popularizing that, “Islam is as an illegitimate, Inferior and misplaced in the Secular Countries.”^[25] .Indeed Western European bigots, dogmatist and Islamophboes are forcibly publicizing and radiating this thing that West has fear and phobia

of Islam due to these following closed views against Islam:

- ❖ ... 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 culturesand civilization nor it can compete with them.
- ❖ ... Islam is undeveloped, inherently inferior, sexiast, barbaric and Archaic.
- ❖ ... Islam is religion of aggression, terrorism, extremism, and Fundamentalism as it supports brutality and indulges in the clash ofCivilizations.
- ❖ ... It is not a religion rather a political ideology which is used just for Political

purposes. [26]

Indeed the above closed and opened views of Runnymede Report are being disseminated in public discourse which justify the discrimination and sidelining of the Muslims amidst the West and in its consequences all Anti-Muslims hate crimes are acknowledged and accepted as “natural”, “ordinary” and “Unusual”.[27]“In historical perspective Islam has ever been a bizarre Competitor for Europeans, between 7th and 16th Centuries Islam and Arabs have been remained a trouble for the West as they dominated over Mediterranean and afterword prevailed over Ottoman Empire.....Islam for the West is such a challenger with whom it has deep and intensive hostility and hatred”.[28]Indeed whole Europe see the sacred figure of Muhammad ﷺ and Islam through the lens of those negative and the wrong stereotyping which have been presented and circulated by their (Europe) scholars through their biased and crude literature. Moreover, **Orientalist** have been waging War to blur and mist the face of Islam and sacred figure of the Prophet ﷺ in their obnoxious, biased and crude literature, in this respect **Oriya Maqbool** describes:Today the Anti-Muslim bigotry is being created amidst the West by those biased books and literature which are considered the main source of information about Islam and the Muslims in Universities and Libraries of Europe and USAmerica, among these books are included:

- ❖ .. The Islamic Encyclopedia, by Montgomery Watt
- ❖ .. A Literary History Of The Arabic by R.A Nicholson
- ❖ .. History Of Arab , By Flip K. Hitti,
- ❖ .. An Introduction To Islamic Laws, by Joseph Schacht ,
- ❖ .. Islamic Theology And Law, by Goldziher
- ❖ .. Islam And The Modern World” by Gold E. Smith.

These sorts of crude literature drew Islam, sacred Figure of Muhammad ﷺ and other Prophets in a derogatory, drastic and suspicious ways. Indeed a Roman malicious hateful Theophanous **The Confessor**, the instigator of creating all myths and bosh by writing an impudent biography in **780CE**, about The Prophet ﷺ, and his that book was started to acknowledge as the main source for all the descendants who carried on uttering obscenities against Islam and the sacred figure of The Holy Prophet ﷺ [29]. The vision of Islam which was being tried to be changed into darkness since centuries, was also being tried to be blurred in the contemporary era by bigots and Islamophobes. Though, tools are different but the target is still “OLD”, in “The Guardian Timeline”, the Westerners have themselves acknowledged that:

Muslims are persecuted, suspected, degraded and slaughtered since decades as such this Anti-Muslim resentment has deep historical roots which is now being strengthened by:

- ❖ ... By the Reports of Islamophobic Media

- ❖ ... By the fanatic political Elites
- ❖ ... By countless Ant-Muslims Hatred Columns, printed in Media
- ❖ ... By unchecked partial Social Media”

These are all presenting Islam is religion of extremists and the Muslims as “Barbaric”, Orthodox and inferior race” and such perception has lethal consequences, certainly Islamophobia is Systemic institutional and special form of racism and Xenophobia”.[³⁰] Hence, this racial stance is being disseminated more forcibly by the horrific hands of print as well as electronic Media, so inflamed against Islam has the media in the United States and the west generally become that when Oklahoma City Bomb attack took place in April 1995 the alarm was sounded that Muslims had struck once again,”[³¹] Hence, by constant feeding this phobia is startling the Westerners from the beliefs of Islam, by projecting **Terrorist, as a synonym of White black bearded face , wearing Hijab , Caps and saying slogan of ALLAH O AKBAR.**[³²] Such dissemination and wrong projection is maltreating the Muslim men Women, children especially the youth is becoming an easy target from verbal to physical and from individual to social apprehension and discernment. Henceforth Muslims are facing incongruity and being stereotyped around the globe somewhere by Extremist Hindus, fanatic Buddhists and somewhere by fundamentalist Crusaders and frantic Jews, who are indulged in propaganda to endanger the peace of South Asia by liquidation and by discarding the entity of the Muslims that is really an act of Anti- Muslim Racism. As **Nathan has** written that:

Islamophobia is nothing than Racism, in fact through this plague of Racism, the white Supremacy is inflicting and wreak around the world. [³³] However, the specification of such discernment and radicalization that how Islamophobia intangible solicitation is impacting the Muslim youth, in changing attitudes towards Muslim immigrants, in policies decisions regarding in demanding communal, cultural and religious rights and how they are being beseeched under the wheel of Islamophobia in West in special and other parts of the world in general, is as follows:

Impact On Society, Attitude, Policies And The Youth

The study does not comprise on the description of all countries and regions due to the time and cost constraints, that’s why mostly the term WEST has been applied to describe external muddling state of the Muslim youth and as internally the Muslim Countries / Muslim World have been used likewise to analyse the impacts of Islamophobia which are worsening the societies attitude towards Muslims and contracting the policies for them on political, social and economic level by discriminating and desensitizing them specifically in those countries where Islam and Muslims s’ upward existence is being taken as cause of creating numerous conflicts. It is pragmatic fact that Islamophobia is as one

disparaging aspect which deters and hampers the mutual incorporation between Muslim minority and Western majority members and distressing both groups, but Muslims agonize and equivocate the most internally and externally. Anti-Muslims bigotry and prejudice has tightened the circle around them according to the US report of **CIP (counter Islamophobia project)**, which presented **Anti-Islamic** remarks of John Bennett (chairman of Oklahoma Republican Party).

“Islam has different face, the 90% of the teaching of Quran are about violence, in fact this religion wants to destroy Western civilization Muslims are Cancer in our society we must cut out this cancer from our societies and should never let them (Muslims) to thrust and set in motion this religion in our state”.^[34]

It unveils that along with the fact that not merely the pages of history are sustained with their bigotry and prejudice but the present era is also bleeding due to their atrocities which are cleverly being committed on the name of counter –Terrorism (Global war on Terror) on the land of Muslims. Whether it is Palestine, Kashmir, India, Bosnia, Chechnya, Eritrea, Filipina, Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Iran or Pakistan, implicitly or explicitly, hate mongers are busy in weaving the fabric of conspiracies. Deepa Kumar writes about Western biased perception about Islam and Muslims:

“Counter terrorism has widely ratcheted up the climate of fear against Arabs and Muslims, labeling and calling them terrorist and Islam as a false religion.....and current Islamophobic rhetoric hunt for demonizing Arabs”.^[35]

While on the other side in the West the Islamophobic manifestations are snubbing them verbally and physically **European Islamophobia Report(EIP)** that covers up approximately all the Continents of Europe, expanding from Russia to Portugal and from Greece to Latvia, has clearly revealed the disposition and conduct of the West towards Muslims:

“In workplace, mosque, school, transportation even in streets or on public places life has become difficult for Muslims, as such the Anti-Muslim hatred has surpassed the abstract animosity which has turned into physical animosity, as Muslims are being depreciated and devalued amidst the West.”^[36] And that is, due to the prominence and expansion of Islam as well as the ratio of Islamophobic sentiments is accentuating and still in present era the verbal anti-Muslim prejudice is turning into a diabolical guise, causing physical assaults on Muslim minorities in order to less their space by marginalizing and deprecating them. While on the other hand, by nefarious media and bigots, divergent sorts of terms are being netted to stigmatize, asperse and vilify the image of Islam and Muslims around the globe. Even

though there are also mutual Christians –Jewish conflicts and contradictions but in regarding Anti-

Muslim bigotry they both are on same track and proving:

[37] بعضهم أولياء بعض

They are allies of one another.

However, an American writer **Richard Bullitt** writes;

“Though Jews and Muslims are found in similar in America and West, but the bigotry against the later (Muslim) is worst and longer”.[38]

Hence, we would analyze that what are the impacts of their mutual propaganda, aversion and hostility which are besetting, downgrading, and discriminating Muslims externally and internally and how the societal policies as well as the attitude of the people are altering into a diabolical condition with the increasing strength of the Muslims in the Western European countries and across the world as well.

External Impacts and Manifestations Of Islamophobia:

Even though the deep–long roots prejudice, Demonization of Islam, and element of anti- Muslim chauvinism, prejudice and racism has been chasing Muslims since decades but after 9/11 Muslims integrity is being suspected, questioned and connected to the matter of public security in most of the Western European societies as become the ‘center stage’[39] it is being tried to distort and contort the image of Islam as well as to repudiate and choke it’s all doors so that it may not impinge and permeate people as due to the rapid number of Muslims in the Europe and America, they have the fear of ending up their civilization, one of reports shows, “Muslims immigration is being restricted because they are increasing more than the natives population”.[40] there is a prevailing and a common view that though Muslim community has different culture thus Islamophobia is in fact: “Cultural War” and a “ Cultural Threat” in the West.[41]

Moreover, America, Britain, Israel ,Belgium, France, Italy, Spain ,Austria and Hindustan are those Islamophobes states which are lending a great hand to instigate the fire of Islamophobia among mass while using the tools of Media, by printing biased obnoxious literature ,by spreading their Christian missionaries, by imposing restrictions on the article of clothing and performing religious rituals and by compressing their policies against the rights of the Muslims, and such subjectivity is externally and internally impacting the societies and lives of the people, External impacts have been categorized as following:

- ❖ To show disregard for the basic rights of the Muslims living in West, China, Myanmar, Syria, Yemen, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and Kashmir

- ❖ Anti- Muslim Hate Crimes are rising such as bullying, assaulting and pinching to veiled women and students as calling them **TERRORIST**
 - ❖ To derogate and mock Sharia, Jihad and figure of The Prophet ﷺ by impertinent
 - ❖ sketches on the name of freedom of expression
 - ❖ To Marginalize, discriminate and exclude the Muslim from employment, and other wings of life.
 - ❖ Muslims are demoralized, exploited and repressed.
 - ❖ Marginalization and Harassment in Political Ring is excessively causing segregation and confinement of the Muslim community living in the West.
 - ❖ Ban on Muslims is being encouraged to stop them from turning into majority.
 - ❖ Discrimination and problems in Workplace is increasing, considering them as a burden on their economy

In the age of European and American dominations many forms of wild pacts and barbarian laws have put indelible marks on the plight of the Muslims which affected them gravely. As such, the history of Islamophobia impacts reveal that under its surge, the worst instance of violation of the trampling of human rights and human liberation in the history of the comity of the nations can be seen on the lands of Red Indians, where the present so-called torch-bearer of humanity America has fixed its murderous claws. Since **1494 till 1508** just on Gherb ul Hind **40, 0000** Muslims were executed under the imperialistic wheel of America. Besides the murder of hundred million Red Indians in the fertility of the soil of America, there lies the cries of fifteen Million Africans slaves in American economy also. In **16th and 17th Century**, Red-Indians became the first victims of the worst genocide of human history and the reason of this genocide is told them uncivilized. In **18th century**, the people of Africa became its victim, and they were enslaved being labeling them savage and primitive. In **19th century**, Argentina, Korea, Panama, Philippine, Cuba and Mexico were entangled in its claws, while in **20th century** Yugoslavia, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Libya, Iran, Iraq, Korea, Somalia, Sudan and Central America are its victims. In the commencement of **21st century, Afghanistan and Iraq are its target. As such** this serpent on the name of Islamophobia is in chase to engulf Muslims where ever they are residing even in majority or in minority just to wipe out even the mark of Islam and Muslims from the surface of the earth.^[42] If their so called backing goes with the Muslim world but it appears with such catch phrase that **“All Muslims are not terrorist but all terrorists are Muslims”**, due to such negative stereotyping they are persecuted, excluded and alienated in all wings of life, “At least 100,000 Muslim Americans living in the United States have gone through dictatorial procedures including: arbitrary onset, secret and

prolonged detention, closed hearings, government inquiring on privileged attorney client, conversation, wiretapping and compulsory and special Registration including harassment of Islamic Worshippers”.[⁴³] Besides, there are other problems that Muslims are facing for practicing their religion, such as: Hijab or head scarves constriction and ban, as such Hijabophobia is badly impacting the young Muslim women who are victimized significantly. It has been observed that mostly Muslim Women and students wearing Hijab have to face discrimination and constant annoyance. Likewise Western European countries now a days Hijabophobia is gripping the Muslim Youth in India they have to face humiliation, bullying and taunting remarks by their teachers and Indian fellows. Indeed Islamophobia is appearing there in multidimensional guises projecting Muslims ‘conflicted and stooges, they are being radicalized and marginalized. Before this the worst form of Anti-Muslims violence in **Gujarat Riots of 2002 and Delhi Riots of 2020** are an outspoken proof of brutality, aggression and repression of Indians over Muslim minorities. They deem Indian Muslims, Kashmiris Muslims, Muslim Refugees as “distrusted, problematic, intrusive, suspected pests, scheming, labelled ever as existential enemy, dissidents and invasive terrorist.”[⁴⁴] Moreover, BJP President Amit Shah declared a thing which clearly shows the Anti-Muslims antagonism of these Islamophobes, as he by pointing out Muslim community, announced that:

“Within the whole country, the execution and implementation of NRC (national register for citizen) would be ensured and except Buddha, Hindus and Sikhs we would take out all infiltrator from the country including Muslims and the Christians we would have to take out the invaders the followers of Islam which is the religion of Beef Eaters, regressive Burqa-clad women and Terrorists”. [⁴⁵]

Now the racial discrimination is replacing the cultural racism for implicitly attacking on the Islamic civilization and Islamic values. Islamophobia is connected with the hatred of Anti-Blacks, Anti-Arabs and Anti-South Eastern people. In Britain the Muslims are being connected with Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Egyptian refugees because these are all the former mass of Britain. In France the Muslim Refugees are those who come from North Africa. In Holland Islamophobia is exposed against those Muslims who are from Turkey, Morocco, Indonesia and Singapore and in Germany Islamophobia is used against Turks. Thus this Muslim community is suspected and considered inferior on the base of from different race, and state, vandalism and harassment of the Muslims in public zones and work places, shops and schools has become common.[⁴⁶] the recently report of **WEF** (world economic forum)

discloses: "In the multicultural societies, due to racism propaganda the social integration and social union is effected on a large scale, it has become a trend which is creating distrust, calamities and discrepancy among groups and societies that is reverting policies against minorities". [47]

Palestine, Chechnya, Bosnia and Kashmir which are vivid instance of subjected of the imperialistic forces which are depriving Muslims from basic rights politically and economically they are being retracted. In Chechnya people have no right to choose the place of their residence, In the decade of 19th, this nation had been assailed for fifty years by Russia. In 1994, Russia brought the death of about 80,000 civilians of Chechnya. 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 hundreds of the civilians. Same brutality and inhuman conduct is happening with the Arabs/Palestinians, their basic rights of self-determination, is being crushed about whom Jews said:

"For the expansion of Jewish settlement, these Cockroaches should be collected and expelled from the country". [48]

Same is the viciousness that is being put on Muslims from Guantanamo till Abu Ghareeb, the basic human rights and human reverence were trampled. In the span of 5 years, on the name of "save from terrorism operation", 20 Lakh people, including men, women, children from Afghanistan and Iraq, were killed by the alliance armies. Moreover on the name of Freedom of expression, they mock and derogate sacred Figure of the Prophet ﷺ to instigate the youth and hit their faith by burning Mosques, Holy Quran and humiliating the sacred figures of Islam. By this religious defamation they expose their phobia which they are breeding day by day by dispersion of anarchy not only for the Muslim World but also in their own societies. "Islamophobia has become a main challenge to the Social Peace and Co-existence of different cultures, religions and ethnicities in Europe." [49]. Besides, through the disseminations of Anti-Muslims hostility and resentments, many political parties, groups and western movements utilizing Islam and its adherents as a Scapegoats for attaining political powers, economical and nationalistic gains. [50]

Internal Impacts On Changing Attitude and Trends:

on other side European civilization is expanding on Muslim Land with such crafty policies which are stemming off Islamic civilization by deviating Muslims posterity from their faith and ethnic values by giving them the dose of westernization, secularism, liberalism and individualism. The detail is as follows:

- ❖ Secularization is rusting the spirituality of Muslim by Changing their mindset
- ❖ Modernism and enlightenment, have struck and disintegrated the social institutions, and social norms

- ❖ Liberalism which is impacting the strong values of Islam by giving the youth a dose of individualism and materialism
- ❖ Westernization, that is retarding the self- sufficiency of Muslim
- ❖ The slogan of Gender equality is exploiting the mass and taking the modesty of the women on name of Empowerment.
- ❖ To retard the state of the Muslim under the cover of so-called Democracy.
- ❖ Privatization is giving ways to promote Western norms in the Muslim lands.
- ❖ Cultural industry is promoting Western customs by cutting the roots of ethical values

Indeed secularism, modernism and liberalism are a part of New world Order which trapped Muslim Ummah partly by creating doubts in their belief, by forming gulf as detaching them from their religion and partly by the culture incursion. **Rand –Corporation** which is the highest Think- Tank of America, has divided the Muslims into 4 parts, Secularists, Modernists, Traditional Ulemas, and Fundamentalist. Its Report comprises on such description: Support the **Secularist** and the **Modernist**, as some of the religious Muslims support the Western notion to separate religion from the government. While modernists help to disseminate Westerns' views through media, education, radio, TV, newspaper and Websites, business, independent civic organizations and civil society, as these have the potential to be attractive and inspiring for the Muslim Youth. Whereas support the **traditionalists** against the **Fundamentalists**, because **traditionalists** are poor in education and remain unaware with the larger world, and confront and oppose the **fundamentalists** because they claim to present true and pure Islam.[⁵¹]

However, by keeping in mind such division, global media is paving ways to liberalize thought, culture and life- style of Muslim youth by exporting and inculcating the Western culture, values and products. Consequently, Muslim teenagers are being manipulated to learn that Islamic teaching and values about their dress code, social conduct and so forth have become irrelevant and outdated. Besides, through the web of Internet Services, the prevalent global media is not only providing sexual services, vulgar pictures of men, women, gays and lesbian rather it is also promoting free mingling among the sexes and cohabitation life-style, such as live-in a relationship. Along with this Youth is excessively addicting to use Alcohol, in reality on the name of fashion, this modernism snatching and trampling the chastity of Muslim youth". [⁵²] it has also been pointed that : Liberal Youth of the third world countries will be encouraged by means of rock music and drugs to rebel against status-quo thus it would destroy their Family Units". [⁵³] On economic and political level through contriving on structural adjustment program Muslim countries have to

pass through difficult Islamophobic terms and conditions. Intrinsically, Western norms are welcomed and promoted by the Muslim Countries which push aside the Islamic economic system and follow that system which is set up by according to the fixed policies of infidels and polytheists, thus Muslim mass have to endure tribulations partly due to the Western policies and partly due to the enslaved minded power-maddened Muslim politicians who remain dumb before them **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”.[⁵⁴] while on other hand, it is seen that the so-called western agenda for women rights and Women empowerment has made their role much more Exclusive than Inclusive that is badly impacting the socio-religious values as well as deteriorating and destroying the Family institutions. “The Western feminist movement on the name of empowerment has not only influenced Europe and America but also to the majority of the Muslim countries, including Asia and Africa”.[⁵⁵]According to the concluding points of Ali Mazrui book :

In 21st century three powers named globalization, international terrorism and rising American Empire have entangled Islam unluckily for picking the grains of success, several countries like pigeons have enmeshed into the net of Imperialists hunters who were in wait to cut the wings of these countries .[⁵⁶] Tragedy is that for the sake of worldly pursuits, Muslim world , is ready to lose its faith, it is seen that how the Muslim posterity is sleeping under the umbrella of those hypocrites who are looting, destroying and disintegrating their countries by expanding their Western norms on economic and political level and they are daring to maltreat Muslim mass with the assistance of those pawn allies, which are dodging their own brothers for the sake of their personal gains, that is why the Imperialists opine as :

“Moderate Muslims are the most effective potential allies of the United States and US values of democracy and pluralism against the challenge of RadicalIslam”.[⁵⁷]

However, the above discussion of the impacts of Islamophobic stances reveal that Islamophobia is indeed a story of the time of Adam,(as) the time of Noah,(as) the time of Prophet Musa (as), and tyrannical Pharaoh and this story has been echoing even in each era and each time. Its shrill thunder has ever been trying to burn out the ways of Islam and Muslim by disintegrating them into many small unites and by entangling them into their astute policies and intrigues which Impacts can vividly beseen as, Muslims of 57 Countries,

almost with 900 Million Muslims and 400 Million Muslims residing across the world [58], despite of enriched and blessed with countless natural resources, they are still looking towards external hand of Imperialists and Islamophobes. Besides, they even remain dumb before their atrocities and aggression over their Muslim Brothers as **Muslims of Saudi Arabia have no concern with the Muslims of Syria, Muslims of Iran have least attention towards the Muslims of Kashmir, Burma, china, Yemen, and Palestine.** Above and beyond, socially this Muslim community is being demoralized, religiously they are being pushed into delusions, politically they are being monopolized and economically they are being dragged back by ensnaring in the net of so-called foreign aid and loans. Tragedy is that Muslim world is still going hand with hands to these pseudo torch bearers of saving human rights. As such Islamophobia is turning into a burning and accentuating issue which requires specific measures to be taken on religious, social, legal, cultural, economic, political, individual as well as communal levels to confront all internal and external challenges for maintaining and ensuring the peace and stability around the globe and these are as follows:

Recommendations to Confront Islamophobia Challenges:

Muslim Ummah, to whom Almighty has said as **خَيْرُ أُمَّةٍ** the **Best Community**, being as the propagator of peace, virtues, righteousness, tolerance and mutual harmony on individual as well as on communal level. as mentioned in Quran:

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ [59]

“You are now the best people brought forth for (the guidance and reform of) mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong.”

But this best community has obliterated its own ways of righteousness and consequently being victimized by the internal intimidation and external meddling. “In the contemporary era whatever the problems and challenges Muslim community has to face; mainly due to two reasons, **INTERNALLY**, not to follow the religious requirements and acquire hypocrisy regarding their ways of life, while **EXTERNALLY**, to follow the Western civilization by considering it the solution of their problems while ignoring its secular and Anti- Islamic hostile conduct”.[60]. However to confront and cope up all sort of circumstances Muslims would have to bind their sound relation with Quran and Sunnah which are the ways of their salvation in this world and the world hereafter. as HE صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

عَنْ مَالِكٍ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: تَرَكْتُفِيكُمْ مَأْمُرَيْنِ لَنْ تَضِلُّوا مَا تَمَسَّكْتُمْ بِهِ

مَا كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَسُنَّةَ نَبِيِّهِ - [61]

O people I am leaving behind two things, which if you hold fast to, you will never go astray, the Book of Allah, and the Sunnah of the Prophet.”

Thus the following measures can be taken to confront Islamophobia challenges:

- ❖ It is common responsibility of the Muslim World to show their instant considerations regarding the prevailing threatening challenges. وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ- [62] In the perspective of the global circumstances, there is dire need to present common stance in the light of true teachings of Islam before the world.
- ❖ Muslims would have to رجوع الى الكتاب والسنة to propagate those teachings which are according to the existing problems such as the monopoly, usury, interest, extremism, mutual prejudice and bigotry, rising sectarianism and nationalism.
- ❖ The main rules regarding concept of Jihad, implementation of Sharia'h and importance of Ijtihaa'd must be implemented for the sound society
- ❖ All Muslim Countries would have to come forward to defend, encourage those intellectuals, and Ulemas who work for امر بالمعروف و نهى عن المنكر
- ❖ Islam puts forth the missive that. لا إكراه في الدين. so Muslims would have open-minded view regarding to their dealings with the people of divergent beliefs, creeds and cultures. Thus invite others towards the way of reconciliation, settlement and peace by vigorous and excellent speech
- ❖ To stop negative stereotyping against Islam and the Muslims prepare such members who have potential and ability to shatter all absurd nets of Anti-Islam and Anti- Muslims propagandas with forbearance and astuteness. In the wing of Media , strong link should be built with the secular mindset people for their influential co-operation to handle and confronting the prevailing adverse challenges of Islamophobia
- ❖ The promotion of **religious tolerance** is the dire need of the hour, which should be an embodiment of articulation and reasoning. So, Muslims would have to be told that Islam encourages moderation in all walks of life, it does neither allow terrorism under any circumstances nor encourages it.
- ❖ For eliminating the dark shades of Ant- Muslim Hate Crimes as well for checking out intolerance, discrimination and dehumanization, it is the call of the hour for Muslim community to put its motives and converse on increasing issue of Islamophobia on the **International Forum** for making non –Muslim aware about the certain teachings of Islam based on satiety, contentment, generosity, tolerance and justice, that never wants disintegration of humanity and insists on Peaceful Co-Existence.
- ❖ Instead of promoting and injecting Westernization in the young generation it would inculcate the spirit and love for seeking the knowledge of Islamic values and Islamic civilization

- ❖ . Muslims culture and organizations may pave ways to promote mutual relations with other countries to dispose of and eliminate the fear of the religion(Islam) within communities
- ❖ . To nip all sorts of evils in the bud, such as, interest, hoardings, dissolution, sexuality, racism, lust and greed of wealth along with promoting Mutual Harmony, reconciliation, Justice, equality, mutual respect and tolerance must be promoted.
- ❖ .To establish political and economic system on the strong base of Seerat un Nabi ﷺ and by ending up monarchy, dictatorship, feudalism, communism, and Western democracy.
- ❖ . In response of Islamophobia manifestation, instead of aggression, the way of toleration and legal litigation would have to be sought out with the co-operation of Non-Muslims Organizations and for this meaningful dialogues, seminars and conferences should be organized frequently for removing misconception

In short, for Muslim Ummah, the increasing denomination of Islamophobia which is prevailing in the West and Europe just have one solution, and that is , to propagate those true Islamic principles and values which are based on Holy Quran and Hadith, that would have to be done by removing all blurs and all weeds around the garden of Islam”. [63] “For the whole disappointed and shattered humanity, Islam can give the message of faith and hope, as it gave the message in **1400** years ago by the Prophet ﷺ . It is in fact the same message which was given to the Muslims of Medina to leave their home and spread in the world, it is that message which was given to the emperor of Iran to move from the narrowness and oppression of other religions and came to the equity and fairness of Islam. In fact Islam conveyed that message which can also turn the minds and hearts of the people of 20th century as it did in the 6thCentury.[64]

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