

5) Reason OF OIC's failure in curbing Islamophobia. (2)

- a) Disunity among muslim nation.
- b) Backwardness in science and technology.
- c) No strong military alliance to deter Islamophobia.
- d) Lack of practice of Ijtihad and ijma.
- e) Inability to project the soft power and true teachings of Islam.

6) Way to forward for OIC to curb Islamophobia.

- a) Making Strong military alliance.
- b) Advancement in science and technology.
- c) Institutional mechanism to resolve conflicts among muslims.
- d) Development of Global Islamic Fund.
- e) projection OF soft power of Islam.

# Essay ① The New Wave of Islamophobia and the role of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

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- 1) Introduction
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on 15th march 2023, the first international Day to combat Islamophobia was observed world-wide. The United Nations has adopted a resolution in its 67th session on 15th march 2022 to fight against Islamophobia. A new form of global racism, lead to unfair treatment of muslims and Islam, including biased media trails, attacks on mosques, burning of Holy Quran, discriminatory travel bans, and mistreatment of girls and women based on their clothing. The United Nations chose 15th March as the international day to remember the tragic event of the Christchurch mosque shooting in New Zealand. In 1996, the Runnymede Trust established the Commission on British muslim and Islamophobia (CBMI) chaired by Gordon Conway the vice chancellor of the university.

city OF sussex defined Islamophobia

"An outlook or world wide involving an unfounded dread and dislike OF Muslims which results in practices OF exclusion and discrimination."

Generally Islamophobia is defined as 'fear of or hatred against Islam and muslims. Islamophobia is a Greek word which means fear or aversion. It also appears in the muslim world in the 1990s as the Arabic word 'Ruhab-al-Islam, which means fear of Islam. This fear and hatred towards Islam, muslims, and Islamic places, still exist worldwide. This fear and hatred can lead violent action like burning mosque, insulting prophet (S.A.W), and also mistreating women who wear scarves. Recently France banned the Hijab in university and desecration of Holy Quran in Sweden on 28 June, 2023, not only Sweden but also in Denmark and France.

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Many believe that the western world (Europe and America) is responsible for Islamophobia, as they see Islam as a rapidly growing religion in these regions. India is also involved in this anti-Islam and anti-Muslim campaign, following the example of west. In India, the ruling BJP party's top leaders have made disrespectful remarks about the Holy prophets (PBUH) and there have been communal riots targeting Muslims. In India, the ruling party's main goal is to challenge the rising popularity of Islam and the increasing number of Muslims worldwide. They want to create fear among non-Muslims, making them believe that Muslims are a threat. This fear is spread to unite non-Muslims and promote hatred against Islam and Muslims through false information. In 9/11 tragedy they blame the Muslims and they believe Muslims are terrorists. Some scholars believe

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It was part of a plan to harm muslim and tarnish Islam's Image.

In 2018, in France 676 Islamophobic incidents were documented and 446 in 2017. In France 10 Dec 1948 passed a universal declaration of human right (UDHR) which contain 30 Articles. The Article - 19 about the Freedom of speech or expression and Article - 18 about religion. It gives freedom to people. Not only France but many other countries Germany in 2018, 678 attacks, Italy - 36-92, Finland in 2017. experienced highest frequency of hate crime, Netherlands, United nation, Norway, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia, and so many. There are many examples of incidents pertaining to Islamophobia in different countries of the world.

Anti-muslim content spreads negative stereotype, prejudice, and discrimination against muslims through

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various mean like information, and hate speech, false  
This is linked to unfair policies,  
irrational and its fear or hatred of Islam,  
and its followers, leading to viol-  
ence, exclusion and discrimination  
against muslims. These negative  
views have long history since  
the time of the crusades and  
continue to Iranian Revolution  
and 9/11, where muslim are often  
portrayed as terrorists or extre-  
mist in the media. Social media  
spread anti-muslims content,  
shared by far-right group, leading  
to increase hate crimes against  
muslims in the USA and Europe.

Government, like in the "war on  
Terror" have been criticized for  
promoting such content, fueling  
negative stereotypes. Myanmar  
uses anti-muslim content to incite  
violence against Rohingya minority  
Also in India specially under the  
leadership of minister Narendra  
modi, united nation, and Europe.

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Today many muslims faced everyday Islamophobia as member of minority community and lack of unity in muslim countries. In recent year the Immigration muslim minorities into majority christain cultures especially in Europe. The arrival of refugees from muslim countries affected by war like Libya, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, and Yamen added to anxiety. Terrorists acts by jihadist in cities, and spread fear of Islam and muslim as a threat.

To tackle this issue our organization such as Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) not major role. Because the muslim country not more focus on this issue. They contain the lack of unity and not to force the organization. one of the main reason is the lack of education, science, and technology. To educate the people about Islam and give that Islam give peace, tolerance, and



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respect of human right and religious diversity. The strong military alliance also insufficiency which promote the Islam. one of the main problem is poverty, and not more funds.

To curb the Islamophobia trend in the non-muslim world, joint/collective efforts by the muslim world are need of the hour. In this regard, role of the organization of Islamic cooperation (OIC) is very significant as it is mandated to look after the interest of the muslim Ummah. There is a need to shun the interest sectorial and other differences between and among the muslim countries. The muslim world should realize that should invigorate the OIC so that it can play an active role in overcoming the challenges including Islamophobia. The OIC and muslim world may make arrangements for propogation literature on the true face of Islam and in this way counter the Islamophobic literature.

and misperceptions about Islam and the muslims.

The International media should focus on objective analysis and reporting of facts pertaining to different cultures and religions. Objective reporting can exterminate the Islamophobic misperceptions.

The opinion leaders and the think tanks of the world should realize that absolute freedom of expression is dangerous for Global peace and harmony. The right of absolute freedom of expression comes in conflict with another right, i.e. the right to interfaith harmony and respect for all religions.

Last but not least, the world should realize, that terrorists have no religions. They are enemies of humanity. They should build bridges with their host communities to promote a peaceful and tolerant image of Islam. Educate

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the people in west about Islam. The rich muslim countries should invest in the economic development of poorer muslim countries through OIC and the Islamic Development Bank. Invest in modern education and socio-economic development along with a change in mindset, is crucial to combat Islamophobia effectively.

