

ISLAMOPHOBIA AND THE CHALLENGE IT POSES:-

INTRODUCTION:- Islamophobia has emerged as one of the most pressing global challenges of the 21st century, shaping political attitudes, public discourse, and human rights practices across the world. Although hostility towards Islam traces back to the Crusades and Orientalist narratives, the post-9/11 era transformed it into a structured ideology embedded in policies, media frames, and extremist politics. Today, Islamophobia affects 1.8 billion Muslims directly or indirectly, influencing immigration regimes, security doctrines, cultural freedoms, and interfaith relations. The 2019 Christchurch terrorist attack (Al-Noor Mosque, and Linwood Mosque) 51 Muslims were killed and 40+ injured. Quran burnings in Europe, France's 2020 caricature controversy, the Indian NRC/CAA climate, hijab bans, and rising hate crimes in North America illustrates its contemporary severity. Islamophobia is no longer a spontaneous emotional reaction but a transnational phenomenon threatening social cohesion, human rights, and global peace.

DEFINITION OF ISLAMOPHOBIA:-

Islamophobia is broadly defined as:-