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Question - 1

Islamophobia is the major threat of Muslim world. How it can be countered? Suggest proposals.

Islamophobia is the major threat of Muslim World

Islamophobia or Anti-Islamism has been with the Muslims since the emergence of Islam. The term 'Islamophobia' is defined as:

"Sociologically a culture of fear that West has developed against Islam and Muslim world."

This fear, offend and hate against Islam and Muslims had been reflected in the history of West. But, it has been escalated

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after 11th September, 2001. The West and the Westerners have made up the concept of 'Terrorists' and they associated it with Muslims. In this hate, they show oppressive behaviour against Muslims and Muslims have been facing their atrocities for years. Thus, their fear against Islamic culture is a major threat to the Muslim world in the present era. The need of the hour is that to make them know about some teachings of Islam to counter the threat.

How Islamophobia can be Countered

Though the Westerners have developed the concept

Although, all the Muslims are not Terrorists, but every

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terrorist is a Muslim.

So, they think that 'Islam as a religion' is a religion of violence and anarchy.

So, here are some key ways to counter Islamophobia.

1- Education And Awareness About Teachings of Islam

This phobia ^{of Islam} demands that those who think Islam is a religion of war and oppression, should consult ^{actual} teachings of Islam.

Islam is a religion of 'peace'. It absolutely prohibits the violence and oppression. It is evident from the verses of Quran

Whoever kills a person, it is as if he killed all of humanity, and whoever saves a person, it is as he has saved all of humanity (Al-Quran)

Islamophobic people should know that Islam has defined rules for every aspect of life including human rights, justice, warfare, then how can be this religion allows Muslims to create chaos.

Rather, Islam give us the lesson to resolve disputes, restore relations and respect for other religions. Following are the teachings of Islam that westerners,

Islamophobic people should know

i- Respect for other religions:

Islam teaches us to respect every other religion. Even in Islamic society everyone has freedom of choice of religion and they can follow their religion and rituals freely. It is evident from

Quran:

Do not disrespect those whom they (disbelievers) worship, lest they should disrespect

Allah wrongly without
knowledge.

(Surah Al-An'am)

So, this is clear from this verse
that Islam give us the lesson
of respect.

ii- Race of good deeds:

There is no concept of fight in
Islam for materialistic purposes,
rather it teaches us to compete
with each other in virtues and
good deeds. As Allah Almighty
said in Holy Quran:

To thee we sent Scripture in
truth confirming the scripture
that came before it, and
giving it in safety; so judge
between them by what God hath
revealed and follow not their
vain desires diverging from the
truth that hath come to thee.

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iii- Condition for fight

Islam has given us the condition of fight. We cannot fight and open up a war without a serious cause. As Quran said

Fight in the cause of God (and Fight with) those who fight you but do not transgress the limits; for God loveth not transgressors.

(Al-Quran)

2- Publicly Representation through different platforms

i- Digital Media should show the positive image of the Muslims through movies, TV serials and other documentaries.

ii- Success Stories of Muslim:

Media should contribute to appreciate the Muslims advancing

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in different fields and represent them as intellectual, peaceful people rather than the violent ones.

3- Community Engagement

i- Build bridges between Muslim and Non-Muslim communities through events, collaborations in different fields and taking initiatives to foster the positive image of Muslims.

ii- Changing Policies that can be benefited by both communities i.e Muslims and Anti-Muslims.

There should be enforcement of such laws that cannot discriminate anyone and, thus ^{can} cause a decline in loathe for Muslims.

Conclusion :

Islamophobia is a great threat to Muslim world in the present era, raising violence and oppression against Muslims. There is a need to change to complete concept of Islam that west world has developed for Muslims. They ~~have~~ should not associate terrorism to Islam, is the major need of hour. Through different ways it can be counter and can change their perspectives.

Question - 2

How judicial system of Islam ensures peace and prosperity in society?

Judicial System of Islam:

The Islamic judicial system plays a crucial role in ensuring peace and prosperity in society by upholding justice, fairness, and the rule of law in accordance with Islamic principles. As it is mentioned in Quran

قل امر زكى بالقسط

Say, my Lord commands
justice

(Al-Quran)

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Following are the key ways through which judicial system of Islam ensures peace and prosperity :

1- Emphasis on Justice:

Justice is the core tenet of Islam and is commanded in the Quran

“Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people to judge with justice.”

(Al-Quran)

The judicial system ensures that disputes are resolved fairly, regardless of the social, economic or political status of the parties involved. This reduce resentment and promotes social harmony.

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2 - Rule of Law:

In Islamic judicial systems, everyone is subject to the same laws, including rulers and the governed. The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) emphasized equality before the law, and is evident from the famous incident, when a woman from respected tribe, found guilty of theft, people requested Prophet (PBUH) to forgive her, on this he replied

"By Allah, if Fatimah, the daughter of Muhammad, were to steal, I would cut off her hand too."

This ensures the accountability and deters abuse of power, fostering trust in the system.

3- Restorative Justice:

The Islamic judicial system emphasizes reconciliation and restoring relationships. For example, Islamic law encourages arbitration and mediation to resolve disputes amicably. As Prophet (SAW) said

For Qatl-e-Amd (murder with intention), there is Qisas, and for Qatl-e-Shibhi-Amd (unintentionally) there is Diyyah (compensation) of 100 camels. And those who transgress, verily among ignorants.

In case of criminal offenses, victims or their families may opt for forgiveness, promoting healing and social cohesion.

4- Deterrence of Crime:

The punishment prescribed in Islam law called 'Hudud' act as deterrents for severe crimes such as theft, murder, adultery. These punishments are meant to protect society from harm and ensure public safety.

For example, hudud for

- theft is cutting off thief's hands
- For Murder, there is Qisas
- For Adultery, 100 lashes for the accusers.

5- Protection of Rights:

The Islamic judicial system safeguards the rights of individuals, including life, property, honor, and religion. These protections help create a secure environment where people can live peacefully.

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As Prophet (SAW) said

"Whoever guarantees me
the protection of the life
and wealth of the people,
I will guarantee him
Paradise."

6- Responsible Jury:

Judges (Qazi) in the Islamic system are expected to be impartial, knowledgeable, and free from external influence or bribery. Islam strongly condemns corruption, which determines injustice.

Prophet (SAW) said

"Everyone will be questionable about his responsibility, whether he kept it or not."

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The emphasis on personal responsibility and communal welfare creates a sense of collective duty to maintain societal peace.

7- Community Involvement

The judicial system encourages community participation in maintaining justice such as through witnesses and advisory councils i.e 'Shura'. This participatory approach strengthens community bonds and ensures collective responsibility.

Conclusion:

The Islamic judicial system seeks to establish a balance between justice and mercy, creating a framework that not

only resolves conflicts but also prevents them from arising.

By fostering trust, ensuring fairness, and upholding moral principles, the system contributes significantly to peace and prosperity in society.