

Q no 1:

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

Introduction:

Islamophobia term means the fear of muslim people or terror of Islam in west or non-muslim world in negative perspective. This term was coined after the 9/11 attacks in United States.

How it is a threat for Muslim world:

There are many negative impacts of islamophobia for muslim world such as

① Negative Image:

Muslims are getting an attachment on a tag on muslim in whole world. Muslim name or men with beard or a woman with always are seen through suspicious eye by the non-muslim world.

② Barrier in Mobility:

The majority of muslim in contemporary time are facing difficulties in moving around the world. The immigration department of any airport targets muslims. The rejection rate of visa's are high in ratio for a muslim as compared to other ethnicities.

③ Avoidence in International Trade:

This is one era of globalization, whole world is interconnected. The trade has no boundaries or borders but the western markets avoid or resist most of time to trade with muslim individuals.

④ Lesser Tourism:

Tourism industry is proving to be very good contributor of economy but the western or non-muslims avoid to travel in muslim countries.

How to counter Islamophobia:

Countering islamophobia is being very essential necessity for muslim ummah. Some ways to counter islamophobia are

① Spreading True Image of Islam:

Muslims are nearly 2 billion in population and a negative image spreaded by some terrorist acts can be countered by spreading true spirit of Islam. The image can be soften by explaining the last sermon of Holy prophet - (PBUH) to western media.

'There is no right of any rich on poor, any white on black. All are equal''

Or the true vision of muslim ummah can be preluiged to the non islamic world by showcasing the charter of madinah

"Equal rights were given to non muslims, they were free to perform their activities"

② Countering the propaganda that anti-islamist try to spread:

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The enemies of Islam are in constant search of opportunities to cash against Islam. Muslim ummah should realize this thing or try to spread positive image by remaining calm, composed and true follower of (sunnah) the teachings of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H).

"A muslim should must be an ideal person, to depict true image of Islam" Dr Hamidullah

③ Translating Quran and Hadith in English and teaching it through media:

The divine message the Holy Book itself is self sufficient to spread true Islam. The propaganda can be countered in maximum amount by letting the west know about true essence of the religion Islam.

"An atheist started to read Quran to find reason to argue with muslim, turning oneself into a muslim"

④ Creating documentaries and movies of Islamic History:

There are lot of themes that Islamic history provides, on which media can be generated such as

The Empire of Hazrat Umer (R.A)

He was the Khalifa who spreaded Islam in most of the Asian and European region and the western history also have there proves in their literature.

The way he ruled, he did justice, he followed the path of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H), if his empire is portrayed through media can create the true image of muslim world.

"When a girl of Quresh was caught stealing, people requested Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) for her mercy, but Prophet replied that if she was my own daughter Fatima (R.A) I did the same with her"

Salahuddin Ayubi Conquered Jerusalem:

After the torture that Christians gave to the Muslims during the war of crusades, they burnt Muslims alive, their houses their animals. But when Salah-ud-Din Ayubi conquered it back he displayed the true image of Islam. He did what our Prophet (P.B.U.H) suggested to do.

"The best among you is the one who forgives" Al-Nadikh

If these incidents are portrayed to the west through media, it can definitely spread true message of Islam.

Conclusion:

Islam is a complete code of life, there is no any situation which can not be countered through Quran and Sunnah. Muslim ummah has to be united in true sense and have to spread the true meaning of Islam. The constant quest to counter the propaganda of Islamophobes can only do a positive outcome for muslim ummah.

"Allah says, work hard for the things we want in this world and Alakhir (Day of Judgement or life hereafter)" Al-Quran

Q No 2,

Highlight the contemporary challenges of Muslim Ummah and give solutions:

Introduction:

Muslim ummah is facing a lot of contemporary challenges that need to be addressed. Muslims are facing the issues of Islamophobia, sectarianism, divide, lacking behind in modern science, lack of leadership, misguided youth, lesser fear of Allah, shirk, and not following the true teachings of Islam. If all these challenges not countered in contemporary time can lead to be uncontrollable in future.

"A famous Pharsi/Persian saying: Nip the evil in the bud"

Muslim ummah need to counter or overcome contemporary challenges as sooner as possible.

Major Challenges faced by muslim ummah in contemporary time:

① Islamophobia:

The fear in non-muslims about Islam and its followers making muslim ummah lagging behind from the world. This negative image affecting the true image of deen Islam. This challenge is needed to be countered primarily.

Solution:

Spreading true teachings of Islam in the west can create softer image of muslim ummah. The preacher of Islam have to direct themselves towards western community where this islamophobic term is coined. Softer image can be created by publication of Islamic studies in western newspapers and media by allow or providing them opportunity to learn about the true essences of Islam.

② Sectarianism:

Another contemporary challenge that muslim ummah is facing is sectarian divide. The two major schools of thoughts in muslims are Sunni and Shia sects. Majority countries and population is of Sunni sect but few countries are majority the Shia school followers. Those countries are divided and neglected majority due to sectarian causes. The most number of conflicts arise among muslims are on the issue of sects.

Solution:

The true leaders of both sects such as Sunni world believes the Saudi Arabia as their leader while the Shia sect follow the Iranian leader Supreme Ayatullah Khamenei. If both of these do spread a common message for the ummah the maximum conflicts can be catered and the third party influenced between both can be minimized.

③ Unity:

The world consisting fifty seven countries with muslim majority but all are divided into different regions. This divide create vacuum for the external influencers to influence one towards oneself. This divide weakens the muslimy-voice as ummah and then this divided voice have zero impact in contemporary world.

Solution:

"Muslim should not oppress other muslims, and whoever helped by muslims will

be helped by Allah (S.W.T)" Al-Bukhari

Islam propagates the concept of brotherhood, "if one part of body is harmed it should affect whole body" this is what islam teaches about-unity. If united then Muslim ummah can create hegemony on this world, then its voice would not be neglected by the western power as they are neglecting now on the issue of Palestine.

④ Lacking in leadership:

Muslim ummah is divided just because of the divided leaders. If concenses is built between all the leaders then the muslim ummah can be united.

Solutions:

Immediate need of concenses between all the muslim leaders from every region of the world. Then all can come under one umbrella which can fight against strong stormy ad disasters.

⑤ Lacking behind in Education and Modern Science:

Only few centuries back the most intellectuals, literates, scientist, mathematicians were muslims. But the focus of muslim was diverted in last few decades now they are unable to produce such influencers.

Solutions

Normal situation, concenses and sole leadership can create an environment for muslim ummah to excel in every field.

⑥ Misguided youth:

The aftereffects of islamophobia are that the youth of muslim ummah is being misguided by the terror organizations. They are utilizing the opportunities created by the conflicts of Iraq, Syria, Palestine and Kashmir. The warm blood of youth is being miss directed in wrong activities. This is also a contemporary issue that ummah is facing:

Solution:

Parents and teachers has to provide education about the true Islam to their youth. The concept of soft power needed to be injected in the mind of youth to help them or stop them from being misguided.

Conclusion:

Muslim ummah has to counter all these major issues in no time. Then the rise of ummah can be expected. The true islamic power emerge only when these issues are resolved.

"Core belief of Islam is having hope in Allah (s.w.t)"