

QUESTION NO.1

Islamophobia and Muslim Societies :-

Introduction :-

Muslims around the world are facing life threats, discrimination and social barriers. Islamophobia is a reason that contributed in disparity. Major ~~reason~~ factors that deepened Islamophobia are extremism, terrorism, illiteracy among muslim societies and misinterpretation of Islamic values and teachings. Therefore, muslim societies should take steps towards eradication of ~~isat~~ Islamophobia. To do that, muslims should encourage getting education, portray soft image of muslim majority countries. In short, Islamophobia is a threat to muslims, but muslim societies can get rid of it by taking strategic and systematic measures.

What is Islamophobia?

Islamophobia term refers to phobia of Islam or fear of Islam.

Terminologically it means the fear, hatred or discrimination against Islam or people of Islam: Muslims. This may include racism and targeting Muslims or Islamic Societies.

Islamophobia a Threat to Muslims:-

Islamophobia is a threat to Muslims and Muslim societies. This is intensified by presence of extremism, terrorism and lack of literacy among Muslim societies. This has also resulted in genocide of Gazans in Palestine which is supported by few western and other governments.

Gaza Genocide : Islamophobia a Threat :-

Israel is a Jewish majority state which illegally settled in Palestine. Growing fear of Islamophobia together with various other reasons, Israel started genocide in Palestine. To this, world remained silent and public who protested in favor of Palestinians were silenced by government. The root cause remains to be political

issues together with Islamophobia.

Muslims Considered a Security Threat :-

Around the world, Muslims are considered a security threat. Post 9/11 this fear is increased in general public. Muslims on airports have to go through long security checks and secondary screening while entering in United States and other countries. This reflects how Islamophobia has affected daily life of Muslims around the world.

Resistance from Non-Muslims in Worship :-

Muslims living in non-Muslim majority or secular states face serious back-lash while doing worship. In US, Muslims face resistance from neighborhood where mosques are build. Freedom of worship is not given to Muslims because of increasing fear among nations regarding Islam and Muslims.

In short, Islamophobia is increasing in people around the world and is serious threat to lives of Muslims.

How Muslim Societies can get Rid?

Islamophobia persisted among non-Muslims after 9/11. Major reason of islamophobia is extremism and terrorism.

So, to get rid of Islamophobia, Muslim societies must take following steps :-

Discourage Extremist Narratives :-

Around the globe, extremist narratives exist and spread disinformation among public. Muslim countries should not support extremism and extremist statements.

As Allah says in Quran :-

"And we have made you a moderate Ummah."

- Al-Quran

This reflects that Muslims are a moderate nation and do not support extremism and such narratives.

Eradication of Terrorism from Muslim Society-

Muslims societies are facing terrorism. This is mostly in South Asian and surrounding countries. Muslim countries : Afghanistan and Pakistan are facing terrorism. These countries together with leading Muslim countries should take steps towards eradication of terrorism. This will simultaneously decrease the fear associated with Islam and people of Islam.

Promote Education in Muslim Countries:-

Muslim majority countries like Afghanistan, discourage seeking education; particularly for women. Literacy rate in Pakistan is 60%. In Islam, education is made compulsory on Muslims. As Prophet SAW say :

"And education is compulsory on every muslim."

- Al-Hadith

By doing so, fear of Islam will decrease while having strong foundation of education

public.

Implementation of Islamic Judicial system:-

World is facing ~~a~~ injustice and inequality. People are kept deprived of basic human rights. On other hand, Islam has discouraged and prohibited injustice and inequality. By implementation of Islamic judicial system, and by giving the right to deserving people, Islamophobia among non-muslims can be reduced. As Allah say in Quran:-

"O believers! Stand
firmly for justice...."

- Al-Quran

By giving justice and rights to general public in accordance with Islamic teachings, Muslim societies can get rid of Islamophobia.

In short, Muslim societies can get rid of Islamophobia by promoting true Islamic values and teachings among public. It can be achieved by reshaping the narrative of non-muslims and educating muslims around the world.

Conclusion :-

Islamophobia is a growing issue in modern world. It has been a threat to Muslims in form of genocide, discrimination, and hatred of non-Muslims against people of Islam. Yet, this can be reduced and Muslim societies can get rid of it. Muslims should encourage righteousness, justice, balanced and moderate lifestyle and narrative.

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QUESTION NO. 2

Islamic Social System and Remedies for Muslims :-

Introduction :-

Social system of Islam is inclusive of all properties. It is a comprehensive code of life. Muslim countries and societies today are torn apart and dysfunctional. Institutions are established for unity of Muslim societies, but are not efficient enough. For this, there are measures from

Islamic social system that can improve the current state of Muslim societies. Islamic social system includes judicial system, economic system, political system and way towards united muslim world.

What is Social system of Islam?

According to scholars, Islamic social system is Quran and Hadith interpreted system based on equality, justice, brotherhood, family system. This includes all the other systems essential for a functional and efficient Muslim Society.

Remedies for Today's Muslim Society :-

Muslim society today lack the basic implementation of Islamic social system. Following are the remedies for the poor and dysfunctional muslim societies today:

1) Strong Family System for strong Society:-

In Islam, family system is the most important system. Families come together

and make a society. Societies come together and have a greater impact on everyone.

If family system is weak, societies will be weak. In contrast, if family system is strong societies will be strong. Islamic social system has emphasized on family system so muslim societies should work to strengthen their family system.

2) Brotherhood Within and Among Muslim Societies:-

In Islamic social system, muslims are brothers. As Allah says in Quran:

"Muslims are brothers to each other."

- Al-Quran

This shows the unity and importance of brotherhood. Muslim societies should make policies to facilitate ^{other} muslim societies and maintain brotherhood.

3) Muslim societies to Create Ease:-

Many policies and structures donot create ease for other muslims or

people. As Allah says in Quran:

"And create ease for each other and do not make things difficult and bring good tidings

- Al-Quran.

Many current policies of Muslim societies create difficulty for others. There should be easing of conditions and policies as in Islamic Social system.

4) Improved Education system in Muslim societies:-

In Islamic social society, education is encouraged rather made compulsory on every believer. As Allah says in Quran:

"Recall in the name of Your Lord. Who taught you by the means of pen. Who taught men what he did not know."

- Al-Alaq

This shows the importance of gaining education in a Muslim society. Many Muslim

societies around the world do not encourage seeking knowledge. So, according to Islamic social system, education should be encouraged and education system should be improved.

5) Circulation of Money for Decrease in Poverty:-

Muslim societies in modern world are facing extreme poverty. In an Islamic social society money is not accumulated in one hand. Instead it is circulated in the society. Surplus pockets should pay zakat to deficit pockets to get rid of poverty. As Allah says in Quran:

"... offer prayer and pay the prescribed alms. For it is the true religion."

- Al-Quran

This encourages the rich of society to pay zakat and care for the poor of society. Muslim societies should be responsible for this collection and distribution fairly.

6) Justice in Muslim Society:-

In modern world, judicial system is influence by political intervention.

In contrast, an Islamic social system promotes independence of Qazi : Judge. As

Allah says in Quran:

"O believers! stand firmly for justice, as a witness to God, even if against yourself, or your parents, or your relatives, whether rich or poor, God takes care of both."

- Al-Quran

This emphasize that justice should be independent of other factors and influences, promoting a society based on equality and justice.

7) Rule of Law in Muslim Societies:-

In Muslim societies today, few personalities are favored over others. This disrupts the implementation of rule of law in society. According to a hadith

Prophet SAW addressed the nation which favored the rich and influential over poor in society. They were punished by Allah SWT. Prophet SAW says

"By God, if Fatima, daughter of Muhammad, committed the same crime, I would cut her hands."

- Al-Hadith

This shows that Islamic social system values rule of law which should be implemented in today's Muslim society.

8) Eradication of Ribba from Muslim Societies:-

Muslim societies today are deemed to operate economically by including ribba: interest. Islamic social system has prohibited ribba as it is a mean to economically and financially exploit the poor citizens of a society. According to a hadith, Prophet SAW says

"May Allah's curse be upon those who consume riba...."

Al-Hadith

This shows that muslim societies should prohibit riba and encourage Islamic Banking instead of conventional banking.

9) Shura in Policy Making :-

Islamic social system has encouraged consultation (shura) from companions and key members of society. As Allah says in Quran:

“and consult them in conduct of affairs.”

- Al-Quran

This shows that policy making process should be done in consultation of key members of society in muslim societies for prosperity.

Conclusion :-

Islamic social system gives a complete code of life. In contemporary world, muslim societies are facing multiple problems, but by implementation of Islamic social system it can be resolved.