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Abstract

It is obvious that the image of Islam has changed in the world, especially in America after the events of 9/11.2001.

Islam in America is considered as one of the major religions, which is practised by a great number by both Native Americans and the new immigrants. The latter constitute a vital segment of the modern American society.

They participate actively in the social, economic, and political activities. However, the attacks of 9/11 changed the perceptions of Islam as religion in the eye of many Americans.

Being not aware of the differences that exist between Islam and terrorism lead to misunderstanding situations where consequences are often disastrous.

Accordingly, this essay tries to describe the evolution of Islamic religion and Muslims in America, through time and focus on post-September events consequences.

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Abbreviations

9/11	September 11th 2001
ABC	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
CAIR	Council on American-Islamic Relations
CBC	Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
CBS	Columbia Broadcasting System
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CNN	Cable News Network
DC	Washington District of Columbia
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
ICNA	the Islamic Circle of North America
ISNA	Islamic Society of North America
JCS	Joint Chief of Staff
MENA	Middle East and North Africa
NBC	National Broadcasting Company
NJ	New Jersey

NPR	National Public Radio
NRO	the National Reconnaissance Office
NYC	New York City
PNAC	Project for the New American Century
SANE	Society of Americans for National Existence
UN	United Nations
US	United States
USA	United States of America
WTC	World Trade Center

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Islam is considered as one of the three monotheistic faiths which are Islam, Christianity and Judaism. An important part of world population practices the Islamic rites and believes in a single God. For various historical reasons, it was proved that Islam existed in the new continent long before the arrival of European settlers. However, little consideration was given to the old history of this religion in the Americas, until the recent event of 9/11. This event blended two different notions inside the mind of the non-Islamic world community, which are Islam and terrorism.

Starting from a consideration that Islam is not terrorism, the aim of this work is to give an overview of Islamic religion in North-America. In addition, the researchers tackle the topic of Islam in the United States of America after 9/11 and the prejudices against Muslims in the post 9/11. The research aims at answering the following questions :

- Is Islam a new religion in America?
- Is there any relation between Islam and terrorism?

To do so the following hypotheses are put forward:

- Historical facts and archeological evidence proved that Islam existed long before other religions.
- There is no connection between Muslims and terrorists, and America has changed the perception of Islam after 9/11.

In fact, this research paper is divided into three chapters. The first chapter deals with the existence of Islam in the new land, involving the structure of Muslim society, and the liberty of religions in America. For the second one, it treats the facts behind the attacks. While the third one tackles with the American attitudes towards Islam and Muslims after this events.

Thus, the three chapters complement one another to give an overview about Islam in America and the impact of the attacks on Muslims, hoping to

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solve the problem of misunderstanding Islam, which has no link with terrorism.

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1.1 Introduction:

Chapter one attempts to give an idea about the status of religious practices in the U.S.A as well as the historical background of Islamic religion in North America especially in U.S.A including the structure of Muslim community in America.

1.2 Religious Freedom in U.S.A

« Religion is like pair of shoes... find one that fits for you, but don't make me wear your shoes » (George Carlin). Religious freedom is a fundamental human right.

Without the freedom to worship as one chooses or not to worship, it would be hard even to maintain other freedom that are held dear in the US; it is for this reason that the constitution upholds as strict division of Church and state. It is considered as the focal part to be American democracy as guaranteed in the first amendment of the US constitution: it includes two main parts the first is that the government is illegal to set religion-the separation of Church and state; and the second encloses that the government allows for the practice of religion. It reads:

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof: or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances”

(U.S Constitution) Bill of Rights third article September 25th, 1789.

1.3 history of Islam in America

Islam is one of the monotheistic Abrahamic faiths. More than 2.1 billion people over the world are Muslims (Religious Population.com) i.e. they practice the Islamic rituals and believe in ALLAH as the sole God and Mohammed as His Prophet. In the Arabic language, the word Islam means “submission”. It is derived from the Arabic root “SALAM”: Peace, purity, and obedience to the

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Creator. Now, Islam is regarded to be as the fastest-growing religion and many people from different religions have converted to Islam.

Written historical and religious accounts illustrate the emergence of Islam in the world, however in the new continent people ignore how this religion came to exist in the new world. Researchers state differently the establishment of Islam in America “...Muslims began arriving in the new world long before the rise of the Atlantic slave trade, the first recorded arrival was in the late fifteenth century when Christopher Columbus crossed the Atlantic in search of new horizons and trading routes...” (Ghanea Bassiri Kambiz 2010,p.4).According to Abdul Sattar Ghazal « Muslims had reached and explored North America at least 300 years before the discovery of the New World by Columbus. » This information is available at various websites on the internet and even refers to Christopher Columbus having recorded in his diary regarding the sight of a mosque in Cuba during his voyage to America. «Muslims had actually set foot on America soil centuries before Columbus’ illustrious expedition. » (Fell.Barry.1980 p.190).

The existence of Islam in the new land is far as the humanity existence in the continent. Scientific research done recently has proved that Islamic religion was practiced in this part of the world before Christopher Columbus’ arrival.

1.3.1 Islam before Columbus Discovery

Research has proven the existence of Muslims on the American land about seven centuries before Columbus. In addition to the evidence as coins, households tools, archeological excavations had been discovered, philological analyses of languages which were similar to those of the Abbasids in the 8th and 9th centuries justify the theory that Muslims inhabited this part of the world long before other religions.

Muslims made their way to the continent for settlement, beginning from 650 CE. During that time; they built mosques and schools, leaving a lengthy effect on the American Indians “Natives”.

1.3.1.1 Archeological Evidence

Professor Barry Fell is tenacious about the access of Islam in America in the 650s, based on his result of different archeological carvings like the *Kufic* Calligraphy and other excavations undertaken across many regions in the states of Colorado, New Mexico and Indiana. He gave various evidence like this inscription: « In The Name of ALLAH ». It was found on a rock during archeological work in Nevada which belongs to the seventh century. Moreover, this stone which shows the inscription « Muhammad is the prophet of God »



Inscription 1



inscription2

(Ibid.P.14)

He matched between the two pictures: the inscriptions are not in the style of modern Arabic: reciprocally they are in a Kufic script1.

Pertinent to the 7th C. Professor Fell offered a lot of inscriptions belonging to the 7th century which illustrate the similarity in style between North America and North Africa.

There is another professor called Cyrus Thomas (Professor of Smithsonian Institute) who compared between the houses and the building structures of North Africa and North America that reveal the similarities among them.

1.3.1.2 Historical Facts

Ivan Van Sertima in his work “ *They come before Columbus*” assert that there was an absolutely relation between the ancient and the early African people with the Indians, the important evidence that he gave is the names of the native Americans...Ges ,Zamoras, Marabidine, and Marabios. However Marabidine and Marabios relevant to ‘Murabit’, the Moorish Empire.

“...During the rule of the Muslim Caliph of Spain Abdullah Ibn Muhammad (888-912 CE). A Muslim navigator Kashkash Ibn Saeed Ibn Aswad of Cordoba, Spain sailed from Delba (Palos) in 889 CE crossed the Atlantic.Reached an unknown territory returned with fabulous treasures. In Al-Masudi’s map of the world there is a large area in the ocean of darkness and fog (the Atlantic Ocean) which referred to the Americans...”

This is a historical document taken from the book of Muruj-abd- dhahab W a Maadina Al-Jawhar/ the Meadows of Gold and Quarries of Jewels. Written by Ali Ibn Al-Hussein.

According to Salvatore Michel Trento, “ *before embarking on his first voyage to America, Columbus had read the book of Roger Bacon Oxford university, which comprised information , compiled from a variety of Arabic resources, about geographical region on the other side of the Atlantic : hence Columbus’ previous knowledge of the Islands in the Atlantic Ocean and other places.*”(Trento, Salvatore Michael.1980.p.190.)

Fareed Nu'man (Achronological Observation By Fareed H. Nu'man December 1992) provided historical facts related to the earliest known references to Muslims having reached the shores of America dated back to the later part of 12th and the early part of the 14th century:

1178 A Chinese document known as the sung document states the voyage of Muslim sailors to a land known as Mu-Lan- Pl (America).

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This document is mentioned in the khotan Amirs, published in 1933.

1310 Abu Bakari, a Muslim king from the Malian Empire, lead a series of nautical voyages to the new world.

1312 African Muslims from Mandinga arrived in the Gulf of Mexico and explored the American interior via the Mississippi River, (American Muslim Council AMC)

The research proved that Islam settled the new continent long before Columbus discovery of the continent, but as it is known, the history of religions in this part of the world started with the new comers; that is to say Old continent emigrants.

1.3.2 Islam and the New Continent

On October 21st, 1492, Columbus admitted in his paper that he saw a mosque on the top of a mountain including inscriptions of Qu'ranic verses. In that second arrival, some Indians of Espanola (*Haiti*) Hispaniola (second largest Island of the West Indies) told him that black people had been to the Island before his arrival. For a proof, they presented weapons which were tipped with a yellow metal that the Indians called Guanine, a word of west Africa derivation meaning gold alloy also related to the Arabic word "GHINA" which means « wealth ».

1530 African slaves arrived in America. More than ten Million were uprooted from their homes and brought to America, and more than 30% were Muslims. (Nu'man Fareed H: A Chronological Observation 2002)

(The film 'Amistad' hinted to this fact.) Film Amistad (1997) By Steven Spielberg

By 1800, some 500.000 Africans came to the continent. Some historians estimate that between 15-30% men and less than 15% women were Muslims who came from areas where Islam was followed by the two best example slaves who

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were: the first is *Ayuba Suleiman Diallo* who was brought to America in 1731 and returned to Africa in 1734, (Samuel S.Hill, Charles H.Lippy, Charles Reagan Wilson,

2005, p.394).As any Muslim slave, he had some difficulties to perform his religious rituals until his master allotted a private place for him.

The second is Omar *Ibn Sad* (1770-1864) who was born in the Muslim State of Futa Toro in western Africa “Senegal”. He is one of the document examples of a practicing-Muslim; he was a scholar and trader; he arrived in South Carolina in 1807. And was sold to James Owen of North Carolina, (Thomas C, Parramore, 2000, pp.127-150). Many of the Muslim slaves were compelled to convert to Christianity. Many of the first generation slaves retained much of their Muslim identity, but due to the harsh slavery conditions, this identity was largely lost to later generations.

1.4 Muslim Community in the U.S.A

The class of Muslim is very special in the United States because it is on religion, not on linguistic, ethnic, national, or geographical resemblances. Thus, “the *Muslims of America are far from homogenous in their composition and in their attitude s and practices. American Islam is a mosaic of many ethnic, racial, and national groups...*” (John Esposito.1998. p.4.)

1.4.1 Population

According to John Esposito, Islam is the fastest growing religion in the U.S and in Europe. It is the second biggest religion in France (*4 million*) and the third in Britain (*1.5 million*), Germany, (*1.9 Million*), and North America. (Supra note, 8 at 3/ Colorado Mapping International 2000). He also says that Islam in the future will replace Judaism as the second largest religion in the U.S, he proves with the high Muslim birth immigration, and conversion.

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Professor Yvonne Haddad treats the main causes in Islam's growth in the US, in his book; *"The Muslim community in the United States is a recent phenomenon, taking place primarily over the last three decades in response to changes in American immigration laws and the demands of the labor market"* (Haddad, Yvonne Yazbeck.1991,p.4).

The yearbook of American and Canadian Churches 2000 gives the figures of 3.950.000 Muslims in North America. Nowadays the magazine of the Islamic Horizons proclaims that there are 8-10 Million Muslims in North America. The largest concentrations of Muslims are in California, New York, and Illinois-with an estimated 400.000 in the Chicago area. (Poston, 17; Zobra, p.48.)

The accurate number of Muslims in the US is not known. A research Scientist Carol Stone states in her book *"Estimate of Muslims Living in America"* that, *"... It is still unclear how many Muslims currently reside in America...because of a lack of reliable information about Muslims in this country..."*

There are many important reasons why this is so. First, for the past 50 years the US government has not comprised questions about religious combination in its census. James Dretke, executive director of the Zwemer Institute, reports that *the 2nd factor is the fact that Muslims do not join mosques as Christians join churches, so it is impossible to count their membership rolls.* (James P.Dretke.2000).

Rolland Miller accords the 3rd cause: *"religious statistics are notoriously difficult to compile because of affiliation questions and reporting problems. Muslims statisticians routinely give higher figures."*

The Muslims category includes the immigrants and a significant number of African American (*The Natives*).

1.4.2 Immigrants

The earliest Muslim immigrants that came as slaves from Africa were those who arrived in the West in the beginning of 1500. The modern immigrants came between the 1870s and World War II, from Iran, Yemen, South Asia, Indonesia, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria. (Haddad and Lummis Supra note 21, at 195) Many Iranians settled in California. Los Angeles has the largest expatriate Iranian community in the country.

Accordingly, the number of Muslim immigrants began to rise very fast starting in the late 1960s. A new analysis offers that, among countries with large Muslim population, Pakistan is by far the leading sending country of immigrants over the last decade, followed by Bangladesh, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, and Egypt. (Center of immigration, Census, 2000)

This various group of Muslims have helped to build American cities as engineers, architects, doctors, psychiatrists, social workers, teachers, lawyers, and professors.

1.4.3 Natives: African- American Muslims

The majority of Muslim population is original. After World War II, the popularity of Black Nationalism was promoted in Africa and become the icon of liberalism, a model for Black Americans' efforts to deal with their own problems arising within daily existence in America. (MOORE, Supra note3, at 9)

The nation of Islam appealed to the oppressed as a protest directed at the whole value-construct of the white Christian society, a society in which Black Muslims feel themselves an isolated and unappreciated appendage.

The leader Elijah Muhammad (1897-1975) and Malcolm x (1925-1965) had played a big role for Islam; they were main centres of Muslim communities and an important source of Muslim converts.

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Obviously, Malcolm X (El- Hajj Malik El-Shabazz) the best-known Black Muslim leader was a prison convert. (Haddad, Dynamics, Supra note 5 at 24)

“I am and always will be a Muslim, my religion is Islam”

“I am not a racist in any form whatsoever. I don’t believe in any form of discrimination or segregation. I believe in Islam. I am Muslim, nothing wrong with the religion of Islam”

Malcolm March 12, 1964(Declaration Of Independence)

1.5 Conclusion

Historical facts and archeological evidence have proved that Islamic religion is so old and has existed for a long time in the Americas. In the first part of this chapter, the researchers provide elements that support this idea. Then, they present the ethnic distinctions that exist among the Muslim society in America.

Even if Islam is considered as one of the most important religions in America and known as a religion of tolerance, September 11 events bring a negative image to the other Americans. Muslims found many difficulties to explain that terrorism is not Islam. Therefore, the aim of the researchers in the second chapter is to highlight the new American social and official vision towards Islam and Muslims.

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2.1 Introduction:

The previous chapter has dealt with the existence of Islam in America, and how this religion has grown in that continent. Thus, the objective of this chapter is to shed light on the incident of 9/11 and the facts behind it.

2.2 The Event of 9/11:

The 9/11 was a chain of harmonious suicide attacks by a terrorist group known as al Qaeda upon the US. It was one of the dangerous offenses on the American land.

There were four planes leaving from Boston, Newark, and Washington District of Columbia (D.C), one took off into the Pentagon, two were flown into the Twin Towers in New York City (NYC), and another flew into the ground in Pennsylvania.

8.48 am The American Airlines flight 11 lap the North Tower which was departing from Boston.

9.05 am United Airlines flight 175 in way from Boston stub the South Tower.

9.43 am American Airlines flight 77 enroute from Washington D.C crashed into the Pentagon.

9.59 am The South fell.

10.00 am United Airlines flight 93 crashed into the ground in Shanks vile, PA; which was coming from Newark, New Jersey (NJ).

10.28 am The North Tower collapsed.

In the modern history of the United States of America, there has been no greater tragedy than the terroristic acts on September 11, 2001. It is without doubt the worse day ever on America's memory, more than 3000 people, including 400 police officers and firefighters, were killed that day in a terrible way.

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President Bush said “... *Terrorist attacks can shake the foundation of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve...*”(George.Walker.Bush Quotes)

“... *The planes were hijacked, the building fell, and thousands of lives were lost nearly a thousand mile from here, but the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon was an attack on the heart of America. And standing here in the heart land of America, we say in one voice: We will not give in to terrorists; we will not rest until they are found and defeated; we will win this struggle; not for glory, nor wealth, nor power, but for freedom, and for peace...*” (Tom Harkin Quotes)

So, “... *September 11,2001, changed America. The terrorist attack on the World Trade Center brought home to Americans something they had heard about but never really experienced...*” (Khan Arshad, 2003.p,1)

The Americans considered that the assailants were Islamic terrorists financed by Osama bin Laden’s al- Qaeda terrorist organization, a Saudi fugitive; they came from Saudi Arabia and various Arab nations (Global Research by Prof Michel Chossudovsky. September.12,2001). They wanted to destroy the United States militarily but they did not have the capacity to do that, so they set their sights on symbolic targets instead. The Twin Towers, as the center pieces of the World Trade Centre, symbolized globalization and America’s economic power and prosperity. The Pentagon, as the headquarters for the US Department of defense, serves as a symbol of American military power. It is thought that flight 93 was headed to the capital building, the centre of American legislative government.

Al-Qaeda hoped that by attacking these symbols of American power, they would promote widespread fear throughout the country.

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Oussama Bin Laden declared that the attack was retaliation for America's support of Israel and its participation in the Persian Gulf War and its continuous military presence in the Middle East, and he added that some of the attackers had lived in the USA for more than a year and had taken flying lessons at American commercial flight schools.

He appeared a statement tape that he had nothing to do with the attack on America and that actions were against the teaching of Islam, and this is just a conspiracy from the government in order to make struggle between Islam and other religions.

"...I was not involved in the 9/11 attacks in the US nor did I have knowledge of the attacks. There exists a government within perpetrators of these attacks within its self; to the people who want to make the present century of conflict between Islam and Christianity. That secret government must be asked as to who carried out the attacks... the Americans system is totally in control of the Jews, whose first priority is Israel, not the US..."
reported by the BBC.(October.9.2014.6:12.PM)

The conspiracy zone confirmed that the event of 9/11 is the biggest lie ever thrust on the American people without a doubt, and believed that he was not a willing patsy and that he had no advance knowledge of the planned attacks of 9/11.

President Bush declared that *"...A country awakened to danger and called to defend freedom..."* (147Cong. RecS9593, September 20th, 2001). In a reference to the eventual US Military response he denoted *"We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them"*.

The only key to success was to take the fight to the terrorists. On October 7, Operation Enduring Freedom, the American-led international effort started to expel the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and destroy Osama bin

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Laden's terrorist network based there, during two months US forces efficaciously removed the Taliban from operational power, but the war persisted; US and coalition forces tried to finish a Taliban rebellion expedition based in Pakistan. Osama bin Laden, stayed at large until May 2, 2011, when he was finally, tracked down and killed by US forces at a shed in Abbottabad, Pakistan. (Robert M. Cassidy. pp.223.224.)

2.3 The Facts of 9/11:

The world considered the 9/11 as the most central event in history and an extremely complicated story with numerous players and motives. The sources below are taken from the major media:

1962s: America's top military leaders draft plans to kill innocent people and commit acts of terrorism in US cities to trick the public into supporting a war against Cuba in the early 1960s. Approved in writing by the Pentagon Joint Chiefs, Operation Northwood's even proposes blowing up a US ship and hijacking planes as a false pretext for war. (ABC News, 5/1/01, Pentagon Documents).

Mr. Bamford's book, *Body of Secrets: Anatomy of the Ultra-secret National Security Agency from the Cold War through the Dawn of a New Century* reveals that the US Joint Chief of Staff (JCS) drew up and approved plans for "launching a secret and bloody war of terrorism against their own country in order to trick the American public into supporting an ill-conceived war they intended to launch against Cuba".

1980s: Osama bin Laden operates a front organization for the mujahidin-Islamic freedom fighters rebelling against the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) secretly backs the mujahidin. Pakistan's Prime Minister Bhutto, understanding the ferocity of Islamic extremism, tells then President George Bush, "You are creating a Frankenstein." (MSNBC, 8/24/98, Newsweek, 10/1/01)

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1994s: Two attacks take place which involve hijacking planes to crash them into buildings, including one by an Islamic militant group. In a third attack, a lone pilot crashes a plane at the White House. Yet after Sept. 11, over and over aviation and security officials say they are shocked that terrorists could have hijacked airliners and crashed them into landmark buildings. (New York Times, 10/3/01)

1996s: The Saudi Arabian government is financially support Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda and other extremist groups. After 9/11, the Bush Administration has nothing to confront the Saudi leadership over its support of terror organizations and its refusal to help in the investigation. (New Yorker, 10/22/01)

1996-1999s: The CIA officer in charge of operations against Al Qaeda from Washington report, "I speak with firsthand experience (and for several score of CIA officers) when I state categorically that during this time senior White House officials repeatedly refused to act on sound intelligence that provided multiple chances to eliminate Osama bin Laden." (Los Angeles Times, 12/5/04)

1996-2001s: Federal authorities had known for years that suspected terrorists with ties to bin Laden were receiving flight training at schools in the US and abroad. One convicted terrorist confessed that his planned role in a terror attack was to crash a plane into CIA headquarters. (Washington Post, 9/23/01)

1996-Sept 11, 2001s: Taliban envoys repeatedly discuss turning bin Laden over, but the US wants to be handed bin Laden directly, and the Taliban want to turn him over to some third country. About 20 more meetings on giving up bin Laden take place up till 9/11, all fruitless. (Washington Post, 10/29/01)

1997s: Former National Security Advisor Brzezinski publishes a book portraying Eurasia (a term used to describe the combined continental landmass of Europe and Asia) as the key to world power, and Central Asia with its vast oil reserves as the key to domination of Eurasia. He states that for the US to

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maintain its global primacy, it must prevent any adversary from controlling that region. He notes that because of popular resistance to US military expansionism, his ambitious strategy can't be implemented "except in the circumstance of a truly massive and widely perceived direct external threat." (*The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and its Geostrategic Imperatives*)

1998s: An Oklahoma City Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agent sent a memo warning that "large numbers of Middle Eastern males" are getting flight training and could be planning terrorist attacks. (CBS, 5/30/02) A separate CIA intelligence report asserts that Arab terrorists are planning to fly a bomb-laden aircraft into the WTC (World Trade Center). (New York Times, 9/19/02, Senate Intelligence Committee, 9/18/02)

August 1998s: Within minutes of each other, truck bombs blow up the US embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, killing more than 220. For some of the time that bin Laden's men were plotting to blow up the two embassies, US intelligence was tapping their phones. (Newsweek, 10/1/01)

December 1998s: A *Time* magazine cover story entitled "The Hunt for Osama," reports that bin Laden may be planning his boldest move yet - a strike on Washington or possibly New York City. (Time, 12/21/98)

Late 1998-Early 2000s: On at least three occasions, spies in Afghanistan report bin Laden's location. Each time, the president approves an attack. Each time, the CIA Director says the information is not reliable enough and the attack cannot go forward. (New York Times, 12/30/01)

September 1999s: A US intelligence report states bin Laden and Al-Qaeda terrorists could crash an aircraft into the Pentagon. The Bush administration claims not to have heard of this report until May 2002, though it was widely shared within the government. (CNN, 5/18/02, AP, 5/18/02, Guardian, 5/19/02)

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November 1999s: The Head of Australia's Security Services admits the Echelon global surveillance system exists. The US still denies it exists. BBC describes Echelon's power as "astounding." Every international telephone call, fax, e-mail, or radio transmission can be listened to by powerful computers capable of voice recognition. They home in on key words, or patterns of messages. (BBC, 11/3/99)

January 2000: George Bush Sr. meets with Bin Laden family on behalf of the Carlyle Group (is a global alternative asset manager). He had already met with them in 1998. Bush's chief of staff could not remember that this meeting took place until shown a thank you note confirming the meeting. (Wall Street Journal, 9/27/01, Guardian, 10/31/01)

Summer 2000: A secret military operation named Able Danger identifies four future 9/11 hijackers, including lead hijacker Mohamed Atta, as a potential threat and members of Al Qaeda. Yet none of this is mentioned later in the 9/11 Commissions' final report. When questioned, the 9/11 commission's chief spokesman initially says that staff members briefed about Able Danger did not remember hearing anything about Atta. Days later, however, after provided detailed information, he says the uniformed officer who briefed two staff members had indeed mentioned Atta. (New York Times, 8/11/05)

Sept 2000: The think-tank Project for the New American Century (PNAC) writes the blueprint for a global "Pax Americana." Written for the Bush team before the 2000 election, *Rebuilding America's Defenses* is a plan for maintaining global US preeminence and shaping the international security order in line with American principles and interests. The plan shows Bush intends to take control of the Persian Gulf whether or not Saddam Hussein is in power. It advocates the transformation of the US military. But, "the process of transformation, even if it brings revolutionary change, is likely to be a long one, absent some catastrophic and catalyzing event - like a new Pearl Harbor". (BBC, 2/14/07, Sunday Herald, 9/7/02, read report)

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2000 - 2001: The military conducts exercises simulating what the White House later says is unimaginable: hijacked airliners used as weapons to crash into targets and cause mass casualties. One imagined target is the WTC. [USA Today, 4/19/04] Another is the Pentagon. (Military District of Washington (Army), 11/3/00)

Jan 2001: A flight school alerts the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Hijacker Hani Hanjour lacks English and flying skills needed for his commercial pilot's license. An FAA official then sits next to him in class. The official offers a translator to help him pass, but the flight school says this is against the rules. (AP, 5/10/02) Yet despite poor flying skills, official reports later state Hanjour executes a 330 to 360 degree turn of AA Flight 77 over Washington on 9/11 in under four minutes and manages a precision hit on the Pentagon. (NY Times, 10/16/01, NTSB, 2/19/02)

Jan 2001: After the elections, US intelligence agencies are told to "back off" investigating the bin Laden's and Saudi royals. There have always been constraints on investigating Saudis. (BBC, 11/6/01)

Spring 2001: Military and government documents are released that seek to legitimize the use of US military force in the pursuit of oil. One article advocates presidential subterfuge in the promotion of conflict and "explicitly urge[s] painting over the US's actual reasons for warfare as a necessity for mobilizing public support for a conflict." (Sydney Morning Herald, 12/26/02)

May 2001: US security chiefs reject Sudan's offer to turn over voluminous files about bin Laden and al-Qaeda. Sudan has made this offer repeatedly since 1995. (Guardian, 9/30/01)

May 2001: Secretary of State Powell gives \$43 million in aid to the Taliban government. (Los Angeles Times, 5/22/01, CNN 5/17/01) This follows \$113 million given in 2000. (State Dept. Fact Sheet, 12/11/01)

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May 2001: The US introduces "Visa Express" program allowing any Saudi Arabian to obtain visas through their travel agent instead of appearing at a consulate in person. (US News and World Report, 12/12/01) Five hijackers use Visa Express to enter the US. (Congressional Intelligence Committee, 9/20/02)

May-Aug 2001: A number of the 9/11 hijackers make at least six trips to Las Vegas. These "fundamentalist" Muslims drink alcohol, frequent strip clubs, and smoke hashish. Some even have strippers perform lap dances for them. (San Francisco Chronicle, 10/4/01, Newsweek, 10/15/01)

June 13, 2001: Egyptian President Mubarak through his intelligence services warns the US that bin Laden's Islamic terrorist network is threatening to kill Bush and other Group of Eight leaders at their July economic summit meeting in Italy. The terrorists plan to use a plane stuffed with explosives. (NY Times, 9/26/01)

June 28, 2001: CIA Director George J. Tenet has been "nearly frantic" with concern. A written intelligence summary for national security adviser Condoleezza Rice says: "*It is highly likely that a significant al Qaeda attack is in the near future, within several weeks.*" Rice will later claim that everyone was taken by complete surprise by the 9/11 attack. By late summer, one senior political appointee says, Tenet had repeated this threat "so often that people got tired of hearing it." (Washington Post, 5/17/02)

July 4-14, 2001: Bin Laden reportedly receives kidney treatment from Canadian-trained Dr. Callaway at the American Hospital in Dubai. Telephoned several times, the doctor declines to answer questions. During his stay, bin Laden allegedly is visited by one or two CIA officers. (Guardian, 11/1/01, Sydney Morning Herald, 10/31/01, Times of London, 11/1/01, UPI, 11/1/01)

July 10, 2001: A Phoenix FBI agent sends a memorandum warning about Middle Eastern men taking flight lessons. He suspects bin Laden's followers and recommends a national program to check visas of suspicious flight-school students. The memo is sent to two FBI counter-terrorism offices, but no action is

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taken. (New York Times, 5/21/02) Vice President Cheney says in May 2002 that he opposes releasing this memo to congressional leaders or to the media and public. (CNN, 5/20/02)

July 24, 2001: Larry Silverstein's \$3.2 billion 99-year lease of the WTC is finalized. Silverstein hopes to win \$7 billion in insurance from the destruction of the WTC towers. (NY Times, 02/16/03, Newsday, 09/25/02)

July 26, 2001: Attorney General Ashcroft stops flying commercial airlines due to a threat assessment. (CBS, 7/26/01) He later walks out of his office rather than answer questions about this. (AP, 5/16/02)

Late July 2001: The US and United Nations(UN) ignore warnings from the Taliban foreign minister that bin Laden is planning an imminent huge attack on US soil. The FBI and CIA also fail to take seriously warnings that Islamic fundamentalists have enrolled in flight schools across the US. (Independent, 9/7/02)

Summer 2001: Intelligence officials know that al Qaeda both hopes to use planes as weapons and seeks to strike a violent blow within the US, despite government claims following 9/11 that the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks came "like bolts from the blue." (Wall Street Journal, 09/19/02, CNN, 9/12/02)

Summer 2001: Russian President Putin later says publicly that he ordered his intelligence agencies to alert the US of suicide pilots training for attacks on US targets. (Fox, 5/17/02)

Late summer 2001: Jordanian intelligence agents go to Washington to warn that a major attack is planned inside the US and that aircraft will be used. *Christian Science Monitor* calls the story "confidently authenticated" even though Jordan later backs away from it. (CS Monitor, 5/23/02)

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Aug 5-11, 2001: Israel warns US of an imminent Al Qaeda attack. (Fox News, 5/17/02)

Aug 6, 2001: President Bush is warned by US intelligence that bin Laden might be planning to hijack commercial airliners. The White House waits eight months after 9/11 to reveal this fact. (New York Times, 5/16/02) Titled "Bin Laden Determined To Strike in US," the intelligence briefing specifically mentions the World Trade Center. Yet Bush later states the briefing "said nothing about an attack on America." (CNN, 4/12/04, Washington Post, 4/12/04, White House, 4/11/04, CNN, 4/10/04, Intelligence Briefing, 8/6/01)

Aug 22, 2001: Top counter-terrorism expert John O'Neill quits the FBI due to repeated obstruction of his al-Qaeda investigations and a power play against him. He was the government's "most committed tracker of bin Laden and al-Qaeda." The next day he starts a new job as head of security at the WTC. He is killed weeks later in the World Trade Center during the 9/11 attack. (New Yorker, 1/14/02)

Aug 24, 2001: Frustrated with lack of response from FBI headquarters about detained suspect Moussaoui, the Minnesota FBI begins working with the CIA. The CIA sends alerts calling him a "suspect 747 airline suicide hijacker." Three days later an FBI Minnesota supervisor says he is trying to make sure that Moussaoui does not "take control of a plane and fly it into the World Trade Center." (Senate Intelligence Committee, 10/17/02) FBI headquarters chastises Minnesota FBI for notifying the CIA. (Time, 5/21/02) FBI Director Mueller will later say "there was nothing the agency could have done to anticipate and prevent the [9/11] attacks." (Senate Intelligence Committee, 9/18/02)

Sept 10, 2001: A particularly urgent warning may have been received the night before the attacks, causing some top Pentagon brass to cancel a trip. "Why that same information was not available to the 266 people who died aboard the four hijacked commercial aircraft may become a hot topic on the Hill." (Newsweek, 9/13/01) "A group of top Pentagon officials suddenly canceled

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travel plans for the next morning, apparently because of security concerns." (Newsweek, 9/24/01)

Sept 10, 2001: Former president Bush is with a brother of Osama bin Laden at a Carlyle business conference. The conference is interrupted the next day by the attacks. (Washington Post, 3/16/03)

Sept 10, 2001: Defense Secretary Rumsfeld announces that by some estimates the Department of Defense "cannot track \$2.3 trillion in transactions." CBS later calculates that 25% of the yearly defense budget is unaccounted for. A defense analyst says, "The books are cooked routinely year after year." (DOD, 9/10/01, CBS, 1/29/02) *This announcement was buried by the next day's news of 9/11.*

September 11, 2001:

Sept 11, 2001: Warren Buffett, the second richest man on Earth (BBC, 6/22/01), schedules a charity event inside Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. A small group of business leaders attend, including at least one who would otherwise have died in the WTC. (SF Business Times, 2/1/02, Forbes 10/15/01) Bush flies to this same base that day, where there is an underground command center. (CNN, 9/12/01, CBS, 9/11/02)

Sept 11, 2001: Recovery experts extract data from 32 WTC computer drives revealing a surge in financial transactions. Illegal transfers of over \$100 million may have been made through some WTC computer systems immediately before and during the disaster. (Reuters, 12/18/01, CNN, 12/20/01)

Sept 11, 2001: In what the government described as a bizarre coincidence, a US intelligence agency (the National Reconnaissance Office or NRO) was all set for an exercise at 9 AM on September 11th in which an aircraft would crash into one of its buildings near Washington, DC. (AP, 8/22/02) Four war-games were also in progress at the time of the attacks. (C-SPAN Congressional Testimony, 3/11/05)

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Sept 11, 2001: The entire continental United States is defended by only seven air bases and 14 military jets. (CNN, 9/9/03, Newsday, 9/23/01)

2.4 Conclusion:

September 11 is the never-to-be-forgotten anniversary of major terrorist attacks on the United States. For some people- especially those who are too young to remember the attacks clearly

There was some evidence which showed that this incident was a conspiracy from the government in order to make conflicts between Islam and other religions and communities. Therefore, it is obvious that Islam and Muslims after the 9/11 are facing many difficulties inside America, so as to explain that terrorism is not Islam. Thus, the aim of the researchers in the second chapter is to highlight the influence of the event on Muslim community.

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3.1 Introduction:

The previous chapter has tackled with the facts behind the event of 9/11. Then, the objective of this chapter is to shed light on the position of Islam after the event of 9/11. It also provides the position of American Muslims during the post-9/11 era and the current time.

3.2 Prejudices against Muslims in the Pre-9/11 Era:

Muslims and particularly Arabs suffered discrimination from the early wave of immigration. During years, anti-Muslim sentiment grew and after the 9/11 attack surfaced in the political, legal, and everyday life experiences of Muslims in the United States.

Pre 9/11 Muslim experiences were not systematically studied until very recent years. Renowned scholar Edward Said was one of the early Arab American intellectuals who conceptualized radical discrimination in the 1980s. *Thomas Johnson* said that:

“ the era before 9/11 was mostly the era of nation states and we tended to think of people more for their nationality than for their religion we heard a great deal about Iran during the 70’s and before the 1979 revolution that introduced most Americans to the idea that there were theocratic Muslims. Although we knew the Saudis were theocratic, they were widely regarded as idiosyncratic people with their own customs and ocean of oil”. (Thomas Johnson, Internationalist from International Falls, Quora user written by Andrey Kardahov)

Professor Vinay Lal mentioned Said’s early revelation on segregation against Muslims and Arabs.

“... Said became convinced that Arabs and Muslims were the only cultural and ethnic group against whom vile and racist nonsense could be uttered with nearly utter impunity in the

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west. There is an ugly phenomenon in this country, he told an interviewer in 1987, and it is this: The last permissible racism here- and by permissible, I mean it's Okay publicly in the media and elsewhere- is to be racist against Arabs..." (Vinay Lal.2003. pp.105-107).

There were some events before 9/11 which started the change of thinking of Muslims more in terms of political fundamentalists who represented more of a threat than did the Muslim nations like Egypt or Jordan. For example: the Iranian hostage crisis of 1979-80.

"Before 9/11, Muslims did not reach out much to a lot of people outside of their communities or to other faith groups", said Zainab AL-SUWAIJ, executive director of the American Islamic congress in Washington, DC. "But after 9/11, they were kind of forced to do that, to tell the rest of the world that we are here, we are part of the American mosaic and we are here as American citizens" (By Joyce Jones. November 9,2001)

According to the legitimate viewpoint, the most visual preferential act with Arabs and Muslims that they had to be in the area of immigration Law. They were purposes of discriminatory positions comparable to those offered towards non-European and non-Christian immigrants. This incident is considered as an episode of racism in American history.

3.3 Prejudices against Muslims in the Post9/11 Era:

Muslims have long been "the others" in American society, with the difference of religion and culture from the "mainstream" Judeo-Christian tradition.

After 9/11 America has become less friendly with Muslims to the extent that they have probably changed other minorities like Hispanics, Native Americans and Afro-Americans as objectives of segregation, distaste and inequality. Many American Muslims had suffered from physical attacks,

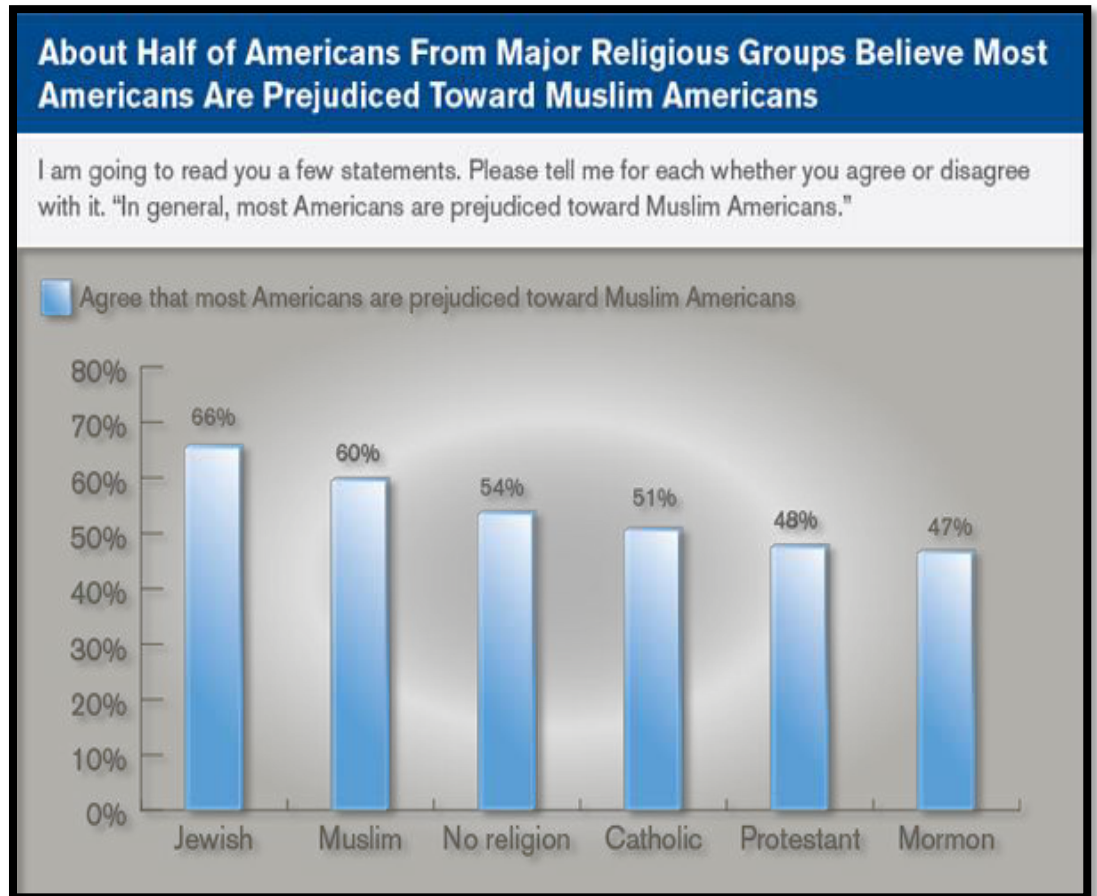
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nasty look, and casual comments to workplace annoyance, burning mosques, and Qur'an.

In the seven days following September 11, South Asians and Arabs reported 645 "bias incidents and hate crimes". According to Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the post 9/11 anti-Muslims backlash has been characterized by a higher degree of violence than in prior years, and contains a number of murders. In Chicago, there were more than 100 hate crimes against Arabs and Muslims, the largest predominantly Arab mosque in the Chicago metropolitan area was circled by a host of a hundreds of furious whites: screaming "Kill the Arabs". (Council on American-Islamic Relations, 2002)

Under the name of National security, Muslim communities were pressed legally, politically, and socially. This term has produced a new form of American statutory exceptionalism, it has limited the civil and legal right of Muslim immigrants, and they were under surveillance. In addition to the domestic policies and aggressive foreign policy that was framed as the war on terror, concentrated on infestation and occupation of Muslim territories without keeping the limit of international law and moral principles; there were two main wars, the US conquest of Iraq and Afghanistan, and an offensive strange policy toward the Middle East; it has made a tentative sense between American Muslims which led to severe aversion among Muslims and Americans, nationally and globally.

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Data reported from 2010

About one-half of Mormons, Protestants, Catholics, Muslims, and Jews in the U.S agree that most Americans are prejudiced toward Muslim Americans.

Attitudes toward Muslim Americans have been largely understudied in the psychological field. It is important to identify negative conditions for American Muslims in order to understand and conform cases in which negative stances are expressed.

3.3.1 Immigrant Law:

Migration has always been an important part of human life. For millennia, humans have travelled from place to place, smoothly populating the entire world. The inclination to migrate in search for a better life existed then and it has existed up until now.

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Human migration in old times was especially because of famine, warfare, or lack of agriculture. In otherwise, human migration in modern time's work for the purpose of collecting families, escaping persecution, or more significantly, finding better work chance. Migration has influenced many countries throughout the world in both positive and negative ways.

The troubles it has created in the modern world can be affected to the inexpensive labor demand in growing economies. The motion of cheap labor from undeveloped countries swiftly became a responsibility as stagnation began over the early 1970s.

The slump of 1973 ultimately led to political, economic, social, and cultural matters in many regions around the globe; but, most particularly in the United States (US).

A lot of countries have profited from immigration in the past; however, modern immigration is not always realized as a probability of economic growth for the receiving country. Indeed, at times, the average of immigration grew so quickly that it threatened the US with many issues. The fast growth of immigration has happened more observably in the US with the inlet of several thousand immigrants every year, specially the growth of undocumented immigrants.

Undocumented immigrants, too known as unlawful foreigners, have brought more attentiveness to the US government, who has been changing and passing new enactments ago, its creation in the 18th century In Europe, the movement of immigration can be basically seen in the West, wherever countries always receive great groups of immigrants from Africa and Eastern Europe. Furthermore, the US mostly receives immigrants from Central and South America who try to cross the US-Mexican Border yearly. (Kate Pickert February.18, 2014.)

Despite the well preserved limit between the US and Mexico, those undocumented immigrants attempt to traverse in every which way. They let their families and risk their lives in order to arrive to the land of chances.

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On the contrary, they will reach a land in which their prerogatives will be continually violated, not a country which gladly guarantees a broad range of rights and individual liberties.

Understanding the politics of international migration and border control policies is not only essential in regards to national safety and economic growth, but also necessary in attenuating changing visualizations of sovereignty and the function of the state in policy evolution. This paper argues that immigration law and policy will be more open when external threats grow and more closed when geographical focusing, series migrations, and internal intimidations increase.

The attacks of September 11, 2001, modified the landscape of universal security, no more than limits and migration. The topography of citizenship, belonging, and suspicion immediately changed for Arab and Muslim societies in the United States.

They drew the sharp attention of U.S. law implementation and intelligence duties, and that continues. But the public's focus has swung south to scrutinize the U.S.-Mexican border as a reason of instability. On the whole, the alarms about immigrants as threats are overstated. And the policy choices driven by these concerns—much larger border security measures in particular—are expensive in a worldwide economy and unimportant for security in any situation.

The election of George Walker Bush in 2000 seemed to mark a turning point in US immigration policy. Thirty-five years after the latest major alterations to the US immigration system, and two contracted into an increasingly assertive, but mostly ineffective, immigration enforcement policy, the Republican president seemed to see immigration as offering important benefits to the US economy. He called for a new and large-scale temporary worker programme, saw the growing Hispanic population as important swing voters, and met five times in nine months with Mexico's newly elected president, Vicente Fox.

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Immigration policy has been viewed by national security, which is an evolution that has given rise to main new border security and law application lead, heightened visa controls and examination of the international passengers and would be immigrants, combine and store of notion used by intelligence agencies. (By Tom Barry.June 1, 2001.)

3.3.2 The USA Patriot Act:

The USA Patriot Act is an acronym for “uniting and strengthening America by providing appropriate tools required to intercept and obstruct terrorism”. It was signed into law on October 26, 2006 by President George Bush.

It is regarded as a response to the terrorist attacks of 9/11, and adopted by Congress. Its principal purpose is to deter and punish terrorist acts in the US and around the World, to enhance law enforcement investigatory tools, and to reinforce US measures to prevent, detect prosecute international money laundering and financing to terrorism. It was signed into law on March 6, 2006 by W. Bush.

The Act permits federal officials bigger authority pursuing and intercepting communications, both for aims of law applications and strange intelligence gathering. It has two goals:

1. The short term objective was to improve the authority of the federal bureau of investigation’s (FBI).
2. The long term objective was to avoid ulterior terrorist attacks in the United States.

3.4 Social and Cultural Pressure:

In the post 9/11, the pressure was so tremendous on Muslims, Arabs, and Middle Easterners. They were really suffering physically and emotionally misused; there were discrimination cases in workplaces, colleges, schools, and airports. Many incidents were recorded, specially against Muslim

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women who wear headscarves because their clothes were related with terrorism. (Haddad et. al, Muslim women, *supra note*10, at 15)

Post 9/11 public opinion polls marked that 60 percent of Americans preferred ethnic profiling of Arabs or Muslims. While the Bush management made clear that the ministry was keen to finish ethnic profiling, the American public irresistibly agreed the racial profiling of Arabs, Muslims, and Middle Easterners. Depending on the management's policy orientation, "In case of menace to national safety or the honesty of the nation's frontier or the probable disastrous loss of life," federal law application officials may regard race and ethnicity. Consequently, racial profiling of each one unless Muslims, Arabs, and South Asians became limited in counterterrorism efforts. On account of this especial racial profiling, "airfield profiling, secrecy stoppages, race-based migration policies, and eclectic application of migration laws" have found "generic applicability." (By Louise Cankar)

Just after 9/11, severely act of government influenced not just the targeted individuals, that is to say youthful Arab, Middle Eastern, and Muslim men, but their families too. As a consequence, a lot of "Arabs/Muslims were expelled or voluntarily let the United States out of scare," and many families became divided from one to another. However the government "explicitly refused Muslim/Arab 'ethnic profiling ; in addition it was clear that this was the targeted group that would be more influenced by the government's national against terrorism strategy that the mandatory general defined as "taking imagined terrorists in breach of the law off the roads and hold them closed." The objective was "Muslim-looking" people. The profile had "ethnic content and was concerned with phenotype instead of faith or action". (Hilal Elver.2012,p.143.)

American Muslims were always wondering why a small group of radical fixes the public image of the entire Muslim society, with their terrorist actions that assault the main principles of Islam. As Edward Said, author of

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Covering Islam, who observed the prejudices against Muslims, is “*the last sanctioned racism*”

Muslims in the US faced the influence in plenty forms such as: segregation in residence and working, even aggression from strangers on the street, and ruin the mosques and Islamic centers.

Media have managed to create Anti-Islamic sentiments amongst mainstream Western society, which ultimately influences their attitudes toward Muslims and their religion, as well as the conservative journalists like Ann Coulter who was trying to convince the American people about the connection between Muslims and terrorists in order to show a rough picture of Islam to their public, “... Not all Muslims are terrorists, but all terrorists are Muslims...” (28/09/2001). “...We should invade their countries, kill their leaders, and convert them to Christianity...” (12/09/2001) because the attackers were Arabs and Muslims, and most Arabs are Muslims, all the terrorists claim religious motivation for their actions; all Arabs and all Muslims are likely to be terrorists.

3.4.1 Muslims, Arabs, and Islam in the News before and after 9/11:

This surge was a natural reaction to the attacks that killed more than 3.000 American.

N= Number of news segments/articles mentioning the search words Muslims, Arabs, and Islam.

Period I = 6 months before the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Period II = 6 months after the attacks of 9/11.

(Pippa Norris.2003, p.140.)

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	Muslims Period I	Muslims Period II	Arabs Period I	Arabs Period II	Islam Period I	Islam Period II
	(N)	(N)	(N)	(N)	(N)	(N)
ABC News	31	163	11	99	1	31
CBS News	32	144	27	117	1	27
NBC News	9	98		90		18
CNN	23	203	43	200	1	31
Fox News	1	100	2	64	1	46
NY Times	345	1468	345	1272	216	1190
NPR	54	217	53	182	10	84

Media had a negative role on the viewpoint of the American citizens; it is established that the term *Islamophobia* refers to the fear of Islam or Muslims. It has been linked to racism and Xenophobia where the followers have fallen victim to insults, attacks and threats because of their religious affiliation.

3.4.2 Islamophobia:

Researchers and policy groups define *Islamophobia* in different detail, but the term's core is essentially the same, no matter the source. It is an extreme fear, hatred, and hostility toward Islam and Muslims that is perpetuated by negative stereotypes resulting prejudice, discrimination, the marginalization, and exclusion of Muslims from social, political, and civil life.

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It existed before the attack of 9/11 and dates back to the early 1990s, it grew during the past decade. *The Runnymede Trust in the UK*. for example, identified 8 components of Islamophobia in a 1997 report, and then produced a follow-up report in 2004 after 9/11 and the initial years of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. The second report found the aftermath of the terrorist attacks had made life more difficult for British Muslims.

Richard Schaefer wrote for *the Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society*; he defines the Islamophobia as “a range of negative feelings towards Muslims and their religion, from generalized bigotry, intolerance, and prejudice on the one hand to morbid dread and hatred on the other” that might “manifest itself in Discrimination against Muslims, social exclusion, verbal and physical harassment; hate crimes, attacks on mosques, and vilification of Islam in the media”. (Richard, Schaefer, 2008.pp, 36-65).

This affair is considered as an irrational fear, terror or suspicion of all Muslims and Islam based on the actions of a few, it is increasingly legislated and enforced.

Further than this, mosque construction projects in states have faced backlash from local lawmakers in Oklahoma, Tennessee, California and Minnesota.

The United Nations Alliance of civilizations and the League of Arab States identified *Islamophobia* as a significant area of concern, in a 2011 meeting. Gallup evolved a particular set of analysis, based on the size of public views of majority and minority of groups in numerous countries, in order to direct policymakers in their effects to treat this global issue “*Islamophobia*”. Gallup has gathered plenty data public opinion about different aspects of respect, treatment, and tolerance for Muslims all over the world.

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The events of 9/11 led many Americans to form negative opinion about Muslims.

3.4.2.1 Respect and Fair Treatment:

Many Muslims reported that they feel not respected by Westerners, adding that the West does not dignify Muslim societies, 52% of Americans and 48% of Canadians declare that the West does not esteem Muslims societies. But a few respondents in Italy, France, Germany, and Britain do the same behaviour.

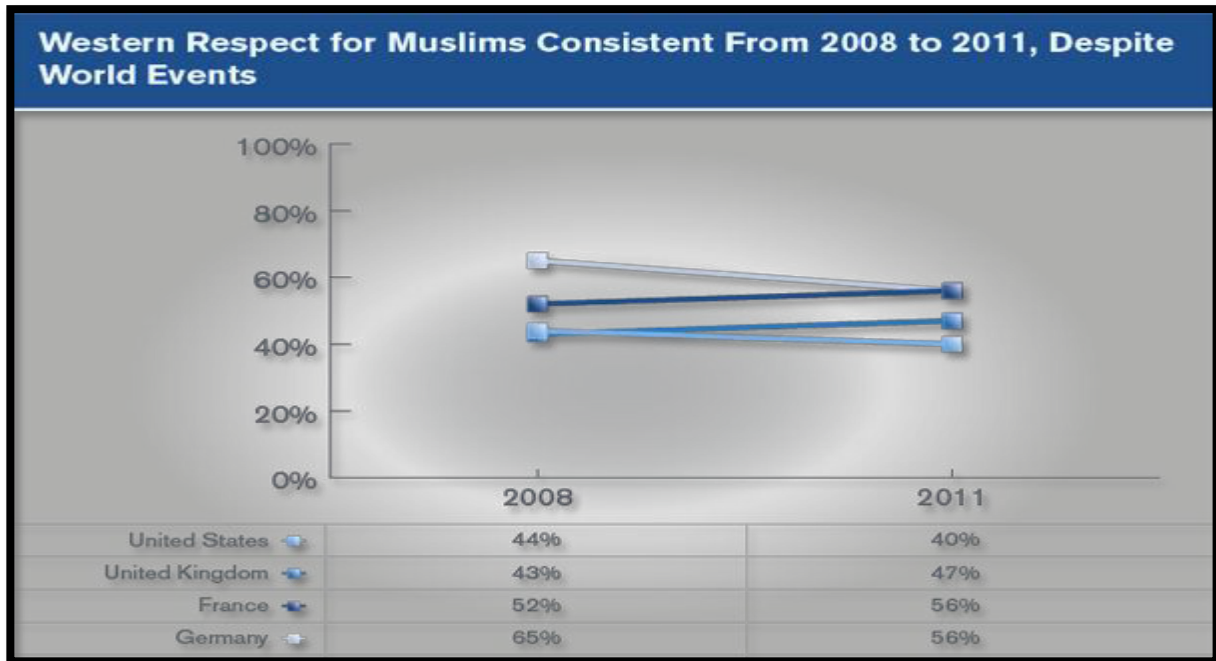


Data reported 2011

The point of views about respect in the west for Muslims societies remained consistent from 2008 to 2010 (these data from the U.S, U.K, and France).

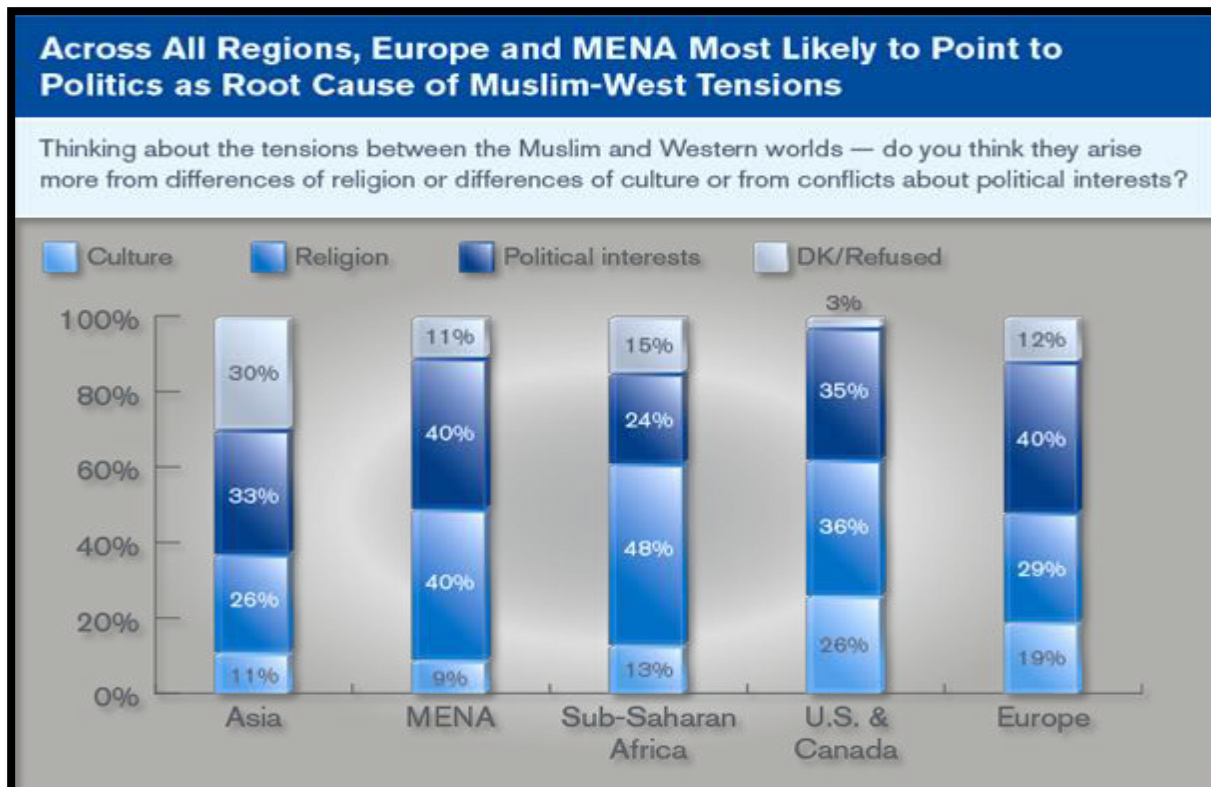
In Germany, it increased about 9%.

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Data reported 2008-2011

The diversity in culture, political interests, and religion affect the interactions of respect between Muslims and Westerners.

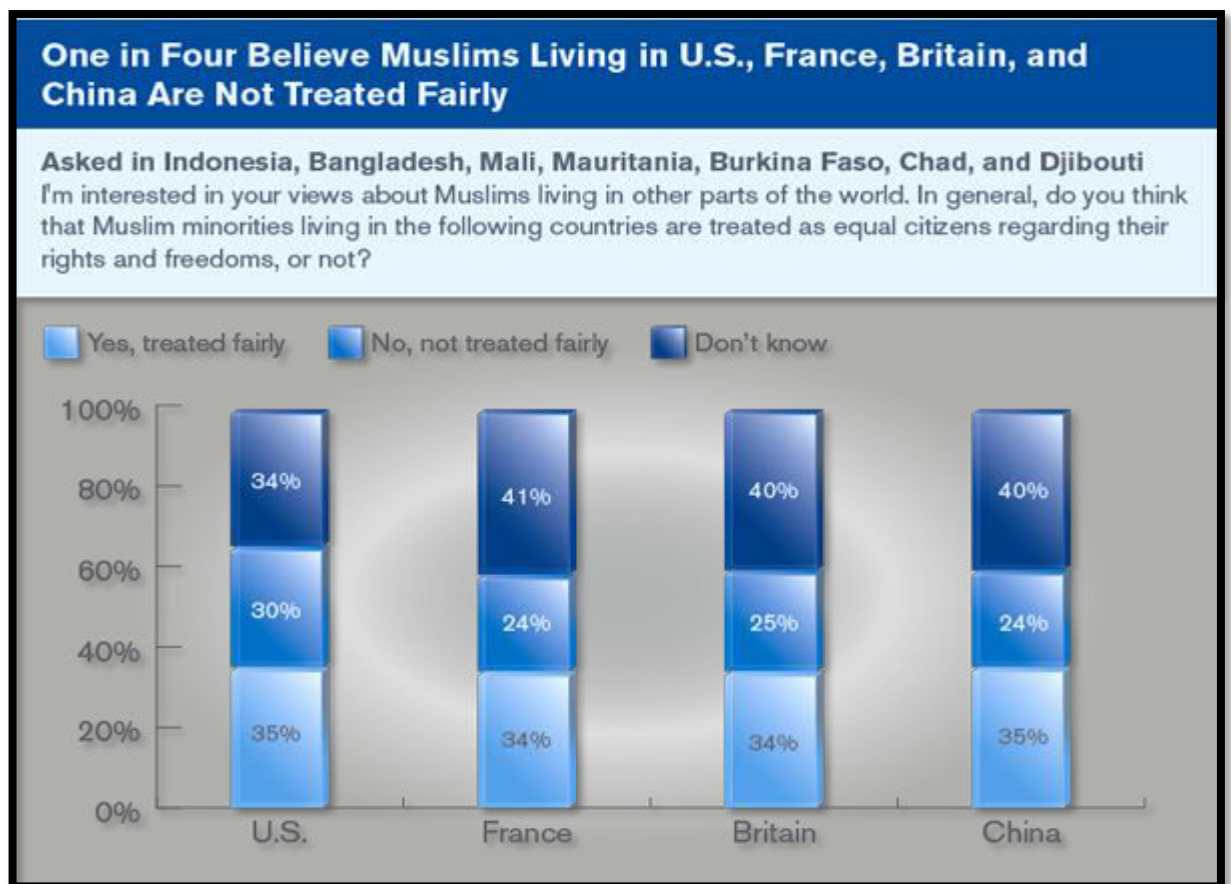


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Middle East and North Africa (MENA) nations, the U.S, and Canada think that both religion and political concerns are the major reason of strain. While Sub-Saharan Africans quote religion than politics. And Europeans view that the political attentions are the primary cause behind the tensions between Muslims and Westerners.

Religion and culture are the driving force behind Muslim-West tensions. Since they are deep-rooted within populations, unlike the political interests which can differ and change.



Data reported 2008

This research shows that more than one-half do not agree that Muslims in the West are treated as equal citizens. One-quarter of this inhabitation think that they are treated as equal citizens while about one-fifth have no idea.

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Muslims believe that the West mistreats them in their countries, and this can exclude them from social, political, and civil life in Western communities.

Nothing can show the disrespect and the flippancy of Westerners more clearly than their responses to the uproar over cartoons depictions of Muhammed (*peace be upon him*). Most people in Jordan, Egypt, Indonesia, and Turkey blame the debate on Western nation 'contempt for the Islamic religion.

The backlash against American Muslims occurred; there was a wave of anti-Islam and anti-Muslims that pushed the country to the term *Anti-Sharia bills*, those bills were designed by the Hasidic Jew David Yerushalmi, the founder of

Society of Americans for National Existence (SANE), its purpose was banishing Islam from U.S, like what happened in November, 2010 in Oklahoma, the vote that barred "*state courts from considering international or Islamic law when deciding cases*", which was considered as unfairly targeting the Muslim community.

The anti-Sharia operations rise bias among the public by indorse the idea that Muslims are second-class citizens. According to Gallup more than one-half of Americans believe that American Muslims are not loyal to their country.

The University of Maryland report on American views on 9/11, accounted; only 33% had a generally positive opinion, and 61% said they had an unfavorable view in polls conducted by ABC and other organizations.

Many Westerners see Islam as ingrained extremist because of the terror accidents, and claim that there is a strain of Islamic intolerance and extremism that is the backdrop to the attack on Charlie Hebdo. The magazine was bombed in 2011 after a cover that drawn Muhammed "*peace*

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be upon him” saying, “100 lashes if you’re not dying of laughter.” He had published a cartoon showing Muhammad crying and saying, “It’s hard to be loved by idiots.” A lot of critics of Islam pretend that Islam is ready against free speech and criticism of our prophet (peace be upon him); that is provoke violence and extremism through the idea of Jihad; or that Muslim principles are unsuitable with Western traditions and ways of life.

3.5 Islam in the Current Time:

These days, Islam is the fastest growing religion in America and the greatest religion after Christianity and Judaism. American Muslims have till now protested against adaptability and change in a Judeo-Christian society founded on secular values.

Islam can occasionally be difficult to be practiced. American Muslims have not the same advantages like Jews and Christians, and the American society has not acknowledged Islam and Muslim religious practice as it has to Judaism and Christianity. A big number of Muslims find it difficult to attend Friday collective prayer at the mosque. The latter has been changing from a place of cult into a socializing center for families. Fasting over Ramadan is also a suffering for many people who can not endure working lengthy hours without eating. In Muslim countries, offices and colleges are close or functioned a few hours over the day to make it simple on Muslims to notice the fasting of Ramadan.

Nowadays, Muslim American population is an extraordinary design of racial, linguistic, social, economic, ideological and religious groups. Original Muslim Americans are well incorporated to American society; however a lot of incomer is only starting to adjust to American life.

Islamic centres, schools, and mosques are found in the whole society of every size. Islamic organizations and foundation abound, actually at last capable to minister to the necessity of the Muslim gathering in America. Muslims' voices are listened talking up for their belief in formal groups, to the media and in each domain of effort, and Muslims are currently capable of

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making an important donation, especially in the kingdom of spiritualism, ethics and values, to the life of this nation.

The reason of increase for both Christianity and Islam will be sub-Saharan Africa in which great fecundity and wide Muslim and Christian inhabitants will raise global numbers for both religions, Pew demographers say.

Christianity will keep the main religion for the United States but lose a few of its share to the non-affiliated those who demand no special religion or who are unbelievers or agnostic. By 2050, one in four Americans will fall down to this irreligious part, from 16.4% in 2010, the analysis shows.

Although the populations of almost all the world's religions will rise, youth and high fecundity between Muslims will fuel a tragic 73% skip in numbers in just to a generation. The number of Christians over that same duration will grow by 35%, the study declares. By mid-century, overall inhabitants will expand by a third from 6.9 billion in 2010 to 9.3 billion.

Muslims will predominate Christians per 2070, finishing two millenniums of Christian dominance return back to the birth of Jesus Christ, predictions liberated Thursday by the Pew Research Center show. (Pew Research Center Alejandro Gonzalez.USA Today) (By Gregg Zoroya.USA Today, April 2.2015)

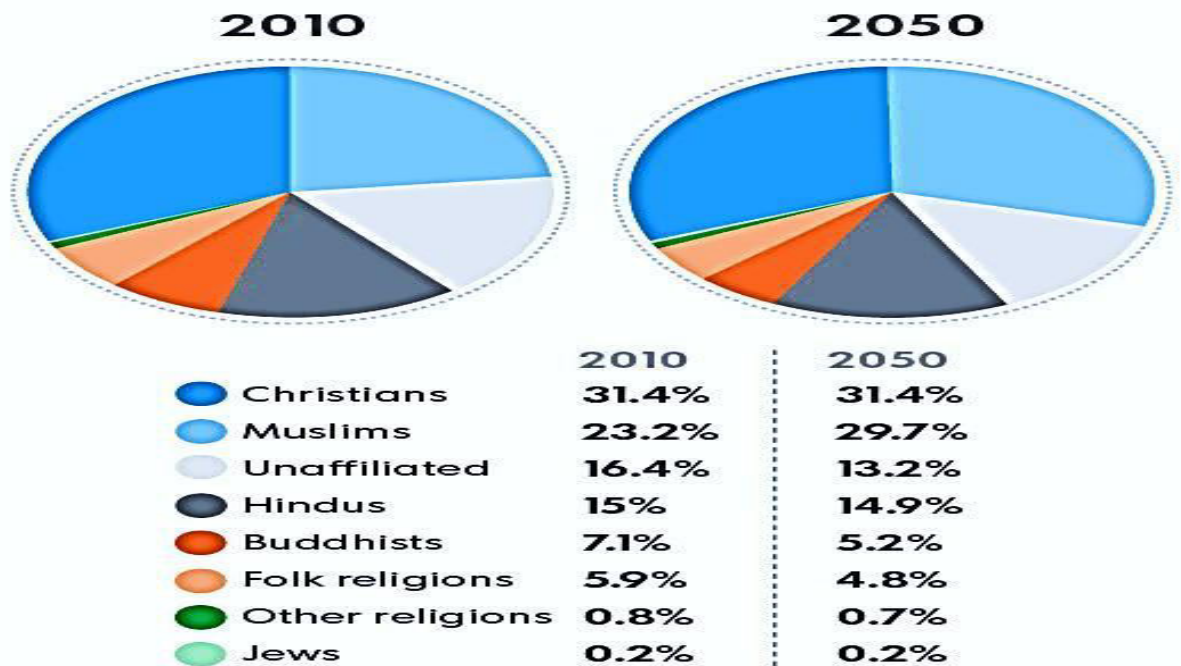
Hence, it is true that America has become less amiable to Islam to the extent that they have believed that this religion is more likely than the others to support violence among its followers.

The US realize that the most of Muslims are positively contributing in the American economy, education, technology, and other professional fields, it is known that Muslim society with their economic independence hard work, and high vocational ethics.

MUSLIM AND CHRISTIAN POPULATIONS REACH NEAR PARITY BY 2050

High fertility rates and a youthful population among followers of Islam will drive a 73% jump in Muslim numbers by 2050 compared with a 35% increase among Christians.

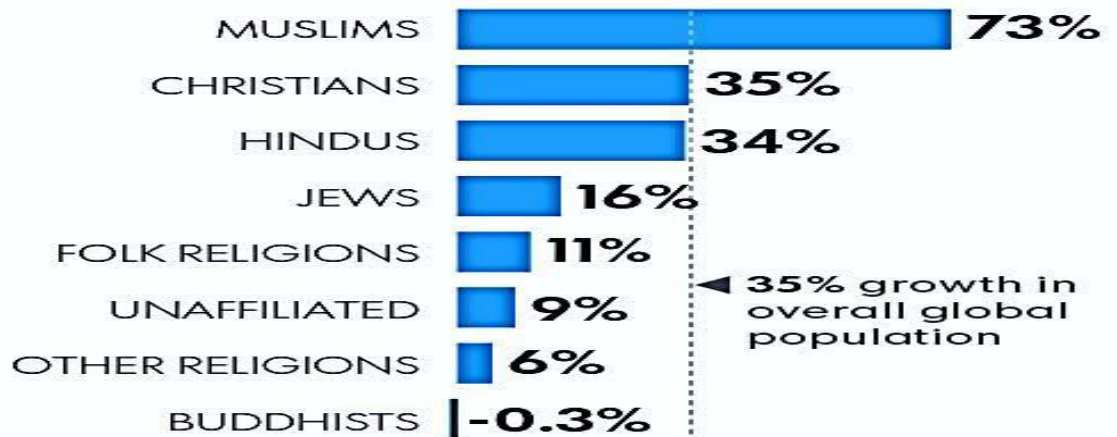
Size and projected growth of religious groups, as a percent of world's population



ISLAM GROWING FAST

Muslims are the only major religious group projected to increase faster than the world's population as a whole.

Estimated change in population size, 2010-2050



SOURCE: Pew Research Center
Alejandro Gonzalez, USA TODAY

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Discrimination against Muslims has reduced ten years after 9/11; in America they established a Muslim Center in New York (NY) close to Ground Zero which is a case in point, as compared to Europe where repugnance has transformed into legal limitation on the places of worship in Switzerland and preventing the headscarves for Muslim women in France.

A great number of courses on Islam and various academic programs are presented by the American universities like: University of California-LA and Ohio State, Harvard; have offered on Muslim countries and societies and increased about 4% of doctoral theses on Islam.

Although the American Muslims have a huge diversity and economic strength, they have not yet emerged as an economic and political power. Nevertheless, the next generation of young Muslim would find an equal lace in American society if they might to focus on the following cases:

3.5.1 Cooperation:

They have to establish collaborative, relations, cultural and ethnical with other American communities, not only with their own societies, with a strong connection.

Many political and religious organizations have arisen, after 9/11 like Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), (CAIR), and the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA). A great number of mosques and religious centres have risen in various cities, but it was isolated from the others.

3.5.2 Political Participation:

They have not yet learn the social, political, and legal infrastructure of American society; only two Muslim Congressmen have been selected. It is very important for them to share in politics in order to get their identity.

3.5.3 Media:

Media have a big role in creating and building a favourable image of societies, they have to use the media to engage in a positive dialogue with others.

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3.5.4 Science and Research:

They have to use the opportunity of their notable presence in health and technology, science, math, and engineering to gain a respectable place in the American society, they just need a way how to research, teaching and higher education.

3.6 Conclusion:

The September 11th terror attacks had a complex emotional, social, cultural and economic impact on the Muslim American community, and specially on the extensive immigrants Arab, South Asia, and African Muslims population in New York as well as the terrorization and consternation against Islam.

As a result, it is evident that Islam and Muslims after 9/11 incidents faced many difficulties inside America. These latter mainly of social status, however officially the government makes difference between Terrorism and Islam.

General Conclusion

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The objective of this work is to identify the historical background of Islam in America, how this religion did grow in that continent, and also how Muslims did to construct their own community, including the point of view of America towards the diversity of religions. Then the second chapter has dealt with facts behind the incidents of 9/11. Moreover, the third chapter has treated the partialities against Muslims after the attacks. The results emerging from this study provided interesting insight into the American's vision regarding Islamic religion and Muslims.

New and particular attention to this community was given by whole American society which resulted in policy changes that have a negative effect on the American Muslim population, chiefly in the field of anti-terrorism and immigration policy. In spite of all these predatory policies, the American Muslim community has been able to go further these constraints and provided a tolerant image and a positive glimpse of Islam. In so doing, they have been able to manage their status inside the population, as an important element of the American society.

Thus, the researchers can summarize that Islam is a religion of mercy, peace, and does not permit terrorism. In the Qur'an, **ALLAH** has said:

“**ALLAH** does not forbid you from showing kindness and dealing justly with those who have not fought you about religion and have not driven you out of your homes.

ALLAH loves just dealers.” (Qur'an,60 :8)

The prophet Muhammad-peace be upon him-used to prohibit soldiers from killing women and children (Narrated in Saheeh Muslim, 1744, and Saheeh El-Bukhari, 3015). And he would advise them... Don not betray, do not be excessive, do not kill a new born child, (Narrated in Saheeh Muslim, 1731, and Al-Tirmizi,1408).

Global world based on religious tolerance which is a statement of fundamental human right, is not restricted to any single category of race, gender, faith, or culture; it is about respect and accepting things that are different.

General Conclusion

Unfortunately, there is a lot of religious intolerance in the world which leads to many conflicts. As a consequence , all religions have to put up with one and all prejudices must be put aside.

Appendices

Appendix 1

Glossory

1. Mujahidin:

It is the plural form of Mujahid. The term for one engaged in Jihad. Those who struggle for the sake of Allah and Islam, the literal meaning of “Mujahid” is inner-struggler”.

2. Kufic Script:

In Calligraphy, it is the earliest extant Islamic style of handwritten alphabet that was used by early Muslims to record the Qur’an. This angular, slow-moving, dignified script was also used on tombstones and coins as well as for inscriptions on buildings. Some experts distinguish Kufi proper from Meccan and Medines scripts, which were also used to copy the Qur’an.

3. ALLAH:

Is the Arabic word for The One and Only God, The Creator and Sustainer of the universe. It is used by the Arab Christians and Jews for the God (Eloh-im in Hebrew; Allaha in Aramaic, the mother tongue of Jesus, pbuh). The word **Allah** does not have a plural or gender. Allah does not have any associate or partner, and He does not beget nor was He begotten. SWT is an abbreviation of Arabic words that mean 'Glory Be To Him.'

4. Sung Document:

Is a work of a Chinese author circa 1178, during the Song dynasty. It states that Muslim sailors reached a region called “Mu-Lan-Pi”, which, though normally identified as Spain, has been claimed to be some part of the Americas (specifically, present-day California.)

Appendix 2

List of Figures:

1. Osama Bin Laden:

Osama bin Muhammad bin Awad bin Laden; (10 March 1957 – 2 May 2011) was the founder of al-Qaeda, the militant organization that claimed responsibility for the September 11 attacks on the United States.

2. Hijacker Hani Hanjour:

(August 13, 1972 – September 11, 2001) was the Saudi Arabian hijacker-pilot of American Airlines Flight 77, crashing the plane into the Pentagon as part of the September 11 attacks.

5. Al-Masudi:

Abu al-Hasan “Ali ibn al-Husain ibn Ali al-Masudi; (896–956) was an Arab historian and geographer. He is sometimes referred to as the Herodotus of the Arabs. Al-Masudi was one of the first to combine history and scientific geography in a large-scale work, *The Meadows of Gold and Mines of Gems, Muruj adh-dhahab wa ma'adin al-Jawhar*), a world history.

6. Hasidic Jew David Yerushalmi:

Is a lawyer and anti-Muslim activist who founded the group Society of Americans for National Existence (aka SANE Works for US) and has served as counsel to the Frank Gaffney-directed Center for Security Policy (CSP). Described as a "white supremacist" by Mother Jones magazine and as a "Jewish fascist" by blogger Richard Silverstein, Yerushalmi has been a principal agitator in efforts to pass state legislation that would criminalize the practice of sharia, or Islamic law, and has called for a "war on Isla

Appendix 3

Religious:

1. Judaism:

The monotheistic religion of the Jews, tracing its origins to Abraham and having its spiritual and ethical principles embodied chiefly in the Hebrew Scriptures and the Talmud.

2. Mormons:

are a religious and cultural group related to Mormonism, the principal branch of the Latter Day Saint movement of Restorationist Christianity, which began with Joseph Smith in upstate New York during the 1820s. After Smith's death in 1844, the Mormons followed Brigham Young to what would become the Utah Territory.

3. Protestantism:

is a form of Christian faith and practice which originated with the Protestant Reformation, a movement against what its followers considered to be errors in the Roman Catholic Church. It is one of the three major divisions of Christendom, together with Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy. Anglicanism is sometimes considered to be independent from Protestantism. The term refers to the letter of protestation from Lutheran princes in 1529 against an edict condemning the teachings of Martin Luther as heretical.

4. Catholicism:

Universal doctrine and its adjectival form **Catholic** are used as broad terms for describing specific traditions in the Christian churches in theology, doctrine, liturgy, ethics, and spirituality.

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"Catholicism" and "Catholic" in this sense refer to the practices of several Christian churches. This sense is to be distinguished from the use of these words to refer to the Catholic Church, that which is in full communion with the Holy See.

In the sense of indicating historical continuity of faith and practice from the first millennium, the term "Catholicism" is at times employed to mark a contrast to Protestantism, which tends to look solely to the Bible as interpreted on the principles of the 16th-century Protestant Reformation as its ultimate standard. It was thus used by the Oxford movement.

5. The Jews:

Yehudim, Israeli pronunciation [jehu'dim], also known as the Jewish people, are an ethnoreligious and ethno-cultural group originating from the Israelites of the Ancient Near East.

According to the Hebrew Bible narrative, Jewish ancestry is traced back to the Biblical patriarchs such as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and the Biblical matriarchs Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel, who lived in Canaan around the 18th century BCE. Jacob and his family migrated to Ancient Egypt after being invited to live with Joseph (who rose to the rank of Pharaoh's Vizier) in the Land of Goshen region by Pharaoh himself. The patriarchs' descendants were later enslaved until the Exodus led by Moses, which is commonly dated to the 13th century BCE.

Appendix 4

Movements

1. Gallup:

A sampling of public opinion on a particular issue or of the degree of information among the public about a particular thing or of opinion or information in a particular group taken by questioning a representative cross section.

2. The Pew Research Center:

Is a nonpartisan American think tank based in Washington, D.C., that provides information on social issues, public opinion, and demographic trends shaping the United States and the world. It conducts public opinion polling, demographic research, media content analysis, and other empirical social science research. It does not take explicit policy positions. It is a subsidiary of The Pew Charitable Trusts.

3. The Carlyle Group:

Is a global alternative asset manager with more than \$193 billion of assets under management across 130 funds and 156 funds of funds vehicles. Founded in 1987 in Washington, DC, Carlyle has grown into one of the world's largest and most successful investment firms, with more than 1,650 professionals operating in 40 offices in North America, South America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Australia.

4. Al-Qaeda:

It means the “base”, it's an international terrorist network, is considered the top terrorist threat to the United States. The group is wanted for its September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, as well as a host of lesser attacks.

Appendix 5

Empire

1. Marabutine, and Marabios:

The “Holy Men and Women” of the Moorish Empire. The Marabouts were protectors of the African Muslims frontiers.

2. Moorish Empire :

The Moors were the medieval Muslim inhabitants of the Maghreb(North Africa),Iberian Peninsula, Sicily, and Malta.

From North Africa, the Moors invaded the Iberian Peninsula in 711, calling the territory Al-Andalus. Their influence at its peak included what is today most of Spain, Portugal, and part of the South of France.

3. The Malian Empire:

Historically referred to as the Manden Kurufaba, was a Mandinka/Bambara empire in West Africa from c. 1230 to c. 1600. The empire was founded by Sundiata Keita and became renowned for the wealth of its rulers, especially Mansa Musa. The Mali Empire profoundly influenced the culture of West Africa through the spread of its language, laws and customs along the lands along the Niger River and extending over a large area that consisted of numerous vassal kingdoms and provinces.

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