

Misogyny, Islamophobia, and Muslim Suppression

Internal and Abroad

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Research question

In what ways are Muslims suppressed within and outside their faith?

Conclusions

- Contrary to assumptions of suppression in Islam, female sexual discourse and agency expresses freedom within the faith.
- Homosexual Muslim men face identity suppression.
- While many think Islamophobia hinders Muslims, in many cases it is shown to motivate and propel them.
- While some believe that Muslims have the right to practice their faith they don't see what they experience daily to make them feel suppressed.
- Islamophobia is the perpetuated form of racism against those who practice the Islamic faith and incorrectly associate them with extremism and violence.

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Anthropology

- Sexual discourse around weddings in Swahili Muslim culture breaks the assumed taboo of repressing sexuality (Thompson, 2011).
- Teaching Muslim successful future civic or political leaders (Peshkova, 2014).
- Islamophobia has stemmed through the evolution of outer-cultural narratives promoted by colonialism and orientalism which has been fueled by recent conflicts to support a negative view of Muslims (Choudhury, 2015)
- Muslims are often perceived as violent and extreme, posing a threat of our peace and security as a nation or even individuals.
- The thought of thinking instead of the suppression of Muslims being a religion aspect thinking of it as an issue against race. Also the possibility of women moving up in politics and gaining more freedom

Psychology

- Gay Muslim men fear judgment within the Islamic community and beyond (Semlyen, Ali, and Flowers, 2018).
- Recent law changes encouraging Muslim women to become more strategic in their resilience in a world of oppression (Sattari, 2020).
- Muslims who dress in attire that displays their religion are not less likely to receive a job, but interviewers are more apt to exaggerate negative aspects of the hiring process (Kind & Afra, 2010).
- Lack of accurate information leads to the perpetuation of Islamophobia and radicalization of Muslims in Western societies.
- Women are fearing the consequences of breaking the norms

Sociology

- Wearing the niqab as a means of expressing free agency and faithful Islamic identity (Zempi, 2016).
- Many Muslims feel secure in their rights in Islam and disagree with Western rights (Ahmad, 2012).
- Perceived effects of Islamophobia is actually shown to strengthen the acculturation process of Muslim immigrants because it challenges them to adapt to their new environment while maintaining some previous traditions (Bastug & Davut, 2019).
- Reactions to the Islamic culture are usually negative resulting in the dehumanization of Muslims in the United States. Dehumanization stems from ignorance and results in hate.
- Women are socially taught their roles in society through school and that they are taught through school books the gender differences within their religion and that they have to do what is expected of them.