

Fact Sheet

Islamophobia: Fear Used For Political Gain Has Deadly Consequences

- Up to 75% of Americans don't know a Muslim
- 55% Americans know "little or nothing" about Islam
 - Americans' opinions about Islam are shaped by the media, political rhetoric, and religious bias
- Islamophobia is real—and deadly -- and being used for political gain
 - Well-funded anti-Muslim centers pump out false information for political purposes - with callous disregard for the innocent casualties
- From 2008-2013, \$206M has funded 33 Islamophobic misinformation centers* including:
 - ACT! For America (actforamerica.org)
 - Center for Security Policy (centerforsecuritypolicy.org)
 - Middle East Forum (meforum.org)
 - Jihad watch (JihadWatch.org)
- In 2016, anti-Muslim assaults reported to the FBI spiked to 37% -- more than in the year of the 9/11 (2001) attacks
- In the two years leading up to the 2016 presidential election, Donald Trump made approximately 30 public statements making false claims about Muslims or threatening discrimination
- As President, Trump has penned three versions of an executive order banning citizens from six Muslim majority nations from traveling to the United States.
- From 2016 to 2018, the government cut admissions for Muslim refugees by 91%
- Middle East countries account for fewer than 15% of the world's population of Muslims
- 50 dead in Christchurch Mosque Massacre March 15, 2019
- 6 dead in Quebec City Mosque Shooting January 29, 2017
- SalaamUSA.org creates friendship and mutual understanding between Muslims and non-Muslims.
 - Non-religious, non-partisan, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit corporation
 - Bringing people together to overcome fear
 - Proven process is designed to guide non-Muslims from fear to friendship
 1. Awareness events with Muslim speakers
 2. Mosque visits
 3. Friendship dinners
 4. Interactive discussion groups
 5. Diplomacy-hosting visiting dignitaries
 6. Travel to Muslim lands
- American Muslims have seen the greatest growth of bias-motivated violence in two of the past three years.

