Defining Islamophobia

Islamophobia must be separated from genuine criticism of Islam. Islamophobia can be characterised as the fear, hatred or hostility directed towards Islam and Muslims. Islamophobia affects all aspects of Muslim life and can be expressed in several ways, including:

- attacks, abuse and violence against Muslims
- attacks on mosques, Islamic centres and Muslim cemeteries
- discrimination in education, employment, housing, and delivery of goods and services
- lack of provisions and respect for Muslims in public institutions

Please answer the following questions YES or NO, or with a corresponding letter, unless indicated otherwise.

Islamophobia and related prejudices

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4. Has your physical appearance, (such as observing **hijab**, beard or wearing traditional **Muslim dress**) made you a target for Islamophobia since September 11 2001?

5. Have you experienced Islamophobia when travelling on public transport since 11 September 2001?

6. Have you been subjected to Islamophobia at airports when travelling to and from the UK?

7. Have you had to change your appearance since September 11 2001? (e.g. remove hijab, beard etc.)

8. Have you had to change your lifestyle since September 11, 2001? (e.g. move home, change job, change school etc)

9. Have you seen a change of attitude towards Islam from members of your family, colleagues, or local authorities?

### Community and Leadership

10. Communities often look for leadership usually from one source or figure in their community. Who do you look to as a leader in your immediate community?

    a) Imam/local mosque
    b) Church leader
    c) Rabbi/synagogue
    d) Councillor/council
    e) Local MP
    f) Racial body
    g) None
    h) Other (please specify opposite)

11. How active is this leader in your community?

    a) very pro-active
    b) fairly pro-active
    c) not proactive enough

12. What issues does the leader deal with?

    a) Political
    b) Social (inc, health and educational)
    c) religious
    d) All of the above
    e) Other(Please specify opposite)
    f) Don’t Know
13. What do you want from your community leaders? (Write the letter opposite, select all those that apply).

   a) Strong representation of your community and its views.
   b) Principled stance against anti racism, Islamophobia and other forms of prejudice
   c) Promoting equality and diversity within the community.
   d) Greater concentration on funding for regeneration and community programmes to improve community cohesion and standards of living
   e) All of the above
   f) Other (please specify opposite)
   g) Don’t know

14. Which one key quality do you think every community leader should have?

   a) A good sense of politics
   b) Sound religious awareness
   c) A good public speaker
   d) Other (please specify opposite)
   e) Don’t know

15. If asked, how would you contribute to community projects?

   a) Provide funding
   b) I would practically volunteer
   c) Raise public awareness of the project
   d) Other (please specify opposite)
   e) I would not contribute

16. Have you or do you work with the non-Muslim community on any community related projects? If yes, please specify what you do in the box opposite. (E.g. taking on community leadership roles or responsibility, engaging in faith dialogue, working with your local council or school or police on community projects, etc).

17. As a Muslim which one of the following is the most important to you? (state the letter opposite)

   a) Better representation in media
   b) Stronger representation in politics
   c) Better protection from police and Government legislation
   d) Better employment for Muslims
   e) Access to adequate healthcare
   f) Access to better education
   g) Access to better community facilities e.g. libraries youth centres etc.
   h) Other (please specify opposite)
18. Do you think there should be one body to represent the views of all British Muslims? (Please state the letter of the statement you most agree with).

   a) No-this is impossible, because there are many different views
   b) Yes- we need one body to represent the views of all British Muslims
   c) No, we need more then one body to represent the views of British Muslims and they should all work in active consultation with each other to do what is right for British Muslims
   d) Don’t know

19. Which one of the following parties are you most likely to vote for in the next General elections?

   a) Labour
   b) Conservative
   c) Liberal Democratic
   d) Green Party
   e) Other- (please specify opposite)
   f) Don’t know
   g) Not voting
   h) Prefer not to say

20. Do you believe that there has been enough regeneration in your area? (E.g. Improving housing, education, access to healthcare and chances of employment, etc).

21. How important is regeneration to you?

   a) Very - it will give us a better standing of living
   b) Reasonably- it will not make significant change
   c) Not at all- I live in a generated area where facilities and access to services are plentiful.

22. Do you know of any measures taken by the council or other non-governmental body, to build bridges between different faith/race communities in your area? If yes please specify what these are).

23. If you are working, are you happy with your current job?
### Terrorism

24. Why do you think Muslims are being associated with terrorism? (Write the corresponding letter in the opposite box, select all that apply).

- a) That is the way the media and politicians represent Muslims
- b) Because of the threat from Al-Qaida
- c) Because many arrested under counter terrorism legislation have been Muslim
- d) Because Muslims are terrorists
- e) Other (please specify opposite)
- f) Don't know

25. In the event of a terrorist attack, what do you think would be the reaction towards Muslims?

- a) Muslims will not be affected at all
- b) Increased Islamophobia and hostility towards Muslims and segregation of the Muslims community
- c) It depends how Muslims will be represented
- d) Other (please specify opposite)
- e) Don’t know

26. How do you think the Muslim community can avoid a backlash? (Write the letter opposite, select all those that apply).

- a) Build stronger relationships with non-Muslims communities,
- b) Stronger representation of Muslims in senior positions in the police, media and politics
- c) Increased understanding of Islam and Muslims
- d) Muslims standing up against the terrorist attacks and condemning them
- e) It will be impossible to avoid a backlash

27. Muslims have been criticised for not condemning some acts of terror carried out by ‘Al-Qaida’, even though some Muslims have argued they have done little else since September 11 2001, do you think Muslims in Britain are doing enough to condemn the acts? (Please select one of the following)

- a) Yes- more then enough
- b) Yes they are doing all they can reasonable be expected to do
- c) No – they are not doing enough
- d) No- they have done nothing
- e) Muslims should only have to condemn these acts to the same degree as other faith communities.
- f) Muslims should not have to condemn these terrorist attacks
28. On a scale of 1-5 how serious do you believe the terrorist threat facing Britain to be? (1=Low, 5 = extremely high)

29. It has been widely assumed that a group called ‘Al-Qaida’ was behind the attacks of September 11 2001, what is your view of Al-Qaida?

   a) A Muslim group terrorising humanity  
   b) A non-Muslim group terrorising humanity  
   c) A Muslim group with good motives but bad methods  
   d) A non-Muslim group with good motives but bad methods  
   e) A network of people with their own personal agendas  
   f) Al-Qaida is a term used to fabricate the terrorist threat.  
   g) Other (please specify)  
   h) Don’t know

30. What do you believe the motive of Al Qaida to be?

   a) To suppress freedom and democracy.  
   b) To highlight the injustices suffered by Muslims  
   c) To conquer the world  
   d) No such thing as Al-Qaida/Have no motive  
   e) Other (please specify)  
   f) Don’t know

31. Why do you think that figures like Abu Humza and Al-Muhajiroun are given greater media representation?

   a) Because they genuinely represent all British Muslims  
   b) They make entertaining news  
   c) The media are adamant in representing Muslims as extreme and radical  
   d) Other (please specify)  
   e) Don’t know

32. Have you been affected by the powers under the anti-terrorism legislation? If yes, please provide further information in the box opposite.

Media and Representation

33. How satisfied are you with the representation of Muslims in national and local government, in business and public sectors, and in the media, particularly at senior level?

   a) Very satisfied- there is a strong representation of Muslims in the above fields  
   b) Satisfied- There is reasonable representation of Muslims in the above fields.  
   c) Dissatisfied- There is a disproportionate representation of Muslims within the above mentioned fields.
34. After September 11 2001, some people have decided to learn more about Islam, have you been questioned to explain certain issues on Islam by friends, colleagues or community members?

35. Muslims need representation in all areas. How important are the following to you? (Please put the following options in order of importance with the most importance first and the least important last).

   a) A British Muslim mainstream media source
   b) Senior Muslim professionals (including politicians, policeman, judges)
   c) More Muslim faith schools for increased learning of Islam
   d) Better employment opportunities, thus hope for the future
   e) Increased standard of living in highly Muslim populated areas

36. Which of the following British Media sources are in your opinion highly Islamophobic? (Write the letter opposite, select all those that apply).

   a) The Telegraph
   b) The Guardian/The Observer
   c) The Times
   d) The Evening Standard/The Metro
   e) The Scotsman
   f) The Sun
   g) Daily express
   h) Daily Mail
   i) BBC
   j) ITN
   k) Channel4
   l) Channel 5
   m) Sky News
   n) Other (specify opposite)

Medical achievements

37. Can you name a famous British Muslim personality? (If yes, please state the name of the personality opposite)

38. Who do you believe to be the most influential British Muslim? (specify opposite)
Please insert any other relevant information here:

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