



Muslim Women: A spreader of Islamo phobia?

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Abstract: the Muslim women of south Asia has been increasingly tilting toward the propaganda of the West that has the backing of Zionist. The propaganda that stigmatizes the Muslim male has been amplified by media of the West. The Muslim women due to better representation in state apparatus, economic opportunities, improvement in socio-economic status has subscribed to the propaganda and are hand and gloves with the Zionist sponsored enterprise. By doing this, they are trying to escape from their duties and just want to claim their rights and freedom, which is portrayed as if they have never received them. Moreover, Muslim women should be given a fair chance to choose which denied due to hostile propaganda stigmatizing ,otherisation, demonizing of Muslim male &, Islamic values.

Keywords: Islamophobia, Zionist propaganda, utopian freedom, Purdaa, sharia.

Introduction:-

The research paper seeks to investigate the title on “Muslim Women: A spreader of Islamophobia?”. The study will involve the going through the online & offline (social) behavior of Muslim women and on how their behavior and actions compliments the Islam-phobic forces who have the backing of the ultra-right, Zionist and West in South-Asia and around the world. The nexus between the Islamophobic forces and the so-called Muslim women have a long history.

What is Islamophobia?

Islamophobia was developed as a concept in late 1990's¹. The concept was done to put in lime light the wisdom and feat at Islam and muslim thriving in liberal democracies². In the past few years Islamophobia has evolved as a political concept put for research purpose. Analysers have begun using the term to identify the the past, incidence , force , causes, and anti –Islam and anti- Muslim feelings. Islamophobia is a up-and-coming concept of social science³.

Other scholars have defined Islamophobia as

“An exaggerated fear, hatred, and hostility toward Islam and Muslims that is perpetuated by negative stereotypes resulting in bias, discrimination, and the marginalization and exclusion of Muslims from social, political, and civic life”⁴.

The definition of Islamophobia seems to have hit the nail. But as far as fear part is concerned my question is why there is fear and from whom?. The answer does not figure up. The rest part of the definition seems to be fine and clearly exposes the Zionist enterprise.

Their history can also be traced through the ottomans whose decline due of factional infighting is very well known to the people who have studied Ottoman history in-depth. The actions of Queen Roxelana (Hurrem Sultan) are very well known amongst the Ottoman historians⁵. The Muslim medieval Spain is also a very good example of Islamophobia if we were to glance the exodus of Muslims from Spain and the forced conversion of Jews (Marranos) and Muslims (Moriscos) to Christianity⁶. Islamophobia is in incarnation of Racism , cultural Racism ,Epistemic Racism, and Orientalism .Moreover, the word Islamophobia needs to be understood. If we deconstruct the word, the signifier tells and makes a very negative picture of the Muslim male (signified) in the minds of the people. This has been the product of the west's propaganda and has been amplified though media of the West acting as a force multiplier.

Many Muslim women under the garb of empowerment and equal rights have resorted to spreading of Islamophobia and promoting stigmatization of the Muslim male⁷. Islamophobia has been used an instrument of

¹ Erik Bleich, “Defining and Researching Islamophobia”, *Review of Middle East Studies* (Claremont), winter 2012, Vol. 46, No. 2 (Winter 2012), p. 180, URL:<https://www.jstor.org/stable/41940895> (accessed on: 03 August 2021).

² Ibid

³ Ibid

⁴ Wajahat Ali, Eli Clifton, Matthew Duss, Lee Fang, Scott Keyes, and Faiz Shakir, "Fear, Inc.: The Roots of the Islamophobia Network in America" (Washington, D.C.: Center for American Progress, 2011), available at <http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2011/08/pdf/islamophobia.pdf>.

⁵ Rangunathan, Sudhamahi, “story of a smart slave”, *The Hindu*, December 22, 2017 . URL: <https://www.thehindu.com/books/books-authors/story-of-smart-slave-girl/article22174970.ece> (accessed on 11 August 11 , 2021)

⁶ Ramon Grosfoguel, The Multiple Faces of Islamophobia ,*Islamophobia Studies Journal* (Berkeley), Vol. 1, No. 1 (Spring 2012),p.11, URL: <https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.13169/islastudj.1.1.0009> (accessed on 03 August,2021)

⁷ Seema Kazi, “Muslim Women in India”, (Report 98/02, Minority Rights Group International, London , United Kingdom) p.31.URL: <https://minorityrights.org/wp-content/uploads/old-site-downloads/download-130-Muslim-Women-in-India.pdf>

state policy by the so-called civilized West against the rest who are predominantly Muslim. The Muslim Women have seemed to allied with the West for better education, rights, economic opportunities, better socio-economic status and political representation. This has attracted many young Muslim women to condemn their religion that is Islam in the name of combating 'Patriarchy'. Every now and then TV debates are full of panelists who call themselves as Muslim women and resort to spread Islamophobia stigmatizing the Muslim male. This has led to decline in socio-economic status of Muslim male and decline in life expectancy as the male population can easily be put behind bars by using draconian Islamophobic laws exploiting the winds of communalism. The Muslim women have very well exploited the communal factors that have biases against the Muslim male against the Muslim male. They have portrayed themselves as a victim of exploitation and have painted Islam as a Patriarchal religion and ideology that confines Muslim women to the boundaries of home. The West using media as a force multiplier has complemented and amplified the growth of Islamophobia. Hence, the paper will try to bring out to its readers the eco-system in which Islamophobia develops and metamorphosizes and present itself in various forms.

Islamophobia has made the highly educated Muslim women as Muslim male haters and rebel against their family values; those family values which instructs Muslim women to be pious (purity, chastity, and innocence). The image of Muslim male is very negative in the minds of the Muslim women which is a contribution of the West. But it should also be kept in minds that it's a decision of Muslim women as they have made a 'tryst with destiny' for exercising full sovereignty over their space and bodies. The West have forced them via feminist propaganda to think in such a way, making their well-wishers as foe and foe as well –wishers. This has contributed to a large number Muslim women marrying outside their religion to guard their 'utopian freedom' ending up losing everything they have that is their respect and freedom.

What is Zionism?

Zionism for me is a Jewish way of life in which Jewish have ultimate powers in the decision and policy making. The people of this ideology are involved making intervention in other society and countries to alter them in their favor exploiting their weakness thereby colonizing them. The Zionist has devised many agencies for these purposes World Bank being one of them. It is not only about Palestine and about Israel as common masses looks on the concept. The term is more prevalent amongst Ashkenazi (European and blue eyed) Jews who are controlling the global economy. I call them as *Hatikva* Jews as these Jews are associated with National anthem of Israel they are only interested in amassing huge fortunes for themselves on the expenses of Arab Jews, the Liberal (*Jews*) ones, and the state of Israel. I am using the term *Hatikva* Jews, as they are least bothered about the state of Israel and only interested in serving their selfish interest of sating in control of everything around the globe economically. The only time these Zionist seems patriotic is when the national anthem of Israel

Hatikva is sung former Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu is a good example of this category⁸. He served his personal interest during the days of his power in Israel. He attacked innocent *Palestinians* for the sake of showing Israel (Zionism) in danger by creating false narrative and perception about Hamas and Hezbollah. This led to escalation of conflict between Palestinian and Zionist (*Kadima*) many rockets (cheap) were fired by Hamas on Israel which were intercepted by (costly) Iron Dome interceptors thereby draining state treasury of Israel which should have been used for the purpose of guarding Human security parameters and was spent in manufacturing weapons, benefitting weapons manufacturing companies controlled by the Capitalists.

However, the scholars who have worked on the concept of Zionism believe it as ideology behind the creation of Israel which is not Palestine and is anti-Islam in contemporary times. The movement has its roots in father of Zionism named as Dr. Theodor Herzl a Viennese who was advocate for a Jewish homeland and presented this concept in 1897 in relation with Dreyfus case⁹. The dictionary meaning of Zionism is “Jewish nationalist movement that has had as its goal the creation and support of a Jewish national state in Palestine, the ancient homeland of the Jews (Hebrew: Eretz Yisra’el, “the Land of Israel”). Though Zionism originated in eastern and central Europe in the latter part of the 19th century, it is in many ways a continuation of the ancient attachment of the Jews and of the Jewish religion to the historical region of Palestine, where one of the hills of ancient Jerusalem was called Zion”¹⁰.

Nexus with the Zionist

The Muslim women have readily accepted and indoctrinated in feminism propagated by the Zionist & West in their lives. The ideology has made them exceptionally selfish as compared to women of any other religion and has weaponized them against the members of their own community. This has forced them to think boon as bane and bane as boon. Moreover, it is also shocking to notice and observe the fact that a ideology “feminism” which thrived in the European circumstances has thrived in south Asian framework specially in context of Muslim societies. It is also interesting to note and observe that the ideology of feminism has prevented them from enjoying benefits of marriages and social protection. Both, the above observations force us to think and say that they are on self-destruction mode, if we are to take a step back and glanced at a broader picture the picture suggest the Muslim women’s myopic decision making and Muslim male demonizing attitude towards world. The ideology of feminism has thus proven to be a bane in disguise of a boon and will continue to make them more vulnerable due to lack of social protection. The social media platforms are full of examples where Muslim

⁸ Weitz, Gidi “Israel will Remember Netanyahu for stopping at nothing to halt is corruption trial: His ambition was that he must remain Prime Minister as long as trial against him proceed, so he will be able to stop or subvert it” *Haaretz*, June 14, 2021
URL: <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/elections/premium-israel-will-remember-netanyahu-for-stopping-at-nothing-to-halt-his-corruption-trial-1.9901958> (accessed on 20 August, 2021)

⁹ Anna Rist, “Zionism”, *New Blackfriars* (Dominican Order), February 1994, Vol. 75, No. 879 p.90, URL: <https://www.jstor.org/stable/43249561> (accessed on 20 August 2021)

¹⁰ Britannica, The Editors of Encyclopaedia. “Zionism”. Encyclopedia Britannica, 30 Jan. 2019, <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Zionism>. Accessed 20 August 2021.

women have treated *Purdaa* (veil) *Naqab* as a reason for their oppression and Islam being indirectly portrayed by them as the main driving force behind it hence demonizing Islam as well. .The *sharia* laws and Islamic state has been portrayed as a 'Patrimonial state' to them which has been done by showing the Afghan, UAE, and Saudi Arabia experience to them images of suffering Muslim women whose conditions have been made worse by wars and *sharia* laws¹¹. It is very interesting to observe that all these states have received some kind of military aid from the West under the leadership of the United States of America; a country that is dominated economically by Zionist and benefitted by wars. The Muslim women have seemed to have prominence at the expense of the Muslim male as planned by the Zionist and the crusaders of the West. The Zionist project for developing predatory states in the Muslim world where first Muslim women are portrayed as suffering ones and later by intervention in those states Muslim women are brought to a favorable positions promising to grant them utopian autonomy and negotiating with them on the resources of the state thereby taking care of their strategic and economic interest. Thus, Muslim women who negotiate on the behalf of predatory Muslim state with intention of freedom and autonomy find themselves in alliance with the Zionist. These unholy alliances have proven catastrophic for the Muslim *Ummah* (global community) and have led to the moral degradation of the community.

Economic benefits

The Muslim women of India enjoy tremendous economic benefits for marrying outside their community and spreading Islamophobia, which happens to be state sponsored project. The governments copying and replicating the West have very successfully bought the media to its side and is demonizing the Muslim male and portraying victim as the Muslim female then using Muslim women to work against their community, as she will receive state patronage plus her share of property as promised by *sharia* laws in her efforts and her rest of life. The Muslim women receive state patronage in form of single girl child scheme, reservation for being women of Other Backward Class (OBC) and women of minority community¹². The, patronages that are extended towards them in order to win them over to the side of political party in power as the Muslim women are seen as vote bank by the politicians. The other benefits, which the Muslim women enjoy, are the share in property of her father and her fortified rights by *sharia* laws. This gives Muslim women absolute power and makes them corrupt absolutely. The rights that Muslim women enjoys in Islam plus the state patronages extended towards her portraying her veiled picture with grim looks to the society makes her despots as society believes that she needs justice and empowerment. Hence, by such moves Muslim women amass huge socio-economic fortunes. This has embolden them and made them selectively vocal against the Islam and the demonized Muslim male.

¹¹ Landes, Asifa Quraishi, "Five myths about sharia", *The Washington Post*, June 24, 2016.
URL: https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/five-myths-about-sharia/2016/06/24/7e3efb7a-31ef-11e6-8758-d58e76e11b12_story.html (accessed on 11 August, 2021)

¹² Ministry of women and child development "An analytical study of Muslim women and girls education in India" (Dream Dare Win), URL: <https://www.jeywin.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/12/An-Analytical-Study-of-Education-of-Muslim-Women-and-Girls-in-India.pdf>

The above economic patronages extended to the Muslim women have proven catastrophic for the family structure of the Muslim community as the Muslim women reciprocate in helping the West and its allies in portraying negative picture of Islam and the Muslim male in lure of promised Utopian freedom .

Utopian promised Freedom

The promised freedom has proven it selves a utopia and has not yet been achieved. The media adds (commercial advertisement) and promos are full of sexualization of the Muslim women, Bollywood is a very good example as in recent times it has promoted through aggrandizement of private lives of Muslim women who have married outside their communities via page three columns¹³. The upcoming young generation of young Muslim women have thus have a signified image of male who is hell bent on suppressing her and her rights. Thus, the promised utopian freedom seems to have been built on the image of an aggressive, cruel and suppressor Muslim male¹⁴. Thus, this freedom is guaranteed only when she supports Zionist ideology, Feminism, and calls her faith that is Islam patriarchal supported by irrational & bias arguments. The most interesting observation is that , these so called Muslim women are submissive, and performing their duties when they are in alliance with a non-Muslim male and are reminded of their rights when they are in matrimonial alliances with Muslim male. Islam and its followers seem to be the hub of their entire problem in life of a Muslim women. The only thing that seems to appeal to the Muslim women is utopian freedom in which they are Alice in their wonderland or fool's paradise. The freedom to abandon their religion that is Islam is very clearly defined and guaranteed. This has made Muslim women selectively vocal against Islam. The Arabaization of Islam by the media of West has made further condition more conducive for Islamophobia spreading Muslim women. The freedom, which is a utopia, seems only a reality after spreading Islamophobia. This is seconded by better opportunities in form of education and promises over-representation in state opportunities.

Better opportunities and promises

The bettering of the contemporary conditions of Muslim women is guaranteed by states whose very foundations are based on Islamophobia. The better opportunities & promises come in incarnations of state patronages like reservation in jobs, education, gender sensitization and relaxation in punishment¹⁵. The promises of a better life has been made to Muslim women and gates of misguidance have been opened for them in form of state sponsored selective feminism which propagates hate towards Islam and the Muslim male. This Zionist project

¹³ Anonymous, "Indian Films high on sexualisation of women : UN report", *The Economic Times* September 23,2014
URL: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/magazines/panache/indian-films-high-on-sexualisation-of-women-un-report/articleshow/43243571.cms?from=mdr> (accessed on 20 August , 2021)

¹⁴ Abid Zafar, "Portrayal of Muslims in Boliwood Movies", *Research Gate* (Berlin) October 2018
URL:https://www.researchgate.net/publication/328580196_Portrayal_of_Muslims_in_the_Bollywood_Movies (accessed on 20 August 2021)

¹⁵ Indulekha Arvind,B Dasrath Reddy,Manvi Kapur,Ranjita Ganeshan "Minority report : hiring Muslims in India Inc, *The Business Standard*, June 06,2015 URL: https://www.business-standard.com/article/beyond-business/minority-report-115060501162_1.html (accessed on 21 August ,2021)

have been replicated by many patrimonial and predatory states of South Asia where Muslims are in minority and are underrepresented in state apparatus. Thus the opportunity and promises that have been made to the Muslim women in form of tolerance for Islamophobia and intolerance for Islam and Muslims. The results of such promises and opportunities are that Muslim women are abandoning their religion or have been following selectively religion of principals Islam. Not only this, PEW research reports suggest that Muslim women are the least religious as compared to Christian women¹⁶. Thus, promise and opportunities are made only on the grounds of Islamophobia which portrays Islam as a religion dominated by male where her rights have been crushed and duties are not talked about.

Muslim women's Rights and duties

This happens to be testing area for the empowered Muslim women. The West and the Zionist wants Muslim women to remember her rights not her duties when dealing with Islam and her community and reverse while dealing with the outside world¹⁷. Thus, it is quite clear that what the West and Zionist want but at the same time it is very sorry to see such a pitiful state of affairs. The Muslim women are being prevented from being responsible mothers and their corruption has a very bad effect on the upbringing of their community. The feature of the Muslim community hence very gloomy. The only reason being lack of balance of rights and duties of Muslim women which is very well instructed in *sharia* laws. However, the feminist will always amplify the fact that women are kept in *Purdaa* or *niqab* and are treated as second grade humans in the religion of Islam. Thereby shifting the focus from the duties to rights without comparing the status of women in West and looking at the past. Thus, it will be convenient to say that feminist are selectively critical along with Muslim women of Islam and Muslim society completely overlooking what is happening in the west specially in Germany at Olympics¹⁸. The rights and duties of Muslim women are very well defined in *Surah Al-Nisa* of the Holy Quran. Still Women in Islam is a contested and issue whether Muslim women have rights in Islam or not shifting the focus from duties and weakening the Muslim family structure.

Muslims feminism as a catalyst for Islamophobia

The west and the Zionist powers have exported feminism to south Asia using muslim women as vector. The ideology of feminism puts/ makes women as selfish and mean human being. Not only this, it called for women

¹⁶ "The Gender Gap in Religion Around the World Women are generally more religious than men, particularly among Christians" Pew Research Centre (Washington D.C) 22 March, 2016 URL:<https://www.pewforum.org/2016/03/22/the-gender-gap-in-religion-around-the-world/> (accessed on 10 August, 2021)

¹⁷ Susan Carland, "If you want to know about Muslim women's rights, ask Muslim women", *The Guardian* May 07, 2017 URL: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/may/07/if-you-want-to-know-about-muslim-womens-rights-ask-muslim-women> (accessed on 21 August 2021)

¹⁸ Sara Zipp and Sasha Sutherland, "Sexism and sport :why body baring team uniform are bad for girls and women", *The Conversation* August 05,2021 <https://theconversation.com/sexism-and-sport-why-body-baring-team-uniforms-are-bad-for-girls-and-women-165546> (accessed on 05 September 2021)

to exercise full control over her body. The ideology have been forcefully injected in the Muslim society by pitching opposite genders within Muslim community against each other. This gender war triggered by induction of feminism via various educational institutions has proven itself catastrophic for the Muslim society as the mutual trust and ability to respect opposite gender is gone as they both see each other as contenders rather than collaborators. Hence, it will be appropriate to say that feminism has taken its toll. The Muslim male is seen as a despot in family succession matters by Muslim women as they have a feminist lens of observing any matter. The same goes for representation in state apparatus as seen in case of south Asia where there are jobs reserved for women.

Representation in state apparatus

The state apparatus has been showing its tilt towards incorporating more Muslim women to handle the Muslim youth that proves it-selves to be very orthodox and rebel¹⁹. The private sector is also doing the same by putting more Muslim women in recruitment. These Muslim women favor the non-Muslim males as they think that they will help to empower them and are the reason for their good socio-economic status. The signifier that is the image Muslim Male in their minds have been of a women hater and denier of her rights and only emphasizing and reminding her duty towards her family thereby encroaching over her rights (on her body). The west sponsored media have very cleverly replaced and demonized the signified (image of the Muslim male) in the minds of feminist Muslim women. Thus the socio-economic status of Muslim male youth have been severely tarnished in the minds of the Muslim women which makes them to marry outside their community and religion in order to criticize Islam and improve their socio-economic status.

Improvement in socio-economic status

The socio-economic status of Muslim women is considered low if she is wearing *niqab* and following Islam. The librated ones are those who are atheist, pork eaters, drunker Islam demonizer & Muslim male bashers. They due to their myopic view of life and ambitions reconciles to level and standards of the west and Zionist. The only step to quit their religion and marry outside their community, as they do not find any one compatible in their community. Moreover, the schooling they undergo and the history syllabus which is taught to them at school level demonizes the Muslim rule and portrays the Muslim as 'other' and paint them as aggressors, women subjugators and temple destroyers. This stigmatizes the Muslim male in the society and in the eyes of Muslim women.

Stigmatization of Muslim males

The tool of history and Zionist propaganda are major weapons used against Muslim male. They brain wash Muslim women at school level deviating them away from Islamic values to Zionist values. This has contributed

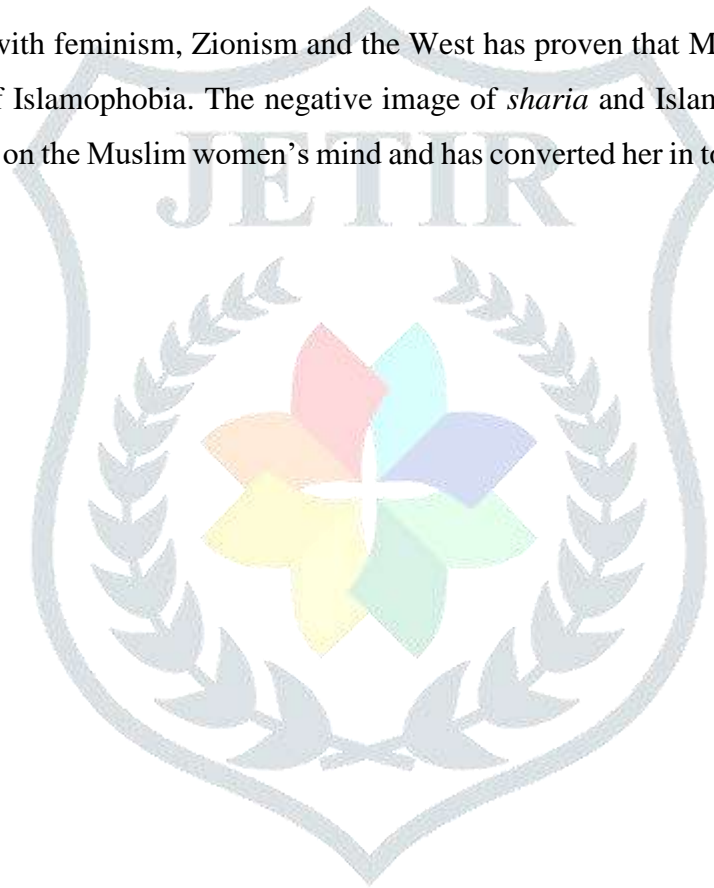
¹⁹ Anonymous, *The Setting*, p.35 URL: <http://ncwapps.nic.in/pdfReports/vov-part-2.pdf>

further to the otherization of Muslim Male in the Muslim community by the Muslim women²⁰. History thus happens to be a tool for brainwashing and weaponizing Muslim women against their own community. A very good example of this are the works of Taslima Nasreen and Irshad Manji.

Conclusion

The word Islamophobia represents to me the stigmatization of all the practicing Muslim and forcing them to deviate away from their Islamic values. Islamophobia has been a tool for the so called Muslim women liberators and used by the west as a instrument of their state policy. Muslim women due to lack of freedom to choose and ambitions fall in the trap thereby weaponizing themselves against their own community.

The idea of collaborating with feminism, Zionism and the West has proven that Muslim women are becoming unknowingly a spreader of Islamophobia. The negative image of *sharia* and Islam portrayed by the media of the West has a deep impact on the Muslim women's mind and has converted her in to an engine for the spreading Islamophobia.



²⁰ Katherine Pratt Ewing, "Stolen Honor: Stigmatizing Muslim Men in Berlin" ,(California: Stanford University Press, 2008),p.61
URL: <http://library.lol/main/7631FC65CA5B7C8CE5F05B649A58ADEE> (accessed on 21 August, 2021)