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## Islamophobia Is Un-American

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(<https://naegeleblog.files.wordpress.com/2009/12/dscf29392.jpg>) By T. D. Naegele (<http://www.naegele.com/attorneys.html#tdn>)[1]

Christianity has 2.2 billion followers. Islam has 1.8 billion followers. At most, Judaism has 14 million followers. There are radical members of each religious group; and Americans cannot allow fear to generate unbridled hatred and anger.[2] The United States and the American people are not at war with Islam or its followers. Anyone who suggests otherwise is Islamophobic.

Islamophobia does not have any place in the U.S. Yet, this is exactly what many are preaching today, which is wrong. Islamophobia is un-American, and inconsistent with Jesus' teachings as set forth in the New Testament—just as racism, anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination are evil. Fear spawns hatred, anger and retribution. Too much of it is present in America and other countries.

According to the rhetoric espoused by some people, one might think that they want to kill *all* followers of Islam, or attack or discriminate against them, which is absurd and evil unto itself. A large number of

Americans are afraid. But their fear is nothing when compared with the fears that were present in the U.S. after 9/11.

We live in difficult and challenging times.[3] But the terrorist acts of a few cannot be allowed to permeate and change our great nation or the American people. This is a lesson we learned from World War II. An estimated 110,000 Japanese-Americans were “interned” at Manzanar in California and at other camps, because of similar fears.[4]

Terrorist attacks have occurred in the U.S. and abroad. Tragically, it seems that “terrorism”—in its many forms—will be present for a long time to come. Kate Steinle was killed brutally in the “sanctuary city” of San Francisco by a known criminal and illegal immigrant.[5] Oklahoma City was bombed by Timothy McVeigh[6]. More than 900 perished in the religious cult of Jim Jones.[7] Mass killings occurred recently in Paris[8] and San Bernardino, California[9]. And the list goes on and on.

Large numbers of Americans tune out Barack Obama because of their frustrations, anger and disgust. Indeed, there is enormous venom with respect to the followers of Islam and him—as well as outright racism—which appears on Web sites in the U.S. and abroad. Often, violent statements and actions are directed at both.[10]

This is not the American way.

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[2] It has been said: "Muslims are like guns and gun owners. There is only trouble with a small percentage."

*See also* <https://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2012/12/20/abortions-and-autos-kill-more-in-america-than-guns/> (<https://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2012/12/20/abortions-and-autos-kill-more-in-america-than-guns/>) ("Abortions And Autos Kill More In America Than Guns")

[3] *See* <https://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2015/07/01/global-chaos-and-helter-skelter/> (<https://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2015/07/01/global-chaos-and-helter-skelter/>) ("Global Chaos And Helter Skelter"); *see also* <https://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2015/11/29/the-death-of-putin-and-russia-the-final-chapter-of-the-cold-war/> (<https://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2015/11/29/the-death-of-putin-and-russia-the-final-chapter-of-the-cold-war/>) ("The Death Of Putin And Russia: The Final Chapter Of The Cold War")

[4] A Japanese submarine attacked the oil fields at Ellwood, north of Santa Barbara, California:

Though damage was minimal, the event was key in triggering the West Coast invasion scare and influenced the decision to intern Japanese-Americans.

See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bombardment\\_of\\_Ellwood](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bombardment_of_Ellwood) ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bombardment\\_of\\_Ellwood](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bombardment_of_Ellwood)) (“Bombardment of Ellwood”); see also <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manzanar> (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manzanar>) (“Manzanar”)

[5] See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shooting\\_of\\_Kathryn\\_Steinle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shooting_of_Kathryn_Steinle) ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shooting\\_of\\_Kathryn\\_Steinle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shooting_of_Kathryn_Steinle)) (“Shooting of Kathryn Steinle”)

[6] See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timothy\\_McVeigh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timothy_McVeigh) ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timothy\\_McVeigh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timothy_McVeigh)) (“Timothy McVeigh”)

[7] See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim\\_Jones](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_Jones) ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim\\_Jones](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_Jones)) (“Jim Jones”)

[8] See <https://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2015/11/20/we-are-all-parisians/> (<https://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2015/11/20/we-are-all-parisians/>) (“We Are All Parisians”)

[9] See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San\\_Bernardino,\\_California#21st\\_century](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Bernardino,_California#21st_century) ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San\\_Bernardino,\\_California#21st\\_century](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Bernardino,_California#21st_century))

[10] The President’s religious “origins” in Islam contribute to this. See, e.g., <https://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2009/12/05/is-barack-obama-a-racist/> (<https://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2009/12/05/is-barack-obama-a-racist/>) (“Is Barack Obama A Racist?”)

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