

MUSLIM RELIGION IN WESTERN SOCIETIES

Influence of Muslim religion and culture on their integration in western societies

In western societies there has been an increase in number of Muslim migrants in recent decades. European countries as well as North America faced with great number of problems with integration of muslim migrants as a new part of their societies. Muslim migrants have had to adapt to western societies, but with their integration they have also changed western societies.

In my final paper I will try to provide you answers on some of the important question that are connected with Muslim migrants and the new environments that they have inhabited. Some of the questions will consider influence of Muslim religion and culture in education systems and possible changes of those systems, so they can be adapted for Muslim children and students.

Other questions will be focused on problems of mosques and how building of mosques is changing appearance of neighborhoods and societies around them, and what is the symbol and meaning of building numerous mosques in western countries.

There is also a question of Muslim clothing, especially women clothing and reactions of western citizens and governments on behalf of that issue. Of course I will try to find reactions of domestic citizens and their point of view on these issues. Since there are numerous prejudices about Muslims, there is an issue on how to remove them or at least minimize them, so the Muslim migrants can have an environment that is accepting them, their way of living and their culture. Beside their problems with integration I will try to give you answers on question how are western societies involved in resolving these problems and what are the consequences or results of their involvement. There has been couple of decades since the high number of Muslim migrants arrived in western countries, so now we face with problems of new generation of Muslim that are born and raised in western societies. In this essay I will talk about these problems as well, since these new generations didn't live in countries that they parents came from and do they have any kind of connection with their parents native country or they are fully assimilated to western societies.

One of the questions will be a role of violence. And question: Is there any violence that is connected with Muslim migrants and their problems to become full members of western societies? As their number is getting really high in some countries Muslim migrants and new generations of Muslim migrants are hoping to get more rights and more freedom than they have currently, but it remains a question will the western governments allow them to gain some significant political role and influence as some domestic groups.

Since I will search for the problems and situations that Muslim migrants are facing in western societies, I will also try to find possible solutions or current situation on resolving these problems. My questions will be related to western governments and their efforts to adapt their social and political systems for easier integration of Muslim migrants and their children. Since they are gaining more rights there is a question

will their rights interlace with rights of domestic citizens and will that produce further problems in integration of Muslim migrants.

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