

CONSEQUENCES OF ISLAMOPHOBIA ON CIVIL LIBERTIES AND RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES

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The Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society is a research institute founded in 2012 at the University of California, Berkeley. The Institute serves as a national hub for a vibrant network of researchers, community partners, policymakers, communicators, and other stakeholders to identify and challenge the barriers to an inclusive, just, and sustainable society, and to create transformative change.

One of the primary areas of work and research of the Haas Institute's Global Justice Program (GJP) is to counteract all forms of *othering*, discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance, in order to foster a society where all belong. In response to the experiences of Muslim Americans and the Muslim community at large, our work in the GJP seeks to unmask the multiplicities of Islamophobia in the US that is influencing legal, political, and social domains, ranging from anti-Muslim legislation to the dramatic increase in coordinated anti-Muslim campaigns that have proliferated across the country.

The information provided in this submission is sourced from original research conducted by the GJP, such as our database documenting <u>anti-Sharia state legislation</u>, <u>expert interviews</u>, and <u>reports</u> that serve to <u>document</u> and counter the effects of Islamophobia. The research specifically studies and addresses how Muslim communities in the US are directly impacted by anti-Muslim policies and practices such as the Muslim Ban and anti-Sharia legislation, and how these polices, in addition to disproportionately discriminating against Muslims, are undermining the US Constitution and US international obligations.