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“ THE RISE OF ISLAM ”

In our last Newsletter, we discussed the introduction by California State Assemblyman, Matt Haney (D - San Francisco), legislation to adopt TWO religious Islamic holidays as official state holidays in the State of California.

As we had outlined, due to the fact that the Islamic population in California was a small 2% of the total population of California and 1.2% in the nation, that adopting two of the religious holidays of a small religious sect as “official” state holidays was pandering to one religious minority group over all the others.

According to Pew Research, “1.7% of U.S. adults say they are Jewish when asked about their religion while 1.2% of respondents in the new survey are Muslim, 1.1% are Buddhist, and 0.9% are Hindu.” Thus, using Assemblyman Haney’s statement that “publicly celebrating these holidays is a powerful way for California to show Muslim constituents that their joy, traditions and presence in our state are deeply valued and protected”, should also apply to those that are Jewish, Buddhist and Hindu, and not just those that are Muslim.

Further, as we had outlined, none of California’s 13 holidays are religious, including Christmas, which when legally challenged has been declared by the courts to be a secular holiday due to its cultural and historical significance in our country.

Lastly, it should be noted that neither California nor the nation is culturally or historically Islamic. Thus, the effort to designate two Islamic religious holidays as official state holidays is in actuality an overt attempt to elevate the Muslim religion to have parity with an otherwise Christian nation.

SHARIA LAW??

So, what is behind this push to elevate Islam, and by association Sharia Law?

As explained in a recent article, “The spread of Islam is not a new phenomenon. Ever since Muhammad’s troops fanned out from Mecca in the 7th century, Islam has been spreading globally. But, Islam’s spread in western democracies is a recent trend and one that is accelerating”. Constantinople to Istanbul, anyone!

According to President Trump, Europe is lost! In his speech at the United Nations last year, he spoke about Muslim immigration in Europe, singling out London’s Mayor Sadiq Khan, whom he claimed is trying to install Sharia Law in the UK. “And I have to say, I look at London, where you have a terrible mayor—terrible, terrible mayor. And it’s been so changed, so changed. Now they want to go to Sharia law”. Although Trump’s claim has been challenged, with the recent push in California to recognize two religious Islamic holidays, he may have a point!

According to a recent article, “Sharia law in the United States of America has reached penetration phase 3”. Phase 3, or “Infiltration”, is defined as follows: “When Muslims gain critical mass in a few cities, they begin to infiltrate key institutions of the host society. They lobby the government, support Muslim political candidates, conduct public relations campaigns, and file lawsuits against alleged Islamophobia”. Sound familiar? The loud vocal pronouncements made by Ihan Omar, Zohran Mamdani, and Rashida Tlaib come to mind.

We then move to Phase 4: “When Muslims become a significant minority in the host country, they demand incorporating into its key systems elements of Sharia law”. So, do we have any examples of the push to incorporate Sharia law, either in the U.S. or in Europe? Yes we actually do.

According to a September 2025 article in the U.K. edition of The Sun, “there are estimated to be as many as 85 Sharia courts operating in Britain”.

*“The creeping acceptance of **Sharia law** in the UK has serious ramifications. It signals that all women’s rights are under threat, because to support **Sharia** (as many liberal and left-wing people in the UK appear to do) is to be against equality.*

In December 2024, several months after Labour came to power, it was claimed in a major national newspaper investigation that the UK has become the “Western capital” for Sharia courts, which issue religious rulings on marriage and family life.”

*Women and girls living within **Muslim communities** in the UK are particularly vulnerable to **domestic violence**. Forced and early marriage, polygamy and draconian attitudes towards the role of women in the home result in such wives having little or no power — and men doing exactly as they wish.”*

Although Sharia courts in the U.K. do not have legal authority and their decisions cannot override U.K. law, the Sharia councils still make rulings that affect the life of its Muslim citizens residing throughout the country. Further, “these courts enjoy at least some conditional support from a number of non-Muslim establishment figures, apparently including the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams.”

In contrast, in the United States, the states of Texas, Florida, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Alabama, Tennessee, Louisiana, Arizona, Kansas, North Carolina and South Dakota have adopted anti-foreign law measures and are passing legislation focused on thwarting Islamic influence.

In Oklahoma, state lawmakers advanced a constitutional amendment to bar courts and municipalities from applying any foreign or religious laws undermining the U.S. or state constitutions.

In Florida, Gov Ron DeSantis signed HB1471, which “explicitly strengthens bans on courts enforcing foreign or religious laws (citing Sharia as an example), allows state officials to designate domestic terrorist organizations, and bars state funds from schools or programs linked to such groups. This builds on his prior executive order designating CAIR and the Muslim Brotherhood as terrorist organizations”.

Can You Believe It? YES!!!

After studying the above, is it not shocking that Democrats in California are actually pushing two Islamic religious holidays on the citizens of California??

Let me repeat, Conservatives are not Islamophobic! Those that respect our laws, our history and our culture, and are not part of the Marxist, Communist, Socialist, Anti-Semitic movement, are our brethren.

It's time for Republicans to take back California!

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