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## Mamdani: U.S. Should Follow Example of Islam and Muhammad on Immigration

New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani has said that Immigration and Customs Enforcement should be completely abolished. He has said that a “Warrant of Removal/Deportation” is invalid. And now he has referenced what he apparently fancies an enlightened guide for U.S. immigration policy: his religion.

Islam is “built upon a narrative of migration,” Mamdani said during an interfaith breakfast Friday. The “Prophet Muhammad ... was a stranger too,” he added.

What the mayor neglected to mention, however, is that Islam is built upon a narrative of migration for *Muslims*. Apropos to this, Mecca is today Islam’s “holiest” city — and it *does not allow the entry of non-Muslims*.

This, not to mention that Islamic countries weren’t very accepting of the Muslim migrants fleeing Syria and other nations from 2015 onward. Those “refugees” were instead funneled into the very heart of Europe — what once was Christendom.

Nonetheless, there Mamdani was Friday, lecturing Americans on how compassion dictates we erase our borders. He said, in part:

I consider my own faith, Islam, a religion built upon a narrative of migration. The story of the Hijrah reminds us the Prophet Muhammad [he then interjected “peace be upon him” in Arabic] was a stranger too, who fled Mecca and was welcomed in Medina.

Surah Al-Nahl 16:42 tells us, “As for those who immigrated in the cause of Allah after being persecuted, we will surely bless them with a good home in this world.”

... If faith offers us the moral compass to stand alongside the stranger, government can provide the resources.

Mamdani’s comments can be heard below.



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## Now, for the Rest of the Story....

Mamdani is a smooth-as-silk talker who can make a sow's ear appear a silk purse. But his remarks were most notable for what he *didn't* say. As American Thinker [points out](#):

First, note that quotation from Surah Al-Nahl: "As for those who immigrated in the cause of Allah after being persecuted, we will surely bless them with a good home in this world."



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Mamdani rushed past that one, but its meaning is remarkably clear: The only good immigrant is a Muslim immigrant, one who is relocating “in the cause of Allah.” These are the immigrants who will be blessed with “a good home in this world.” History shows us that [Islamic theology interprets](#) this to mean that the good home is obtained by brutally taking it from Christians, Jews, Hindus, and Buddhists by violent warfare and oppression.

Robert Spencer, an Islam expert and proprietor of website Jihad Watch, echoes this. Commenting on the “immigrating for Allah” concept, he [writes](#) that it

means to move to a new land in order to Islamize that land, and impose Sharia upon it. That is what Muhammad himself did, according to Islamic tradition, when he moved from Mecca to Medina: he became in Medina for the first time a political and military leader as well as a preacher of religious ideas, and began making war upon the Meccans and others until all of Arabia was conquered and Islamized. To recommend that as a model for immigration to the U.S. is tantamount to recommending the conquest and Islamization of the U.S. As a knowledgeable and observant Muslim, Mamdani without any doubt knows this, but is counting upon the ignorance of his audience to give his words a benign patina.

## Real-life Examples

Actual examples of this immigration-for-conquest mentality abound, too. Just consider a warning from Dr. Mudar Zahran, a Jordanian Palestinian academic and practicing Muslim. Addressing [wave Muslim migration into Europe in a 2015 interview](#), he stated, “I have to be honest. You read Arab magazines and Arab newspapers, they are talking about, ‘Good job! Now we’re going to conquest [sic] Europe.’ So it’s not even a secret.”

Zahran called that migration “the soft Islamic conquest of the West.”

One of those 2015 “refugees” attested to this, too — in so many words. As [I reported at the time](#), the unnamed man admitted that his “main goal for leaving Syria is to lead people to the acceptance of Islam.”

“I swear by Allah I only came here [to Europe] for this one goal,” he [added](#). “I have observed that they are curious and willing to get to know Islam through us.”

Late Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi [also spoke of this goal](#) — and of how he was sure of the outcome. As he [said](#) in 2006:

We have 50 million Muslims in Europe. There are signs that Allah will grant Islam victory in Europe — without swords, without guns, without conquest — will turn it into a Muslim continent within a few decades.

## Getting a Bead on Mamdani

And what of Mamdani and his sweetness-and-light characterization of koranic immigration prescriptions? “Mamdani is either a fool, which I doubt, or he is practicing taqiyya,” writes American Thinker. “Islamists would have you believe taqiyya means prudently hiding their faith in dangerous circumstances. The real world establishes that it means lying about their faith to trick gullible non-



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Muslims into letting down their guard.”

Oh, none of this means Mamdani wants to transform us into Iran or Afghanistan. (Turkey *may* align more with his tastes.) He’s a Muslim, but he’s also a leftist. This may seem a contradiction, but people are complex beings. Mamdani almost assuredly has genuine emotional connection with Islam, having been raised with some iteration of it. He also [has expressed passion for communism](#). And are Islam and communism really incompatible?

Certainly Islam and the sexual devolutionaries (“LGBTQ+” crew) are. We saw, too, how [Muslims deep-sixed those devolutionaries’ agenda](#) upon taking control in Hamtramck, Michigan. Mamdani likely would have no problem with this outcome, either — as long as he himself had power.

Regarding Mamdani’s koranic-immigration theory, however, he ought to be asked why no Muslim country anywhere applies his professed standard. They do not welcome the stranger — or what to them are “stranger” faiths. The answer just may be, too, that whether Islamist or leftist, immigration is not principle but ploy.



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