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Mamdani's Immigrant Parents Are Hate-Israel, Marxist Radicals

Anyone who wants to know how New York City's Democratic mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani became a socialist, anti-white radical need look no further than his parents.

Both are radical, anti-American leftists. His father, Mahmood Mamdani, is a Marxist, hate-Israel [professor](#) at Columbia University, where he helped stir up trouble against Jewish students. His mother, [Mira Nair](#), is an anti-white filmmaker whose movies few if any Americans have ever seen.

Thanks to social media, candidate Mamdani's radicalism is exposed just a little bit more with each passing day.



Canary Mission/X
Zohran Mamdani (left), with parents Mira Nair and Mahmood Mamdani

Zohran: "My Mum made all the white actors in her movie play waiters"

This is so progressive and inspiring ☐ I love race resentment pic.twitter.com/0MHEnVyVke

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Marxist Father

After Mamdani won the Democratic primary, [which has terrified](#) sane Democrats who believe Republicans have yet another reason to portray the party as controlled by far-left kooks, *The New York Times* stepped forward with a tongue-bath profile about Mama and Papa Mamdani.

Neither, of course, is an American. Mahmood is a Bombay-born Indian who landed in Uganda before he became part of the "Kennedy Airlift" that brought him to the United States. The young foreigner wasn't here long before he stuck his nose into American politics.

"He was among the many students in the northern US who made the bus journey south to Montgomery, Alabama, organized by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in March 1965 to participate in the civil rights movement," [Wikipedia says](#):

This was during the time of but distinct from the Selma to Montgomery marches. He was jailed during the march and was allowed to make a phone call. Mamdani called the Ugandan Ambassador in Washington, D.C., for assistance. The ambassador asked him why he was "interfering in the internal affairs of a foreign country," to which he responded by saying that this was not an internal affair but a freedom struggle and that they too had gotten their freedom only last year.



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Just about the time Mahmood stuck his proboscis into southern affairs, SNCC was on the verge of a takeover by radical leftist Stokely Carmichael, who “sought to burn all bridges between black and white Americans,” as [Discover the Networks](#) notes:

He denounced the integrationist Martin Luther King, Jr. as an “Uncle Tom” and began advocating armed violence as a favored means of promoting civil rights.

Moreover, Carmichael exhorted African Americans to embrace the concept of “Black Power,” which he candidly defined as “a movement that will smash everything Western civilization has created.”

Marxist Mother

As for Nair, she is openly anti-white. As Zohran Mamdani explained in a video going viral on X, when the financiers for her mostly unseen [Mississippi Masala](#) expressed concern that the movie didn’t have white actors, Nair had a reply: No worries. They’ll be subservient.

As the [Times’ Mamdani hosanna](#) reported:

“The question that was asked for me was, ‘Can’t you make room for a white protagonist?’” Ms. Nair said, laughing. “I assured them that all the waiters in the film would be white.”

So much for the background.

Anti-Israel Activities on Campus

Papa Mamdani apparently believes that part of his job at Columbia is protesting against Israel’s campaign in Gaza. An X feed called Canary Mission, which the *Times* identified as anonymous, tracks the elder Mamdani’s activities.

Mahmood, Canary Mission says, is a Marxist “known for his anti-Israel views and obsession with ‘colonialism.’”

As well, “in a recent course, Mahmood promoted ‘the necessity of violence in anticolonial struggle.’”

ZOHRAN MAMDANI'S FATHER – Mahmood Mamdani is an anti-Israel, Marxist professor at Columbia University. He's known for his anti-Israel views and obsession with "colonialism." In a recent course, Mahmood promoted "the necessity of violence in anticolonial struggle." pic.twitter.com/vQdB4AXOSx

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At Columbia's encampment, Mahmood donned an orange vest with other faculty members who made a human barrier to prevent Jewish students from entering. This is the ideology Zohran was raised in. pic.twitter.com/iwvqGtSK9I

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Moreover, during the hate-Israel protests at Columbia in 2024, Canary Mission alleges, Mahmood



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“donned an orange vest with other faculty members who made a human barrier to prevent Jewish students entering.”

A photo of the radical accompanies the post.

Anti-Israel in the Film Industry

Neither is Nair a stranger to openly anti-Jewish sentiments. As the Canary Mission X feed notes, she signed an open letter to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to remove Israeli actress Gal Gadot as a presenter because Gadot supports her own country.

“Gadot has openly and repeatedly expressed her support for Israel’s military actions against Palestinians, a stance that aligns her with a system that has caused immeasurable pain and destruction,” [Nair and the co-signers wrote](#). “This is especially troubling in light of the International Court of Justice’s determination that there is a plausible case for genocide against the Palestinian population.”

Gadot’s support for Israel “is a direct endorsement of violence against innocent civilians,” and “the Academy must ensure that its platform” isn’t an enabler of such people. Permitting her to present would “ignore the pain of countless victims.” In banning Gadot, the [letter argues](#), the Academy would “choose integrity over complicity and ... recognize the pain and resilience of all communities fighting for justice and equality.”

Nair’s animosity toward Israel is hardly new. In 2013, long before Israel’s Gaza campaign, the Haifa International Film Festival invited her to attend as a guest of honor. She refused.

“I will go to Israel when occupation is gone,” she wrote. “I will go to Israel when apartheid is over.”

ZOHRAN MAMDANI'S MOTHER - Mira Nair is a filmmaker and vocal supporter of BDS and the academic boycott of Israel. Nair signed an open letter to the Oscars calling for them to ban Israeli actress Gal Gadot from attending the event. pic.twitter.com/7NLd0ujwkP

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In July 2013, Nair refused an invitation to the Haifa International Film Festival as a "guest of honor" in protest of Israel. Nair tweeted: "I will go to Israel when occupation is gone," and "I will go to Israel when apartheid is over." pic.twitter.com/UcXzWZNHNI

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Zohran’s Views

All of which leads to Zohran.

He’s tight as a tick with what Canary Mission calls “pro-Hamas activist Mahmoud Khalil.” And says New York authorities will arrest Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu if he visits the city.

WATCH: Zohran Mamdani gets cozy on stage with recently released pro-Hamas activist Mahmoud Khalil at a Ramy Youssef show. pic.twitter.com/i9b3RHAcRI

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NYC's Democratic mayoral nominee Zohran Mamdani is all smiles with Mahmoud Khalil — a foreign national extremist who lied on his visa application, praised terrorists and was recently detained by ICE. Now free, he's being embraced by NYC's rising socialist political class. This... pic.twitter.com/ttcGQWVNjc

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Yet Mamdani's disdain for Israel shouldn't be Big Apple voters' main concern. His program for the city [is openly communist](#). More than that, it is [openly anti-white](#). Aside from plans for "seizing the means of production," freezing rent, and providing [free everything](#), [Mamdani vows](#) to hike taxes on "whiter neighborhoods."

After the Islamic terror attacks on 9/11, the [Times reported](#), Zohran told his father he could never become a city cop. Now, city dwellers with no memory of that day might elect him mayor.



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