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Report: Mamdani Lied on University Application; More Communist Sentiments Go Viral

It appears that Marxist Zohran Mamdani might have more trouble winning the race to become mayor of New York City than he thought.

The Democratic nominee appeared to have been shoo-in for the race, having defeated former Governor Andrew Cuomo. But then some interesting facts about his past went viral. He [advocates communist ideas](#). He despises Israel. And he wants [to raise taxes](#) on the city's "white neighborhoods."

Late last week, he suffered another blow: [The New York Times revealed](#) that he lied on his application to Columbia University. An Indian born in Uganda, Mamdani claimed he is Asian and black.

As well, more of the radical's hate-America, communist rhetoric has surfaced.



AP Images
Zohran Mamdani

Black New Yorkers rage over Zohran Mamdani's 'African American' claim: 'He's a fraud.'

Read today's cover here: <https://t.co/GcCOzHvmHV> pic.twitter.com/1R7tmb6O2j

— New York Post (@nypost) [July 5, 2025](#)

The *Times*' Story

The *Times* got right to the point in the first two paragraphs of its story:

As he runs for mayor of New York City, Zohran Mamdani has made his identity as a Muslim immigrant of South Asian descent a key part of his appeal.

But as a high school senior in 2009, Mr. Mamdani, the Democratic nominee, claimed another label when he applied to Columbia University. Asked to identify his race, he checked a box that he was "Asian" but also "Black or African American," according to internal data derived from a hack of Columbia University that was shared with *The New York Times*.

Uh-oh.

Zohran is trying to spin his misrepresentation of his racial background as if he was saying that he was an African who is American.

But at the time he applied to Columbia, he was nine years off from his U.S. citizenship.



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The form asked about race, so he clearly committed fraud. pic.twitter.com/zZRB11TQ8p
— Crémieux (@cremieuxrecueil) [July 3, 2025](#)

A blogger called Cremieux shared that fact with the newspaper, it reported, but Mamdani readily admitted the ruse.

Mamdani told the newspaper that he considered himself neither black nor African-American, but instead “an American who was born in Africa.”

The [Times reported](#):

He said his answers on the college application were an attempt to represent his complex background given the limited choices before him, not to gain an upper hand in the admissions process. (He was not accepted at Columbia.)

“Most college applications don’t have a box for Indian-Ugandans, so I checked multiple boxes trying to capture the fullness of my background,” said Mr. Mamdani, a state lawmaker from Queens.

The application allowed students to provide “more specific information where relevant,” and Mr. Mamdani said that he wrote in, “Ugandan.”

“Even though these boxes are constraining, I wanted my college application to reflect who I was,” he added.

EXCLUSIVE: I have obtained Zohran Mamdani's full Columbia file, which reveals his SAT score and might explain why the elite mayoral candidate falsely claimed to be "black" on his college applications. <https://t.co/5ZyCW86HYi>

— Christopher F. Rufo 🇺🇸 (@realchrisrufo) [July 7, 2025](#)

Mamdani’s father, [also a Marxist](#), teaches at the university.

The *City Journal*’s [Christopher Rufo revealed](#) Mamdani’s SAT score: 2140 out of 2400.

“At the time, this was [below](#) the median SAT score for admitted students at Columbia and, given the prevailing distribution by race, well below the median SAT score for Asian students, but likely above the median SAT score for black students — hence, the advantage of marking ‘black,’” Rufo wrote.

Rufo reported that Mamdani could have been rejected for two reasons, the first being that Columbia is highly competitive.

Then again, [he wrote](#), maybe that wasn’t the problem:

Second, there is a possibility that Mamdani’s box-checking gambit backfired. The full application includes the name and contact information for his father, Mahmood Mamdani, and his mother, Mira Nair, both of whom are public figures and neither of whom is black. The application also included a flag noting that the elder Mamdani appeared to be “affiliated with Columbia” and another line noting the family’s address in an exclusive Manhattan neighborhood. With even cursory research, an admissions officer could have seen that Mr. Mamdani was neither black, nor underprivileged.



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Blacks in New York Rage

The *New York Post*, [which claimed](#) that the *Times* hustled to publish its report before Rufo scooped the newspaper, reported that “Black New York isn’t buying it.”

“A slew of black Big Apple residents fumed Friday over mayoral front-runner Zohran Mamdani’s claim on an Ivy League college application that he is African American — with them raging the socialist pol is a ‘fraud’ and ‘trickster,’” the [newspaper continued](#):

“He’s just trying to get over,” an 86-year-old Harlem resident, identifying herself only as Marjorie, said of Mamdani, a socialist of Asian Indian descent.

“You can look at him and see he’s not” black, she said. “Absolutely not.”

True enough. Another black Big Apple resident called Mamdani a “fraud.”

“He’s a foreigner. He ain’t no African American,” the unidentified city dweller [told the Post](#).

Headline on the tabloid’s gritty front page: “Uganda Be Joking!”

More Communist X Posts

Meanwhile, more of Mamdani’s devotion to hard-line Marxist ideology — meaning communism — has surfaced.

“Each according to their need, each according to their ability,” he wrote on May 27, 2020.

“It’s not complicated,” End Wokeness wrote over a screenshot of the post. “He’s a communist.”

It's not complicated. He's a communist. pic.twitter.com/rr85Vj9nHG

— End Wokeness (@EndWokeness) [July 7, 2025](#)

Each according to their need, each according to their ability

— Zohran Kwame Mamdani (@ZohranKMamdani) [May 27, 2020](#)

Another of Mamdani’s greatest hits appeared on X over a photo of a statue of Christopher Columbus in the courageous explorer’s eponymous square in Astoria. Columbus appears behind a hate-Columbus middle finger on a gloved hand, presumably Mamdani’s.

“Take it down,” the Indian-Ugandan immigrant wrote on June 17, 2020.

Take it down. pic.twitter.com/7Bmis8hnnh

— Zohran Kwame Mamdani (@ZohranKMamdani) [June 18, 2020](#)

Mamdani once appeared to defend infamous al Qaeda fiend Anwar al-Awlaki — and blame FBI for radicalizing him: ‘Ridiculous assertion’ <https://t.co/YPFEaK1Lry>
pic.twitter.com/jM5TmuxOuX

— New York Post (@nypost) [July 6, 2025](#)



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In more hate-America sentiments, the [Post reported](#), Mamdani claimed that the FBI radicalized al-Qaeda terrorist Anwar al-Awlaki, who was born in New Mexico but moved to Yemen to work for the 9/11 terror outfit.

"The cleric was considered so dangerous that then-President Barack Obama approved the drone strike that killed him in 2011 — an unprecedented assassination of an American citizen who had not been charged with a crime," the *Post* observed:

"He directed the failed attempt to blow up an airplane on Christmas Day in 2009. He directed the failed attempt to blow up US cargo planes in 2010," Obama said at the time.

"And he repeatedly called on individuals in the United States and around the globe to kill innocent men, women and children to advance a murderous agenda."

No worries, at least by Mamdani's lights.

"In a series of tweets in 2015, [he] bizarrely criticized the FBI's surveillance of al-Awlaki — and claimed the G-Men actually pushed him into terrorism — after reading a *New York Times* account of the snooping, which revealed the cleric's hooker fetish," the [Post reported](#) with a screen shot of Mamdani's sentiments.

"Why no proper interrogation of what it means for FBI to have conducted extensive surv. into Awlaki's private life?" Mamdani wrote. "How could #Awlaki have ever trusted@FBI to not release surveillance esp. if he continued to critique [the] state? Why no further discussion of how #Awlaki's knowledge of surv. eventually led him to #alqaeda? Or what that says about [the] efficacy of surv?"

Though Mamdani [has vowed](#) to arrest Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu if he sets foot in New York City, he has not disclosed whether he would arrest al-Qaeda or other Muslim terrorists if caught in the once-great metropolis.

MAMDANI: "As Mayor I would have Netanyahu arrested if he came to New York
pic.twitter.com/XR8zWtlm15

— JOSH DUNLAP (@JDunlap1974) [June 24, 2025](#)



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