



Introduction

It is no hidden fact that Islamophobia has increased since the events of September 11 2001. Having recognised the problem for some time now, the next step is to ask, 'what are we, as a community, going to do to challenge the rise of Islamophobia?'

In December 2001, in its attempts to fight the threat of terrorism, the government introduced the 'emergency' legislation, the Anti Terrorism Crime and Security Act 2001 (ATCSA 2001). It would appear from facts and figures; that the legislation has been used in a discriminatory manner against Muslims.

FAIR is compiling a response to the Government's Discussion Paper, entitled, '*Counter-Terrorism Powers: Reconciling Security and Liberty in an Open Society: A Discussion Paper*'. This survey has been broken down into four sections. The aim of this survey is to gather your response on the current anti-terrorism legislation, and the impact it has had on you and/or your organisation.

Listed below are guidelines which we hope will help you to complete FAIR's survey. We would be grateful if you could kindly provide as much information as possible to each question in the survey.

You may return the completed survey back to FAIR either via email, fax or post to the address below.

FAIR will not disclose any information you provide in this survey.

Should you require assistance in filling out our survey please do not hesitate to contact FAIR.

Guidelines

Section One – Personal Data

The questions in this section are important

Please specify if you are filling in this survey as a member of an organisation or within your own personal capacity. Please provide us with information about your organisation such as its name and the type of work you carry out, or if you are filling in the survey in your own personal capacity then please state your occupation.

FAIR can assure that we will not disclose any of your information.

Section Two - Rise in Islamophobia?

These questions relate to Islamophobia in general; we want to know how the terror attacks in the USA have affected the level of Islamophobia Muslims in Britain face.

Although the questions in this section are optional, **please remember**: this is a community response and an opportunity for you to give us as much information as possible. Your feedback will enable us compile a report that will effectively challenge the government's derogatory anti-terror laws.

Please make use of the empty spaces provided to give us as much information you feel is necessary.

Section Three: Anti-terrorism powers

The questions in this section are about the enlarged powers¹ granted to the security forces under the ATCSA 2001. Although not all the questions in this section may apply to you directly, you may have witnessed an incident where security forces have used these powers against other members of the community or your family. In any such case, we need your response to assess the impact of the ATCSA 2001 on the Muslim community.

Your response will allow us to report on the effectiveness of the ATCSA 2001, and whether the violations of our civil liberties are justified.

Section Four: General perceptions

In this section we aim to gather your opinions on the way you may have been or are represented and perceived within society.

¹ Please refer to question 3c) in section three for a list of some of the powers.

Please use the empty space provided to state any other information you feel will be helpful to us.

Brief Glossary:

Organisation: *An organisation may be a school, mosque, Islamic centre or institution with a structure through which individuals cooperate systematically to meet a specific purpose.*

Islamophobia: *Islamophobia refers to unfounded dread, hatred and hostility towards Islam and Muslims, and the practical consequences of such hostility in unfair discrimination against Muslim individuals and communities. This includes the exclusion of Muslims from mainstream political and social affairs. This dread, hatred and hostility can be expressed towards Muslims in a range of ways, including:*

- *Negative or patronising images and references in the media, and in everyday conversations*
- *Attacks, abuse and violence on the streets*
- *Attacks on mosques and cemeteries*
- *Discrimination in employment*
- *Lack of provision, recognition and respect for Muslims in most public institutions*

Other examples include: *taunts/remarks, hate mail, vandalism, constant staring, hostile attitude, institutional Islamophobia, being rejected a service by local council, discrimination at the hospital, or even at the work place.*

If you will be submitting your response by email please use the tab key on your keyboard to answer the questions in the boxes below.

Section One – Personal Details

Question 1 (below) is optional.

1. Surname/Family name:

Title (e.g. Mr, Miss, Mrs, Ms):

Previous surname (where applicable):

Date of birth (day/month/year):

Gender (male or female):

Permanent/home address:
(include postcode, if in UK)

Telephone:

E-mail:

Nationality:

Section Two – Personal Data

The following Questions must be answered.

- 2 a) Please tick to say if you are filling in the survey in your personal capacity or representing an organisation. (Please tick one box)

Personal Capacity (Go to part 2 c)

Representing an organisation

- 2 b) If you are representing an organisation, please state the name and type of organisation below:

Full name of organisation:

Type of organisation: (*e.g. school, charity, mosque, Welfare groups, racial equality units, etc.*)

Is your organisation primarily Muslim? (*In terms of membership/clients you deal with*)

Yes No

- 2 c) What is your position/ occupation?

- 2 d) Please state the name of the city/town in which you or your organisation is based:

Section Three: Rise in Islamophobia?

- 3 a) Have you or your organisation been subjected to Islamophobic or anti-Muslim sentiment over the past three years? *(Please tick one box)*

Yes No

If yes, please provide us with more information: *(i.e. describe the nature of Islamophobia, where it occurred and how often)*

- 3 b) Have you experienced any change in the way you have been treated or perceived over the past 3 years?

yes No

If yes, please provide us with more information: *(i.e. state how you have been treated differently and by whom)*

- 3 c) Has your physical appearance, (such as *observing hijab, beard or wearing traditional Muslim dress*) made you a target for Islamophobia?

Yes No

- 3 d) Have you reported any such incidents to the police, council or other authoritative body?

Yes No

If yes, to which body did you report to?

3 e) On a scale of one to ten (one being lowest), how pleased were you with the investigation?

3 f) Have you experienced Islamophobia when travelling on public transport?

Yes No

If yes, please provide further details of the incident: *(state where and when this took place, what happened, and whether you reported it)*

3 g) Have you been subjected to Islamophobia when travelling to and from the UK?

Yes No

If yes, please provide further details below: *(e.g. this can include luggage being extensively searched, being asked questions about your religion/political group, strip search, passport confiscated for unknown reasons, etc)*

3 h) Have you had to change your appearance since September 11, 2001 (e.g. remove hijab, beard etc.)

Yes No

If yes, please state what you have done:

3 i) Have you had to change your lifestyle since September 11, 2001 (e.g. *move home, change job, change school etc*)

Yes No

If yes, then please state below what you have done to change your lifestyle

3 j) Have you seen a change of attitude towards Islam from members of your family, colleagues, or anyone within your institution or organisation?

Yes No

If yes, please state the changes you have seen and in whom:

3 k) Has your relationship with the community been affected since September 11 2001? (*Including neighbours, councillors, local service providers etc.*)

Yes No

If yes, please state how your relationship with the community has changed?

Section Four – Anti-terrorism powers

4 a) Have you or anyone you know been approached and questioned by the security forces?

Yes No

If yes, please state exactly who was approached by the security forces? Please provide as much information as possible.

4 b) Have you or anyone you know been affected by the powers under the ATCSA 2001? *(please see list in 4 c) below, for a list of these powers)*

Yes No

4 c) Which of the following powers of the security forces were used against you or someone you know? (Please select all that apply)

- Arrest Arrest and Detention Freezing assets
- Stop and Search Raiding property Confiscating property
- Closing down organisation permanently or temporarily
- Searching through documents and/or emails
- None
- Other, please specify:

If you have selected any of the above, please provide further information below (*i.e. where the power was used and against whom? the reasons provided by the security forces, or if you were detained please state for how long, how you were treated, etc*)

4 d) Were any formal charges made against you or anyone you know?

Yes No

If yes, please state what these were and whether this led to a conviction.

Section Five: General Perceptions

5 a) Please rate how you and/or your organisation have been affected since the government introduced the ATCSA 2001 (please select one option for each row).

	Severely	Mildly	Not at all
Public image/perception	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donations/Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relations with non-Muslim groups or communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provisional Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment/Volunteer levels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5 b) Have you been required to conform to ‘western values’? (*E.g. expected to change your dress, work practices, etc*).

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

5 c) Have you been asked to justify events outside UK borders? (E.g. suicide bombings in Palestine, the September 11 attacks)

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

5 d) How do you feel about the media coverage of Muslims after September 11?

- Accurate
- Balanced and reasonable
- Biased and discriminatory

5 e) Please describe which particular media sources, regional or national, you feel project an unfair image of Islam and Muslims (*Where appropriate state the name of the source and any particular articles or programs you have seen or read, that you find particularly Islamophobic.*)

5 f) Please use the space below to provide us with any other information you believe to be relevant: (e.g. *the role of far right parties*)

ENDS.

Please submit all responses to FAIR by **Wednesday 7th July 2004 to:**

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.