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Executive Summary

In the wake of Zohran Mamdani's victory in the Democratic primary for New York City mayor, a wave of Islamophobia, xenophobia, red-baiting/anti-working class, and anti-South Asian disinformation erupted across political and social spheres. Throughout 2025, more than **17.1 million posts** circulated across multiple platforms about Mamdani, a significant share of which amplified vicious disinformation and hate speech against him. Despite this onslaught, Mamdani—a Ugandan-born, Indian American Muslim—will become the city's first Muslim and first South Asian American mayor.

Zohran Mamdani is the son of renowned academic Mahmood Mamdani and acclaimed filmmaker Mira Nair, both of Indian origin. His father comes from a Gujarati Muslim background, while his mother is of Hindu descent, giving Mamdani a multicultural and interfaith heritage. His candidacy, defined by progressive policy commitments and steadfast advocacy for marginalized communities, has become a focal point for anti-Muslim, anti-immigrant, and anti-South Asian animus in the United States and beyond. This moment is both a stress test for our burgeoning multiplural democracy and a reminder of the challenges that working-class, multiethnic, and multifaith communities face in the midst of mud-slinging and coordinated hate from both the Republican and Democratic Parties, funded by oligarchs.

From his primary victory in June 2025, through the end of October 2025, Equality Labs manually monitored and analyzed **500 social media posts** that explicitly targeted Zohran Mamdani. This monitoring was conducted by a team of social media monitoring

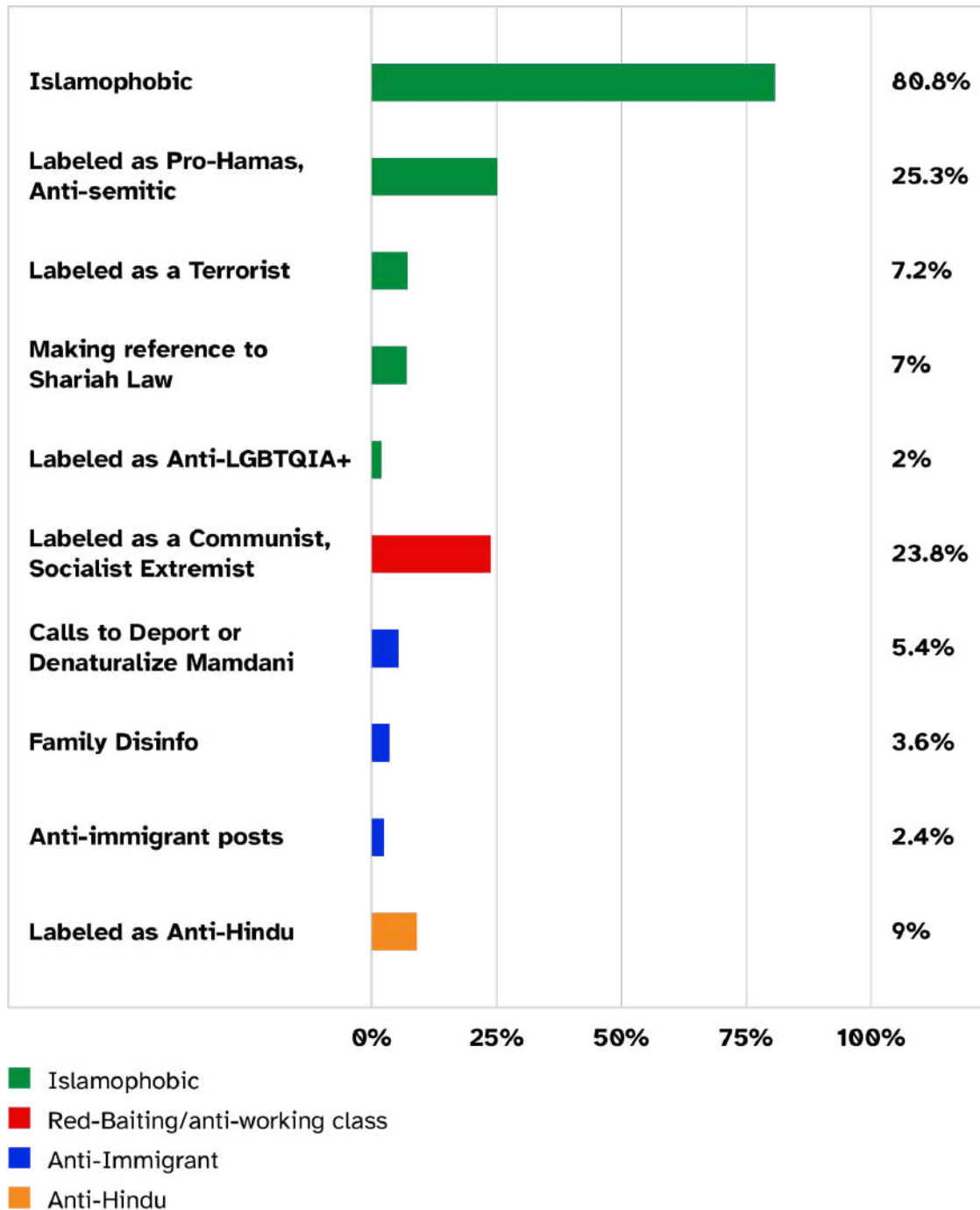
experts on hate speech and dis/misinformation. In parallel, we conducted a large-scale, year-long analysis across major platforms to assess the broader scope and dynamics of the hate he has been receiving.

Our mixed-methods approach combined qualitative coding of harassment narratives with quantitative trend analysis to identify dominant frames, trace amplification networks, and distinguish organic discourse from coordinated disinformation and hate speech. This dual lens allowed us to map the trajectory of attacks over time, evaluate platform enforcement gaps, and surface recommendations for community safety, rapid response, and policy accountability.



This report examines the role of Islamophobia, xenophobia, red-baiting/anti-working class, and anti-South Asian hate speech in the US directed at Mamdani and provides concrete examples of this rhetoric on over 12 platforms, including Instagram, X, Reddit, YouTube, Bluesky, News, Broadcast, Meta, Pinterest, LinkedIn, Twitch, and Snapchat. Research on how political figures in the US and globally have fed into this narrative is also an important part of our analysis. Articles, opinion pieces, public letters, and reports from other groups were also studied and have been incorporated. In addition, social media monitoring tools like Meltwater were also used to get a broader picture of the hate against Mamdani that filled the web in 2025.

Percent of Posts by Disinformation Category Targeting Mamdani Campaign



The above table reflects the major themes that emerged from our manual hate tracking against Mamdani on social media platforms:

- **80%** of all posts across platforms were Islamophobic, with **7%** labelled him a terrorist and **7%** cautioned voters against Mamdani as a threat to imposing Sharia Law in America. An additional **2%** of posts labelled him as anti-queer/trans/LGBTQIA+ because of his Muslim beliefs.
- **25%** of posts accused Mamdani of being an anti-semite and pro-Hamas.
- **23%** of posts called Mamdani a communist intent on destroying America with his “extremist leftist/socialist” ideology.
- **5%** of posts called for Mamdani to be deported or denaturalised, while **2.4%** were anti-immigrant.
- **3.6%** of posts featured disinformation about Mamdani’s parents and his wife.
- **9%** of posts accused Mamdani of being either anti-Hindu and anti-India, with **10%** of these posted by users of Indian origin.



Number of Posts Containing Identity Slurs Linked to Mamdani Across 12 Platforms from January to October 30, 2025¹

Post	Slurs	Total Reach
1.43M	“Communist”	292 Billion
323k	“Marxist”	38.2 Billion
305k	Mamdani being “deported”	92.6 Billion
503k	“Terrorist”	86 Billion
269k	“Islamist”	20.7 Billion
167k	“Jihadi”	3.93 Billion
122k	“Anti-Semite”	26 Billion
77.7k	“Pro-Hamas”	10.6 Billion
10.1k	“Jew-Hater”	771 Million
7.02k	“Anti-Gay”	4.88 Billion

- Islamophobic
- Red-Baiting/anti-working class
- Anti-Immigrant

The table above shares the major quantitative findings of the report. Our methodology uses the measurement unit known as **“Total Reach.”**² Total Reach represents the aggregate potential audience exposure across news, social, and other online platforms for each piece of content published. This metric illustrates the potential scale of audience exposure across platforms and networks, reflecting how broadly content can proliferate within the digital ecosystem.³

¹Meltwater

²<https://help.meltwater.com/en/articles/8510902-pr-metrics-reach-social-echo-sentiment-ave-custom-scoring>

³ Total Reach includes combination of news Reach and social reach. News reach is calculated based on the number of monthly unique visitors to each outlet, powered by [SimilarWeb](#), while social reach is derived from the publisher’s follower count. For example, if *The New York Times* publishes three articles and has 140 M unique monthly visitors ($3 \times 140 \text{ M} = 420 \text{ M}$) and *Bloomberg* posts four tweets and has 10 M followers ($4 \times 10 \text{ M} = 40 \text{ M}$), the combined total reach equals 460 M.

Of the approximately **17.1 million** posts on Mamdani across **12 platforms** on the web from January through October 30, 2025⁴:

- **1.43M** posts refer to Mamdani in red-baiting posts using the term Communist, with a total reach of **292 billion**.
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- **122k** posts refer to Mamdani as an anti-semitic, with a total reach of **26 billion**.
- **77.7k** posts refer to him using the slur pro-Hamas, with a total reach of **10.6 billion**.
- **10.1k** posts refer to him using the slur Jew-hater with a total reach of **771 million**.
- **7.02k** posts spread disinformation that Mamdani is anti-gay, with a total reach of **4.88 billion**.

A combined total of **1.15 million** Islamophobic posts with a total reach of over **152 billion** and a combined total of **1.62 million** red-baiting posts with a total reach of **330.2 billion**.

Another clear finding from our research is the breadth and intensity of engagement by Republican officials determined to make Mamdani an “extremist” face of the Democratic Party in their jurisdictions. Our analysis identified more than **45 Republican officials from over 18 states who, during this cycle, amplified Islamophobic, nativist, racist, and red-baiting narratives—content crafted to distract from policy debate and mobilize grievance.**⁵ This chorus included the current president, sitting senators and governors, members of the House of Representatives, and senior federal officials aligned with the Trump administration. They also include figures from outside of New York, including leaders from Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah. Although this tactic predates the memo and many

⁴Meltwater

⁵This list is not exhaustive and is ever growing.

of these actors have been posting since Mamdani's primary win, the document underscores a national Republican effort to center Mamdani as a foil in attacks on Democrats. The volume, coordination, and repetition signal a deliberate strategy to nationalize a local race by weaponizing bigotry as a turnout engine.

Mamdani also drew sustained attention from the global right. Our data identified **26 international politicians, ambassadors, and other government officials** outside the United States who circulated bigoted disinformation about him and the New York City mayoral race. These figures came from **14 countries**, including Argentina, Australia, Austria, Canada, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, the Netherlands, India, Israel, Slovenia, Sweden, Spain, and the United Kingdom.

Lastly, the **disinformation aimed at Mamdani also targeted the community organizations supporting his campaign**. For instance, right-wing influencer Asra Q. Nomani, working in tandem with [Fox News](#), led a conspiracy-driven effort that singled out 110 groups mobilizing for Mamdani, reframing routine, constitutionally protected civic engagement as a “Soros” terrorist plot. [Canary Mission](#) amplified this dynamic by releasing its own conspiracy report targeting Democratic Socialists and other voter mobilization groups.

The message is clear: when candidates like Mamdani are attacked with bigotry and disinformation, voters and grassroots constituencies are targets as well—with many organizations facing harassment, doxxing, and narrative assaults that chill participation, impact election integrity, and corrode democratic engagement.



Introduction

The 2025 New York mayoral race laid bare the depth and reach of racist, Islamophobic, anti-immigrant, and red-baiting attacks deployed against Muslim progressive candidates like Zohran Mamdani. Within hours of his primary win, CAIR Action and others reported a surge in hate incidents and online abuse, with thousands of hostile comments in a single day.⁶ This

backlash fits a broader pattern: progressive **Black, Indigenous, and People of Color** (BIPOC) candidates who are Muslim face layered disinformation that fuses Islamophobia with other bigoted narratives to “other” credible contenders and undercut their legitimacy at the polls.



In this report, we examine the major disinformation themes targeting Mamdani: Islamophobic narratives, xenophobia, red-baiting/anti-working class attacks, anti-South Asian rhetoric, and Hindu nationalist messaging. We analyze how Republican and mainstream Democratic elected officials and a broader global right-wing network mobilized this disinformation to activate their bases.

We situate these narratives within political ecosystems that use hate and discriminatory disinformation to corrode democratic discourse. The aim of this hate is not only to target Mamdani, but also to weaken the multiracial, working-class coalition advancing a more affordable and inclusive New York. Our goal is to document these tactics, measure their reach, and provide communities, media, and policymakers with evidence to understand the problem and inform future responses.

⁶ <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/mamdani-nyc-primary-win-sparks-surge-anti-muslim-posts-advocates-say-2025-06-27/>

Islamophobic Disinformation

The question of Mamdani's Muslim identity has been a leading driver of disinformation across the entirety of the campaign. A report by the [Center for the Study of Organized Hate](#) (CSOH)⁷ analyzed online hate speech surrounding New York City's Democratic mayoral primary, revealing a significant surge in digital hate and Islamophobia following Mamdani's primary victory. Islamophobic language was the most prominent form of online hate directed at Mamdani. Of the 1,933 posts analyzed by CSOH, nearly 40% were deemed Islamophobic. The day after the primary, CSOH recorded a staggering 2,173 hate-filled posts. The report identified four dominant themes in the online discourse: Islamophobia, anti-communist rhetoric, nativism, and Hindu nationalism.

In our manually monitored dataset, **80% of the 500 hate posts on Zohran Mamdani were Islamophobic**. These posts fell into several categories using quite vicious labels like the following:

- Calling Mamdani a Jihadist
- Calling Mamdani a terrorist
- Calling Mamdani an Islamist
- Asserting that Mamdani is Pro-Hamas
- Asserting that Mamdani wants to impose Sharia Law⁸
- Asserting that Mamdani is a Jew Hater

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⁷<https://www.csohate.org/2025/07/09/digital-hate-islamophobia-zohran-mamdani/>

⁸Sharia refers to Islamic moral and legal principles derived from the Qur'an and the Prophet's teachings. Right-wing narratives often weaponize the term by portraying it as a monolithic criminal code set to "replace" the Constitution, and by casting routine religious accommodations (halal meals, headscarves, mosque zoning) as the "first step" toward a sharia "takeover."

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A central throughline of Islamophobic disinformation is the “Muslim invasion” trope—rooted in post-9/11 extremism—that frames Muslim New Yorkers as perpetual outsiders and casts candidates like Zohran Mamdani as symbols of demographic or cultural takeover rather than democratic representation. This narrative fuels inflammatory imagery and messaging across

platforms: posts and cartoons depicting New York “falling to Muslims” under “jihad,” with suicide-bomber iconography, burqas, or veils, and 9/11 visuals; sensational headlines and op-eds questioning loyalty or “compatibility” with American values; social posts recycling Muslim Invasion/Great Replacement conspiracies; doctored images and out-of-context clips implying extremist sympathies; and claims that ordinary religious practice or immigrant identity constitutes a security threat. Often, his Muslim identity is fused with “socialist” red-baiting. The rhetoric relies on dog whistles—“Shariah influence,” “foreign agenda,” “imported politics”—that encode suspicion without explicit slurs, making it easier for mainstream actors to launder stigmatizing messages.



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The post below from Republican celebrity James Woods exemplifies the racism driving this content. Captioned “The reptile smile...,” it recirculates a viral Islamophobic meme showing Mamdani on a New York bus holding a knife while the Statue of Liberty looks at her phone—implying New Yorkers are too distracted to notice the “threat” he supposedly represents. The post was reposted 10k times and had over 2.5 million views.

Notably, two of these images come from elected officials and candidates—Marjorie Taylor Greene and Valentina Gomez—illustrating how fringe tropes are being normalized in mainstream politics. Marjorie Taylor Green’s “This hits hard.” post was viewed over 38.4 million times and features the Statue of Liberty clad in a Burqa. This bigoted imagery surfaced immediately after Mamdani’s primary win and signaled the right wing’s nationwide pivot to fear-based attacks.

Fearmongering about Islam often escalates into explicit calls to eradicate the faith. In one example, candidate Valentina Gomez declared she would “end Islam in Texas once and for all,” citing a fabricated claim that “NYC will fall to Mamdani & it’ll become the mecca of murder for the murder of Jews, Christians, and Hindus.” Her incendiary post was paired with a video viewed 4.1 million times that shows her burning the Qur’an alongside other offensive imagery. This rhetoric is explicitly anti-Muslim, promotes religious hatred, and risks inciting real-world harm.



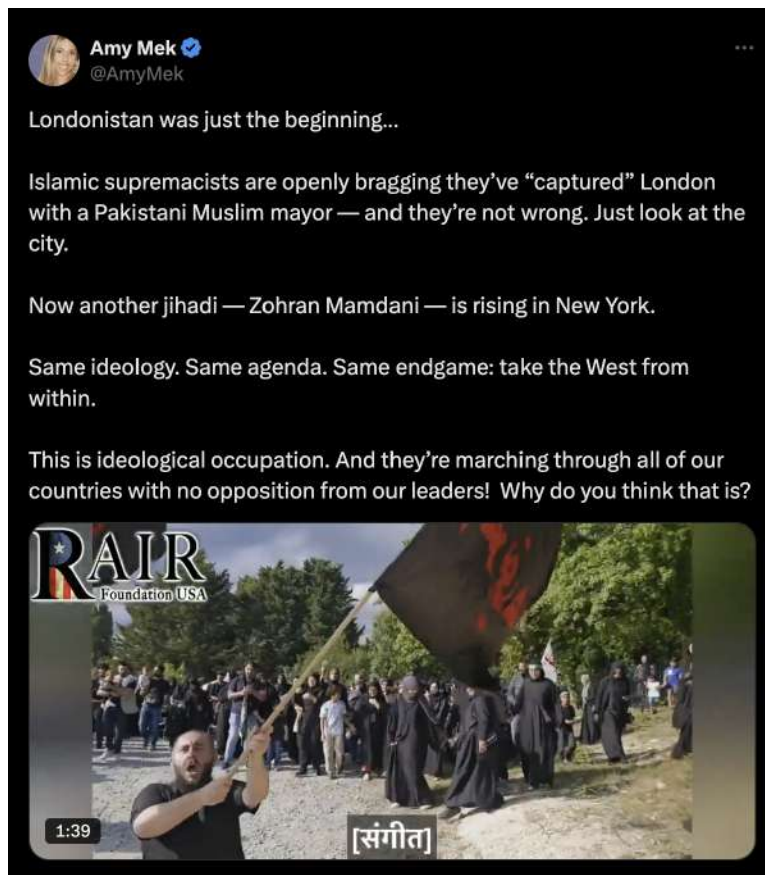
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Far-right influencer Amy Mekelburg, Founder and Editor-in-Chief of RAIR Foundation USA (Rise • Align • Ignite • Reclaim),¹⁰ is a frequent purveyor of Islamophobic disinformation. In this post, she labels Zohran Mamdani a “jihadi”¹¹ and invokes London’s Muslim mayor, Sadiq Khan, as a cautionary comparison. This framing advances an alarmist “Muslim takeover” narrative—casting Muslim elected officials as existential threats to American cities rather than legitimate representatives chosen by voters. It is a textbook example of far-right, white

nationalist rhetoric that seeks to delegitimize Muslim participation in democratic life and launder bigotry as public concern. The goal is clear: to erode trust in a duly elected candidate by conflating religious identity with extremism.

Pamela Geller, co-founder and president of the [American Freedom Defense Initiative](#) (AFDI)—designated by the Southern Poverty Law Center as an anti-Muslim hate group¹²—has a long record of Islamophobic campaigning in New York and nationally. She gained notoriety for opposing the Park51 Muslim community center near the World Trade Center, which she and her allies inaccurately branded the “Ground Zero mosque.” Since then, she has promoted conspiratorial frames about the “Islamization of America” and “creeping Sharia,” casting ordinary Muslim civic life as a civilizational threat, a narrative that misrepresents both U.S. constitutional protections and the realities of Muslim participation in American public life.¹³

¹⁰<https://rairfoundation.com/>

¹¹The slur “Jihadi” is derived from the term “Jihad” which means to struggle, often in a spiritual or moral sense. However, the term jihadi is used to stereotype and attack Muslims, wrongly linking them to violence and extremism. Over time, the term has been twisted to unfairly label Muslims as terrorists or extremists linking Jihad with violent struggle.

¹²<https://www.splcenter.org/resources/extremist-files/anti-muslim/>

¹³<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2010/aug/20/rightwing-blogs-islam-america>

In her posts about Zohran Mamdani, Geller repeatedly positions him as a bogeyman—linking him to Hamas without evidence, portraying him as a danger to Jewish safety, and stoking panic about a supposed “Muslim agenda.” This rhetoric escalates to alarmist speculation about residents fleeing New York for conservative states like Florida. The effect is to launder bigotry as public concern, substituting insinuation and fear for facts and policy debate, and to normalize Islamophobic tropes in mainstream discourse.



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Robert Spencer of [Jihad Watch](#), a prominent purveyor of Islamophobic propaganda whose organization was also designated by the SPLC as an anti-Muslim hate group,¹⁴ has posted extensively about the Mamdani campaign. His output is too voluminous to catalog in this report, but the sample below captures the pattern: inflammatory posts that repeatedly cast Mamdani as an apologist for 9/11, insinuating that his politics and his faith amount to support for terrorism. This is a deliberate smear that conflates Shia Muslim identity with violence and substitutes innuendo for evidence to delegitimize a democratic candidate.

¹⁴<https://www.splcenter.org/resources/extremist-files/anti-muslim/>



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Source: Jihad Watch, By Robert Spencer, September 11, 2025

Zohran Mamdani, as a Marxist and a Twelver Shi'ite Muslim, would likely have no problem with that statement.

"Zohran Mamdani slammed by 9/11 family after his association with pro-terror voice Hasan Piker surfaces," by Ravi Hari, Mint, September 10, 2025:

New York City 9/11 family on Tuesday (September 9) criticized Democratic mayoral nominee Zohran Mamdani for his association with Hasan Piker, who once infamously declared that "America deserved" the September 11 attacks.

"How can you hang around with someone who said, 'America deserved 9/11'? That's disgraceful," Wendi Turturici, 52, who became an EMT after the attacks, told The New York Post. "Mamdani doesn't deserve to be mayor. I'm calling on to disavow Hasan Piker and his hateful words."

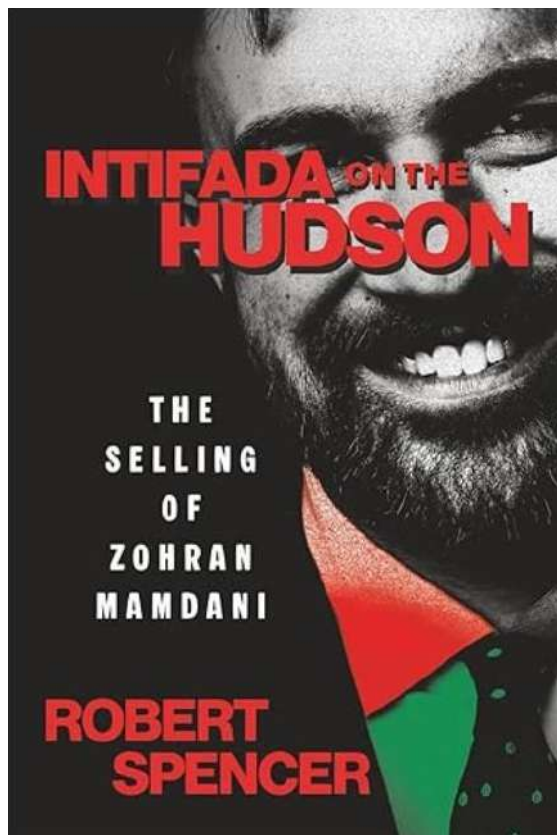
An EMT is a trained healthcare professional who provides emergency medical services — often the first responder in situations like accidents, disasters, or medical emergencies.

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#defundpolice #GlobalizeIntifada #imammamdani #Iranian #islam #israelhater #lthnaashiri
#jewhater #jihadi #lies&deception #Mamdani #Marxist #nycmayor #Piker
#redgreenalliance #sharia #shiaislam #Socialism #threatstoamerica #Twelver #Zohran



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Robert Spencer's fixation on Mamdani culminated in a book, released on October 16, 2025, titled [Intifada on the Hudson: The Selling of Zohran Mamdani](#). In it, Spencer declares Mamdani "the most dangerous political candidate to emerge in our time," claiming that his election would usher in "Islamic rule" in New York, impose a form of "Islamic state" control that would stifle human initiative, and spell the "end of the free press." He further alleges that Mamdani has "aided and abetted" a dangerous demonization of Israel and Jews.



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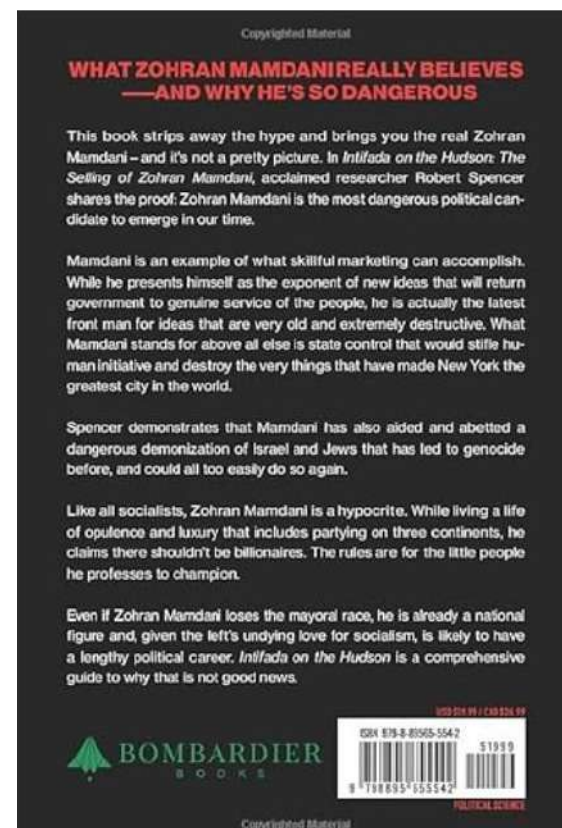
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This rhetoric is not analysis; it is a chilling escalation of Islamophobic propaganda. By framing a Muslim candidate's democratic campaign as a civilizational threat, the book seeks to transform ordinary political participation into evidence of extremism. It trades in apocalyptic fantasy to incite fear, delegitimize Mamdani's candidacy, and mark Muslim civic life as incompatible with American democracy.

The chapters follow a series of similar disinformation themes that span his focus on cease-fire, his socialist politics, and demeaning his claims of Islamophobic attacks during the campaign.



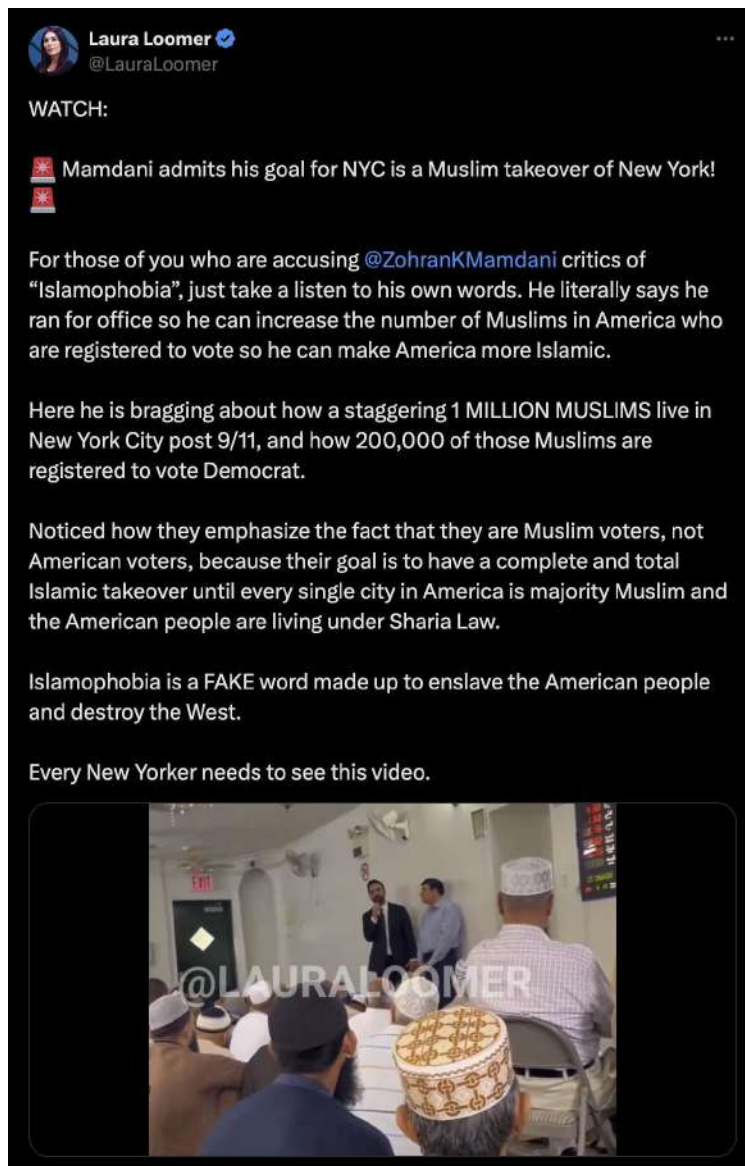


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the eradication of Israel” or “campaigns with Hamas supporters,” conflating advocacy for Palestinian rights or a ceasefire with extremism and antisemitism. Her claims that he favors “open borders” and “amnesty to every single illegal alien” are hyperbolic caricatures (rather than documented policy positions) designed to stoke nativist alarm and feed Islamophobic moral panic. Overall, the post strings together identity-based attacks and maximalist accusations instead of engaging with Mamdani’s record or verifiable statements. What is most alarming is how content once confined to extremist margins is now echoed by major outlets and some elected officials, normalizing bigotry in mainstream discourse.

Far-right influencer and Trump adviser Laura Loomer is another figure who repeatedly circulates Islamophobic disinformation about Zohran Mamdani. In the example here, she deploys slurs and unsupported claims to delegitimize him—calling Mamdani a “jihadi,” which conflates Muslim identity with terrorism, and describing his welcome at a synagogue as “crazy,” casting interfaith engagement as suspect. She provides no evidence for assertions that he “supports





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In this follow-up post, Loomer relies on explicit Islamophobia and misleading claims to delegitimize a Muslim public figure and stoke fear about Muslim civic participation. It frames ordinary voter registration outreach as a “Muslim takeover” and invokes “Sharia law” conspiracy rhetoric, casting Muslims as perpetual outsiders rather than American voters. Denying Islamophobia as “fake” is itself bigotry, meant to normalize prejudice and silence discussion of discrimination. The numbers cited about Muslim residents and registered voters in New York are demographic facts, not evidence of a plot. Faith and ethnic communities routinely organize voter engagement across the country; singling out Muslims for doing so is discriminatory.

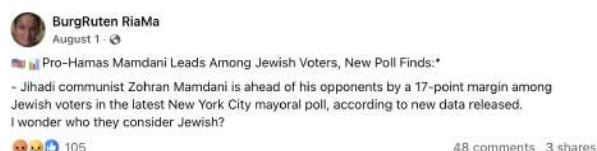
It’s important to recognize that Loomer and Mek’s “Muslim takeover” rhetoric sits within a long American history of racialized panic directed at South Asians and other immigrant communities. In the early 1900s, sensational warnings about a “dusky peril” and “Hindu hordes” supposedly overrunning American cities helped incite violence, including the [Bellingham riots](#) and other attacks across the Pacific Northwest.¹⁵ This lineage matters because such narratives rarely remain confined to the internet; they migrate into offline harassment, discrimination, and violence. Framing a Muslim

¹⁵<https://slate.com/human-interest/2015/02/history-of-sikhs-in-america-violence-against-sikh-workers-in-bellingham-washington.html>



candidate as a civilizational threat doesn't just endanger Mamdani—it heightens risk for South Asian, Muslim, and immigrant communities across the city, chilling democratic participation and normalizing prejudice in public life. It is not a coincidence that Mamdani's father, Mahmoud Mamdani, authored the book, "[Good Muslim, Bad Muslim](#)" about these same concerns.¹⁶

Influencers have inspired outright bigotry by calling Mamdani a "Jihadi Communist" as well as "Pro Hamas" as well as posting horrific posts against the Muslim religion. The jump from rhetoric to physical intimidation and violence is clear in an incident in Staten Island, where artist/activist Scott LaBaido began hurling epithets like "Jew-hating piece of shit" and telling Mamdani that he was not welcome on "his island" while other supporters yelled "October 7th" and "You hate this country."^{17,18} It is sobering to see this vitriol unleashed.



¹⁶<https://www.amazon.com/Good-Muslim-Bad-America-Terror/dp/0385515375>

¹⁷<https://x.com/Bubblebathgirl/status/1955983037310583117>

¹⁸<https://x.com/EYakoby/status/1975906435558158728>

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Sherry Furr
@fur97671

Islamists and Communists ALWAYS show us what they are...they are NEVER going to do good things for you.
MAMDANI is an ISLAMIST in a Communist costume.

Remember this.

ISLAM is NOT a religion. ISLAM is an evil death cult ideology, populated by terrorists, pedophiles, rapists, dog killers, animal abusers, honor killers, horrific abusers and murderers of females and children, murderers of gays, lesbians, transgenders, heterosexuals, atheists, secularists, humanists, leftists, socialists, communists, Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Sikhs, Hindus, Shintoists, Gentiles.

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A particularly insidious strain of Islamophobic disinformation claims that Mamdani's calls to end genocide and his criticism of the Israeli government's treatment of Palestinians make him a "Jew-hater," "antisemitic," or a Hamas supporter. These critiques then extend into the idea that Mamdani as mayor means an unsafe New York for Jewish people. This led to two competing letters from Rabbis in the city and around the country. One letter on October 22, 2025, from the [Jewish Majority](#) that asserted that Mamdani engaged in dangerous rhetoric because "he refused to condemn violent slogans, denied Israel's legitimacy, and accused the Jewish state of genocide."^{19,20} This letter was signed by over 1,000 rabbis and was frequently cited by Mamdani's opponents. After this letter, progressive Jewish organizations also mobilized their own response, like [Bend the Arc](#)²¹ which responded that the letter's signatories made Jews less safe and that they were doing Trump's work to divide the community. In addition, there was a counter letter by Rabbis called [Jews for a Shared Future](#)²² that featured over 1,000 Rabbi signatories who shared "Mamdani's support for Palestinian self-determination stems not from hate, but from his deep moral convictions. As antisemitism and Islamophobia both rise in America, we understand that our fates are bound together." These letters reflect a shift in Jewish American support that has occurred throughout the campaign. *The Guardian* reported on a July 2025 poll that

¹⁹<https://jewishmajority.org/a-rabbinic-call-to-action>

²⁰<https://jewishcurrents.org/anti-mamdani-letter-draws-support-from-liberal-rabbinate>

²¹https://www.bendthearc.us/hundreds_of_rabbis_cantors_just_made_jews_less_safe_why_their_zohran_mamdani_letter_does_trump_s_work

²²https://jewsforasharedfuture.org/?fbclid=IwY2xjawNvVu1eHRuA2FbQIxMQBicmlkETfYeUhhUUUszY21R05DSIY2AR6PSVJygXYjGcZI Gc6eTSGIjy0j2_ZWwJiLLVFL19WFMxoVBjv6IehMCRh1w_aem_hGHR2aqgf1wFzX-v-Nsnkw

found 43% of Jewish New Yorkers planned to back Mamdani, with support rising to 67% among voters under 44, signaling a level of enthusiasm so high as to portend a generational transformation in the community around its commitment to pro-Israel politics.²³



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The assertions of anti-semitism against Mamdani collapse policy critique into bigotry and weaponize identity to silence dissent. This has also been an allegation that continues to extend beyond Mamdani to all Democrats who critique the genocide. This political cartoon below, in the [Jerusalem Post](#)²⁴ exemplifies these themes: it equates criticism of Israel with the collapse of “Judeo-Christian values” and a DEI “swamp,” while casting centrist Democrats who “stand with Israel” as gatekeepers protecting the West and the American way of life. The message is clear and false: dissent on foreign policy is reframed as religious hatred and a danger to American values, while Muslim and Leftist critics are painted as a civilizational threat rather than engaged on the merits of their arguments.

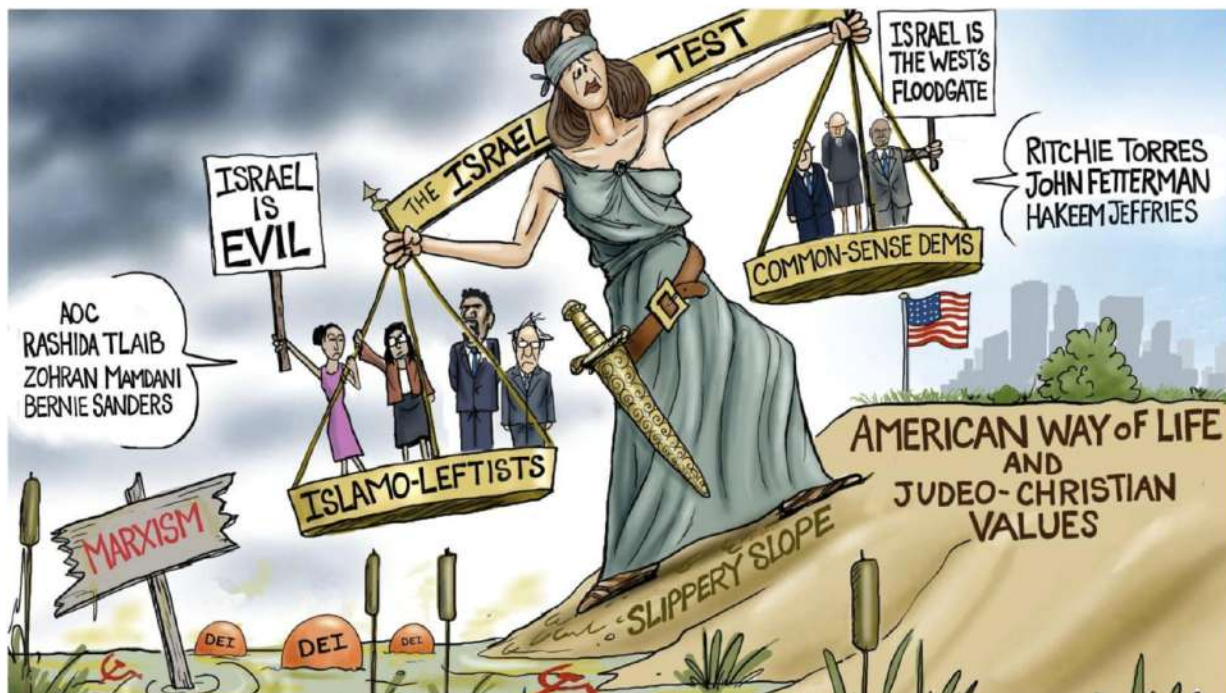
²³<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/oct/26/zohran-mamdani-jewish-voters-new-york>

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Mamdani and the Israel test of the Democratic party - opinion

Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani is likely the next mayor of New York. But his ascent should alarm anyone who still believes in the foundational principles of the Democratic Party



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This rhetoric has further been mainstreamed by American elected officials. Officials from across the country at every level of government have amplified hyperbolic, Islamophobic content alongside other bigoted themes. The objective isn't merely to influence one contest; it is to cast Mamdani as a Muslim bogeyman to galvanize anti-Muslim, anti-ceasefire, and anti-working class sentiment within their own constituencies.

On October 28, 2025, the National Republican Congressional Committee circulated a [strategy memo](#)²⁵ using Mamdani as a strategy to win battleground districts. The memo claims he proves Democrats are “too radical,” pointing to his self-identification as a democratic socialist, his calls for policing reform, and his criticism of Israel's treatment

²⁵<https://www.nrcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/NRCC-Memo-Weaponizing-Mamdani.pdf>

of Palestinians. Highlights from the memo are below, with the full memo available in our appendix.

Hakeem Jeffries' endorsement of Zohran Mamdani confirms what NRCC polling and research already showed: the Democratic Party has been hijacked by the radical left.

Mamdani is a socialist hostile to America, supports an agenda ripped directly from the pages of the Communist Manifesto, is openly anti-police, and is funded by groups with ties to terrorist organizations like Hamas. His platform, defunding police, raising taxes, and embracing socialism, is out of step with what the American people want and need.

NRCC Messaging Strategy

The data present a clear case: House Republicans will make Zohran Mamdani famous in battleground races next November, running against his unpopular agenda, which is the new face of the Democratic Party.

1. **Nationalize:** Make Mamdani and his policies the face of the Democratic Party.
2. **Capitalize:** The “leader” of House Democrats caved to the radicals and is weak.
3. **Localize:** If Mamdani’s socialism can take over in New York, it can anywhere.
4. **Frame the choice:** Republicans stand for safety, stability, and growth. Democrats stand for crime, insanity, socialism, and against America.

[Source](#)²⁶: (Full Memo available in Appendix)

This memo and the accompanying posts by elected officials and the Trump administration signal a coordinated disinformation strategy that weaponizes bigotry to drive turnout and erodes democratic norms. The table below identifies 45 elected officials and senior leaders in the Trump administration from over 18 states who have circulated anti-Mamdani disinformation narratives. We have hyperlinked their names to an example of one such post.

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Equally troubling is how the rhetoric is moving into action. Hyperbolic claims can easily be turned into discriminatory legislation, politicized investigations, and even calls to deport Mamdani and his supporters. Some of these tactics are already visible. We will continue to monitor the situation beyond the election to track how this strategy evolves and to document any escalation from online agitation to real-world harm.

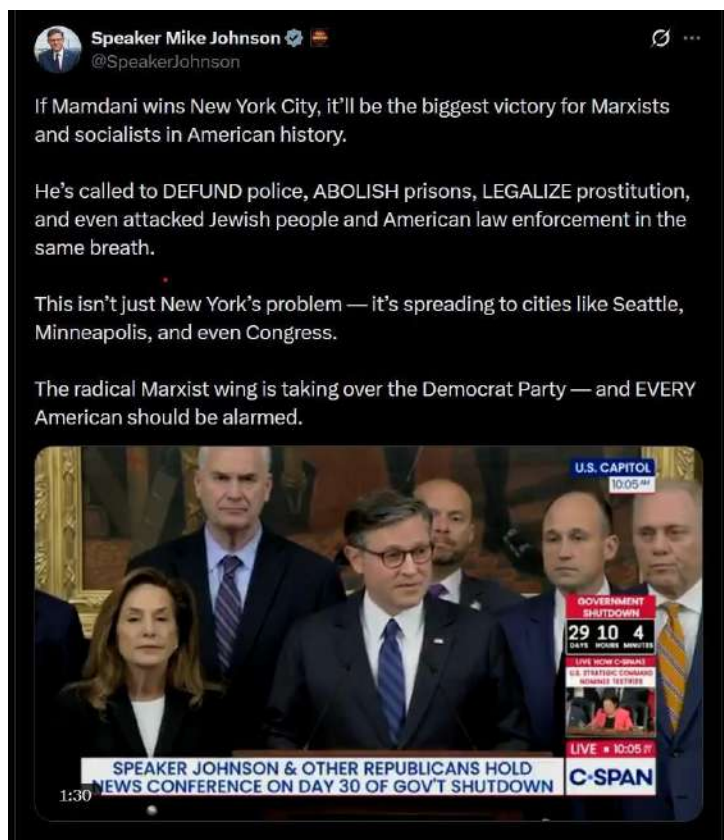
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1	Donald J. Trump	President	Federal	Republican
2	Ted Cruz	U.S. Senator	Texas	Republican
3	John Kennedy	U.S. Senator	Florida	Republican
4	Mike Lee	U.S. Senator	Utah	Republican
5	Tom Cotton	U.S. Senator	Arkansas	Republican
6	Rick Scott	U.S. Senator	Florida	Republican
7	Andy Biggs	House of Representatives	Arizona	Republican
8	Jeff Clark	Acting Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget	Federal	Republican
9	Harmeet Dhillon	Assistant Attorney General	Federal	Republican
10	Leo Terrell	Chair of the DOJ Task Force to Combat Antisemitism	Federal	Republican
11	Kevin McCarthy	Former Speaker of the House and Retired House of Representatives	California	Republican
12	Tate Reeves	Governor	Mississippi	Republican
13	Ron DeSantis	Governor	Florida	Republican
14	Sarah Huckabee Sanders	Governor	Arkansas	Republican
15	Republican Conference in the United States House of Representatives --- House GOP	House of Representatives	Federal	Republican
16	Dan Crenshaw	House of Representatives	Texas	Republican
17	Nancy Mace	House of Representatives	South Carolina	Republican

18	Elise Stefanik	House of Representatives	New York	Republican
19	Tim Burchett	House of Representatives	Tennessee	Republican
20	Chip Roy	House of Representatives	Texas	Republican
21	Lance Gooden	House of Representatives	Texas	Republican
22	Brandon Gill	House of Representatives	Texas	Republican
23	Maria Evira Salazar	House of Representatives	Florida	Republican
24	Andy Ogles	House of Representatives	Tennessee	Republican
25	Carlos A. Gimenez	House of Representatives	Florida	Republican
26	Mike Collins	House of Representatives	Georgia	Republicans
27	Marjorie Taylor Greene	House of Representatives	Georgia	Republican
28	Don Bacon	House of Representatives	Nebraska	Republican
29	Randy Fine	House of Representatives	Florida	Republican
30	White House Official Account Rapid Response	Rapid Response Account	Federal	Republican
31	Lindsey Graham	Republican Senator from South Carolina	South Carolina	Republican
32	Senate GOP	Senate Republicans: Updates from Senate Republicans	Federal	Republican
33	Mike Johnson	Speaker of the House House of Representatives	Louisiana	Republican
34	Scott Bessent	Treasury Secretary	Federal	Republican
35	Eric Schmitt	U.S. Senator	Missouri	Republican
36	Tommy Tuberville	U.S. Senator	Alabama	Republican
37	Senator Katie Boyd Britt	U.S. Senator	Alabama	Republican
38	Marsha	U.S. Senator	Tennessee	Republican

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39	Roger Marshall	U.S. Senator	Kansas	Republican
40	JD Vance	Vice President	Federal	Republican
41	Karoline Leavitt	White House Press Secretary	Federal	Republican
42	Rand Paul	U.S. Senator	Kentucky	Republican
43	Claudia Tenney	House of Representatives	New York	Republican
44	Pat Harrigan	House of Representatives	North Carolina	Republican
45	Steven Scalise	House of Representatives	Louisiana	Republican

A sampling of this political content follows:

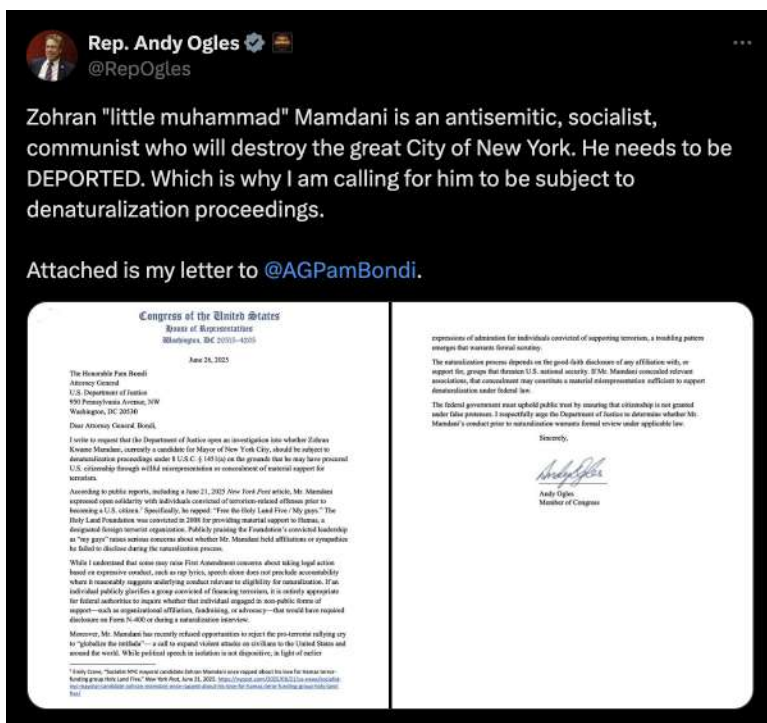


In this post, Speaker Mike Johnson echoes NRCC talking points by tying Mamdani and his progressive platform to Democratic leadership, attempting to cast him as emblematic of the party's agenda. He goes further by implying that Mamdani is somehow involved in Democratic strategy around shutdown negotiations and Affordable Care Act protections—an unsupported linkage meant to nationalize a local race and weaponize partisan fear rather than address policy on its merits.

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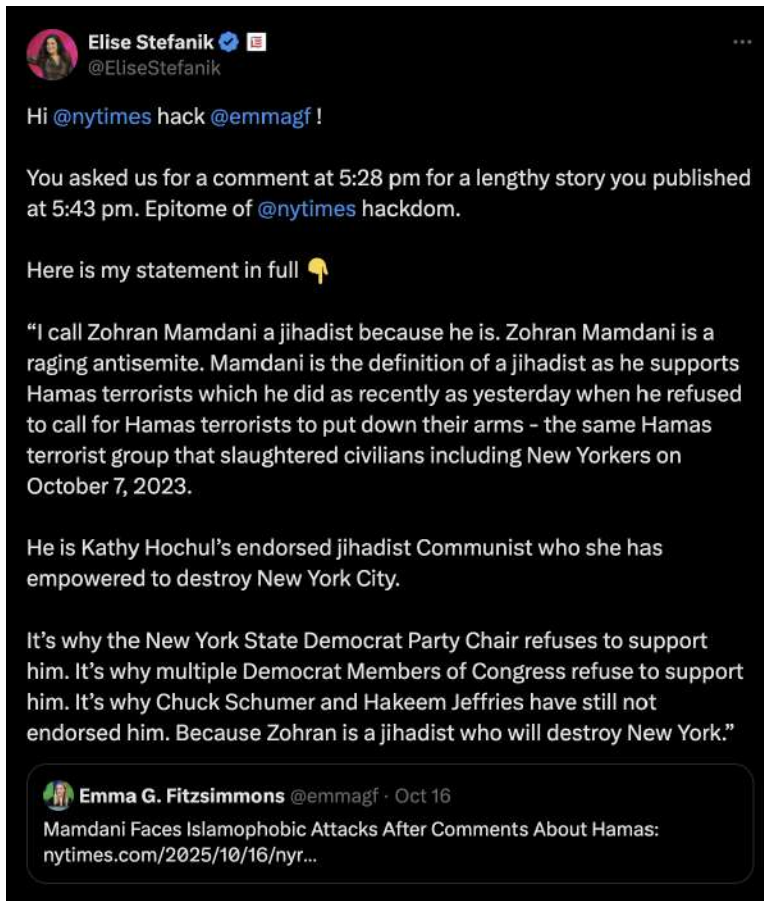


[Source](#) (Full letter available in Appendix)

citizenship status against a political opponent.

Representative Andy Ogles of Tennessee has pursued an aggressive campaign against Mamdani, including the use of a derogatory “Little Muhammad” slur. He has repeatedly called for Mamdani’s deportation and has pressed for congressional and ICE investigations into his citizenship application, citing Mamdani’s progressive politics as purported grounds for removal. These actions conflate political disagreement with questions of belonging and legal status, and they weaponize nativist rhetoric against Mamdani and his supporters.

In another post to Attorney General Pam Bondi, he even alleges that Mamdani provided “material support for terror” based on lyrics from a rap song and urges denaturalization proceedings—an extraordinary attempt to criminalize protected speech and to weaponize



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Representative Elise Stefanik labeled Mamdani a “jihadist” and accused him of supporting “Hamas terrorists” in a post on X, repeating a familiar Islamophobic trope that equates a Muslim public figure’s anti-war positions and faith with extremism. These allegations are unsupported and rely on guilt-by-association rather than evidence, recasting legitimate policy views as security threats in order to delegitimize Mamdani.

Senator Rick Scott of Florida joined Representative Elise Stefanik in attacking Mamdani, seizing on a talking point that contrasts Mamdani’s stated willingness to respect international law with his opponent Andrew Cuomo’s stance. Specifically, they targeted Mamdani’s position that New York should honor International Criminal Court (ICC) recommendations that

Prime Minister Netanyahu be arrested, were he to be in the city. In response, Scott has proposed legislation framed as a rebuke to Mamdani and the ICC—less a serious policy intervention than a political gambit to inflame discourse, nationalize a local race, and paint compliance with international legal norms as extremism. The move exemplifies how opponents are using performative lawmaking to generate outrage rather than engage the substance of Mamdani's platform.



Mike Lee

@BasedMikeLee



How long before Mamdani turns New York City into a post-apocalyptic hellscape resembling the set of *I Am Legend*?



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POLITICO @politico · Oct 16

Mamdani uses the debate stage to address criticism that he would drive away business.

"Recently on the trail, [he] has taken his pitch directly to the city's business community ... That practice appears to have paid off," writes our ...

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Senator Mike Lee amplifies the inflammatory discourse by implying that a Mamdani mayoralty would plunge New York City into catastrophic, even apocalyptic conditions. This hyperbolic framing is designed to fuel national moral panic, not inform policy debate. It is telling that, despite representing Utah, Senator Lee feels compelled to caricature a Muslim progressive candidate in a local New York race with doomsday imagery.



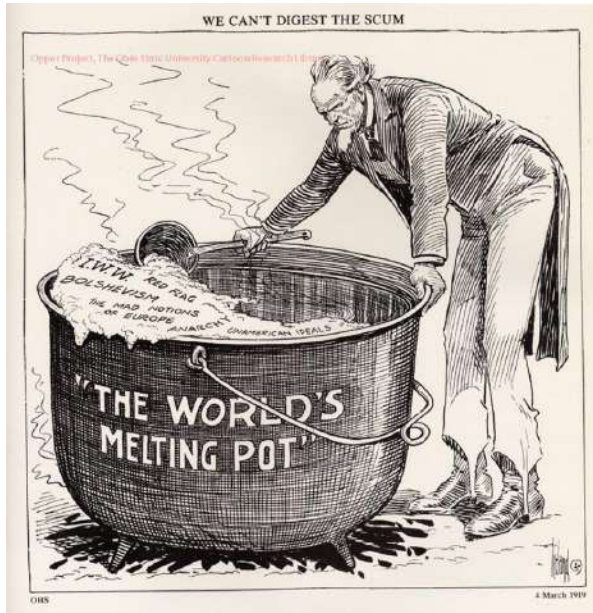
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Congressman Randy Fine from Florida outright calls Mamdani a Muslim terrorist and campaigned for his deportation. "This is nauseating. Mamdani is little more than a Muslim terrorist. It's a disgrace that he was ever granted citizenship. It should be stripped and he should be deported to the Ugandan s---hole he came from," Fine wrote in a [post](#) on X in response to a statement Mamdani issued on the second anniversary of the October 7, 2023 Hamas terror attack against Israel and the genocide that followed.²⁸

²⁷<https://x.com/RepFine/status/1975926986913566720>

²⁸<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/republican-labels-mamdani-little-more-than-muslim-terrorist-advocates-yanking-citizenship-deportation.amp>

Red-Baiting Disinformation



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Mamdani's historic candidacy stands out in part because he embraces progressive politics and seeks to uplift working-class communities in New York City. His alliance with the Democratic Socialists has led to some of the largest red-baiting/anti-working class disinformation we have seen in an electoral cycle in years.

Red-baiting is a tactic that seeks to discredit opponents by labeling them communists, socialists, or sympathizers of leftist ideologies. The term draws on "red" as the historic color of left

movements and "baiting" as harassment or provocation. Historically, it was linked in the United States with two volatile periods called the Red Scares during which there was a rise in strong nationalistic and anti-immigrant sympathies²⁹ and led to government surveillance, punitive investigations, blacklists, and speech restrictions used to police dissent and punish individuals and organizations.

Given that this type of disinformation has historically ruined lives and fragmented civil rights organizations and communities, it is important that we understand how this form of disinformation targeted Mamdani and his campaign.

In our research, **23%** of the posts manually monitored by EL label Mamdani as a communist, many accompanied by hashtags such as #Antisemite, #terrorist, and #Jihadist.

1.43 million posts refer to Mamdani in red-baiting posts using the term Communist with a total reach of **292 billion**.³⁰ **323k** posts refer to Mamdani in red-baiting posts using the term Marxist, with a total reach of **38.2 billion**.

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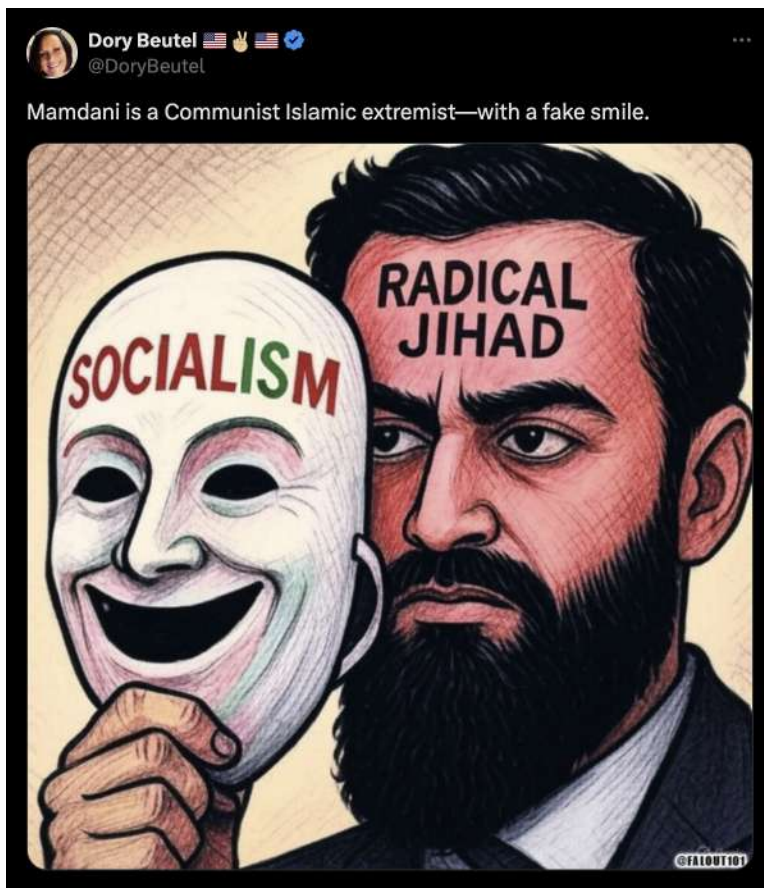
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In this content, Mamdani has been repeatedly labeled a “communist” or “radical leftist” in an effort to discredit his pro-working class platform by depicting it as extreme. His policy agenda—rent freezes, robust tenant protections, universal child care, city-owned grocery stores, and raising the minimum wage to \$30 by 2030—directly addresses New York City’s affordability crisis. Yet opponents routinely deploy “communist” as a catch-all insult for any proposal that challenges corporate power or wealth inequality, despite Mamdani’s clear self-identification as a democratic socialist and the fact that his priorities are grounded in extensive engagement with working-class constituents across the city. This line of attack sits squarely within a long American tradition of red-baiting, using rhetoric to stigmatize working-class concerns and possible economic reforms rather than debate them on their merits. A brief sample of such content follows:



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In this political cartoon, the mouse trap implies that voters are falling for a narrative of “Free Stuff,” but this is a trap set by Democrats, Muslims, and Socialist interests.

In this cartoon, a “socialism” mask sits atop a menacing caricature of Mamdani, casting him as the face of “radical jihad.” The image fuses red-scare tropes with Islamophobic hysteria to stoke fear, using visual cues—such as an exaggerated beard—to insinuate extremism. It’s a textbook example of how opponents merge anti-Left rhetoric with anti-Muslim stereotypes to delegitimize a candidate through identity-based mud-slinging rather than substantive critique.



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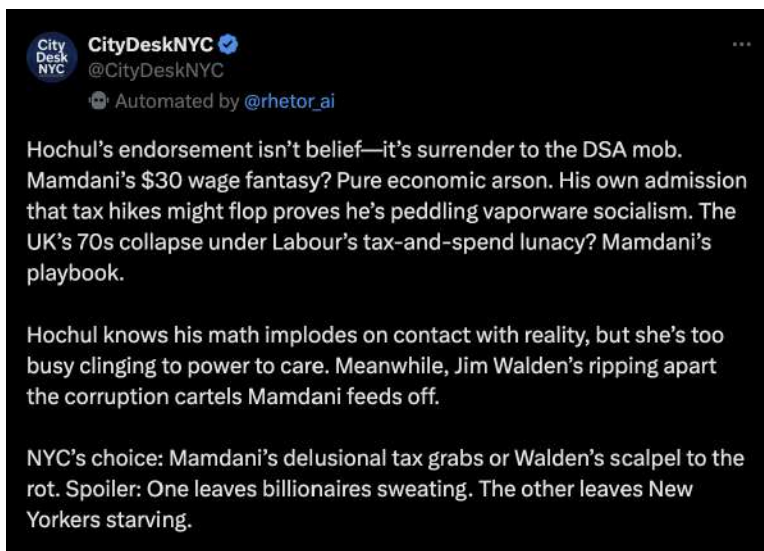
In this cartoon, the Islamophobic and red-scare imagery is explicit: a red plane—standing in for Mamdani’s socialist politics—is depicted on a collision course reminiscent of the 9/11 attacks. The visual conflates his faith and pro-working class agenda with impending terrorism to deliberately stoke fear.

In this cartoon, an apple, a symbol of New York City, has been rotted out by Mamdani’s progressive policies that include police reform, city-owned grocers, taxing the wealthy, peace activism to end the war, and anti-capitalist vision. The caricature of Mamdani is aligned with other racist caricatures of South Asian and ethnic men.



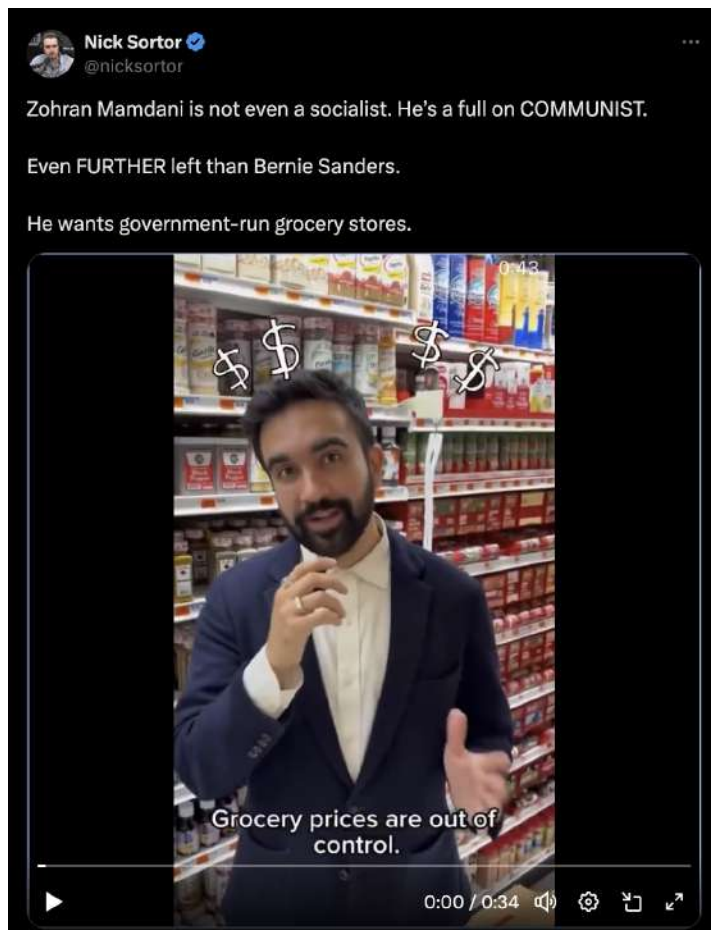
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This demeaning post caricatures Mamdani in a turban, drawn in a historically bigoted style used to cast South Asians and Muslims as cultural bogeymen. He is shown wearing a pin that crosses out the Star of David, implying anti-semitism, while his politics are red-baited through imagery of him slicing a red apple—the symbol of New York—suggesting that “socialism” will carve up the city.



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This post by City Desk NYC uses inflammatory language to claim that New York Governor Kathy Hochul’s endorsement is a “surrender” to a “Democratic socialist mob.” It dismisses a \$30 minimum wage as “fantasy” and derides the platform as “vaporware socialism,” substituting slogans and insults for any substantive critique of the policies.



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Conservative commentators like Nick Sortor (with 1.2 million followers on X) labelled his proposals—such as city-run grocery stores or rent freezes—as evidence of “communism.”

In Xi Van Fleet’s post, the red-baiting escalates into outright fabrication. He attributes to Mamdani calls to “seize the means of production,” abolish private property, and place industry under state control, then concludes that Mamdani is a “full-fledged communist” bent on turning the United States into a totalitarian regime.

Politicians have also helped to proliferate red-baiting. On June 26, Donald Trump labeled Mamdani a “100% Communist Lunatic,” a classic red-baiting move that substitutes insult for argument and shifts attention from concrete policy to ideological fearmongering. Calling someone a “communist” in this context is not a good-faith critique of a stated platform; it is a catch-all slur meant to cast pro-working class policies as inherently illegitimate and to collapse nuanced positions into a

caricature of extremism. Adding “lunatic” compounds the smear by pathologizing dissent—suggesting that Mamdani’s views are not just wrong but irrational and dangerous—thereby discouraging substantive engagement with his proposals.

This rhetoric also relies on ad hominem attacks and aesthetic jabs (“he looks terrible,” “his voice is grating,” “he’s not very smart”) to delegitimize a candidate without addressing his actual record.



Donald J. Trump
@realDonaldTrump

It's finally happened, the Democrats have crossed the line. Zohran Mamdani, a 100% Communist Lunatic, has just won the Dem Primary, and is on his way to becoming Mayor. We've had Radical Lefties before, but this is getting a little ridiculous. He looks TERRIBLE, his voice is grating, he's not very smart, he's got AOC+3, Dummies ALL, backing him, and even our Great Palestinian Senator, Cryin' Chuck Schumer, is groveling over him. Yes, this is a big moment in the History of our Country!

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Trump’s rhetoric was quickly amplified by officials like Senator Tom Cotton of Arkansas, who escalated with claims that a Mamdani mayoralty would “seize the means of production,” “globalize the intifada,” and “defund the police.” He then followed the Republican playbook by tying these caricatured positions to the national Democratic Party. The effect is to nationalize a local race through sensationalism, smear a candidate with hyperbole rather than evidence, and substitute partisan panic for serious policy debate.



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In this post, Speaker Mike Johnson dismisses Mamdani’s proposals—such as freezing rent increases and establishing city-run grocery stores—as “insanity.” Labeling policies as the product of mental illness is not a policy argument; it is hyperbolic disinformation that sidesteps substance. Mamdani’s policy platforms are concrete responses to an affordability crisis that deserve debate on costs, feasibility, and outcomes, not stigmatizing rhetoric meant to delegitimize ideas without engaging their merits.



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Senator John Kennedy of Louisiana extends the red-baiting by falsely equating Mamdani’s policies with abolishing private property and “seizing the means of production.” Some critics point to a [2020 appearance on the “Far Left Show”](#)³¹ podcast,

where Mamdani discussed the housing crisis, but his actual campaign platform does not include any call for a government takeover of private businesses, a centrally planned economy, or the elimination of private property. His proposals—such as rent stabilization, tenant protections, targeted subsidies, and selective price controls—are market interventions commonly used in mixed economies. They are not equivalent to expropriation or socialist nationalization.

³¹<https://nypost.com/2025/06/21/us-news/socialist-nyc-mayoral-candidate-zohran-mamdani-once-rapped-about-his-love-for-hamas-terror-funding-group-holy-land-five/>



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Although Mamdani has been clear and consistent in his support for the LGBTQIA+ community, opponents have tried to weaponize his Muslim identity to spread the false claim that he is anti-LGBTQIA+. **In our sample, roughly 2% of posts labeled him anti-queer, anti-trans, or anti-LGBTQIA+.**

This example couples the slur “Commie Mamdani” with the assertion that he is Muslim and that “Muslims kill gays,” making a baseless leap from religious identity to presumed hostility.

It is also dangerous because it seeks to manufacture conflict between Muslim and queer communities in New York through pinkwashing, undermining solidarity and public safety.

Anti-Immigrant Disinformation

Another disturbing trend noticed in monitoring the hate against Mamdani online was the barrage of anti-immigration disinformation posted by Republicans and far-right influencers. These posts highlighted his immigrant, South Asian background as reasons he allegedly did not “belong” in American political life. Many of these posts employed xenophobic rhetoric, portraying him as a foreign threat despite his US citizenship and long-standing residence. They also often stated his lack of gratitude for being an immigrant and claim he represents a threat to the American way of life. Expressions such as “deport him” and challenges to his legitimacy circulated widely, particularly during his electoral successes,

demonstrating how harassment intertwined ethnicity and immigrant status to delegitimize him publicly. In our research through manual monitoring, we found **over 5%** of the posts called for Mamdani to be deported or denaturalised, while 2.4% were anti-immigrant in nature.

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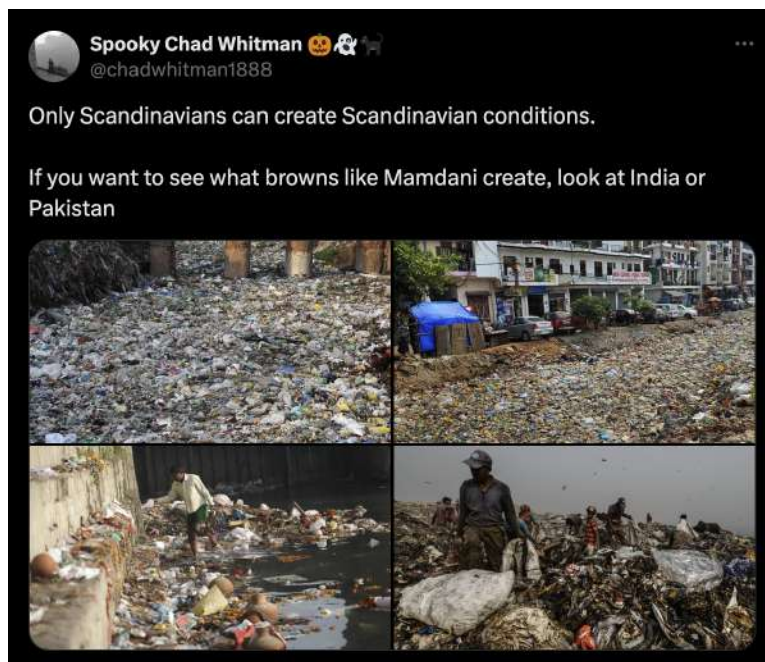
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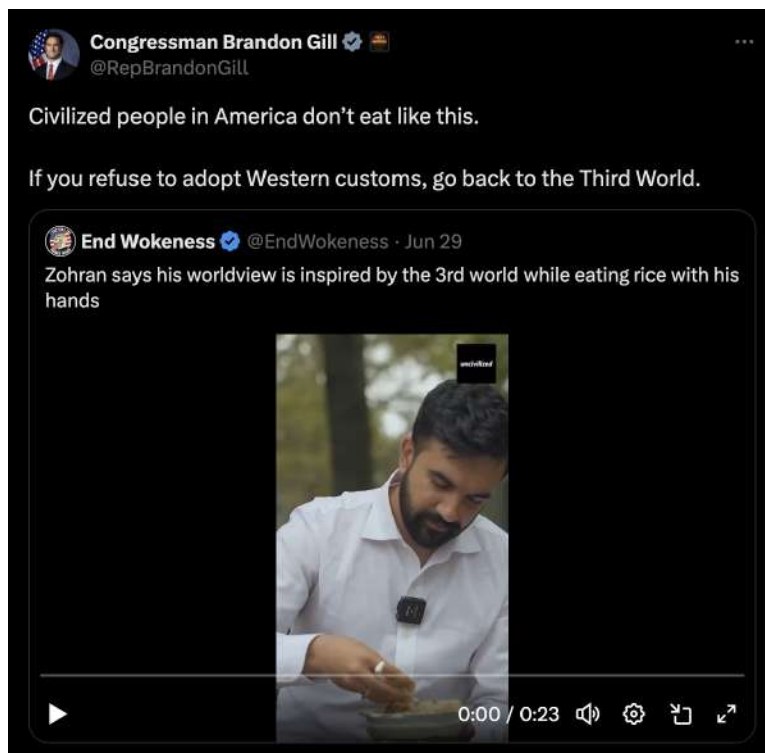
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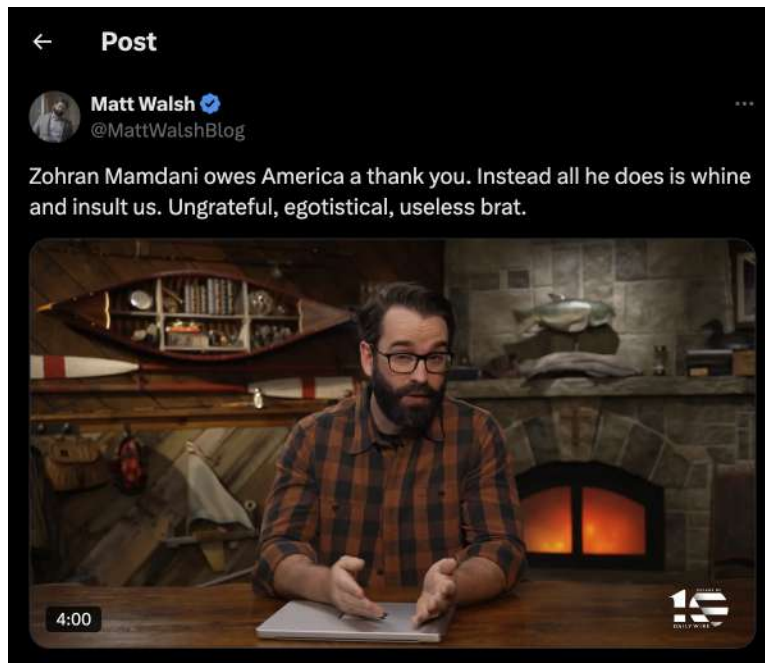


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This post exemplifies overt racism and xenophobia. The user claims that if elected, a “brown” Indian Mamdani will make New York “dirty” like India, pairing the statement with images of garbage-strewn streets. This relies on crude stereotypes that reduce India to a “third world” landscape of trash and slums, and it conflates perceived underdevelopment with Mamdani’s cultural background.

Congressman Brandon Gill has been a frequent purveyor of racist, xenophobic, and Islamophobic content. In this instance, he amplified a viral video of Mamdani eating rice with his hands to question his “Americanness” and cultural fitness. Eating with one’s hands is a common South Asian practice, and it is also routine in many cultures around the world. Gill posted on X, “Civilized people in America don’t eat like this.

If you refuse to adopt Western customs, go back to the Third World.” This message is openly nativist and demeaning, policing cultural expression to exclude immigrants and South Asians from full belonging instead of engaging the candidate’s ideas or record.



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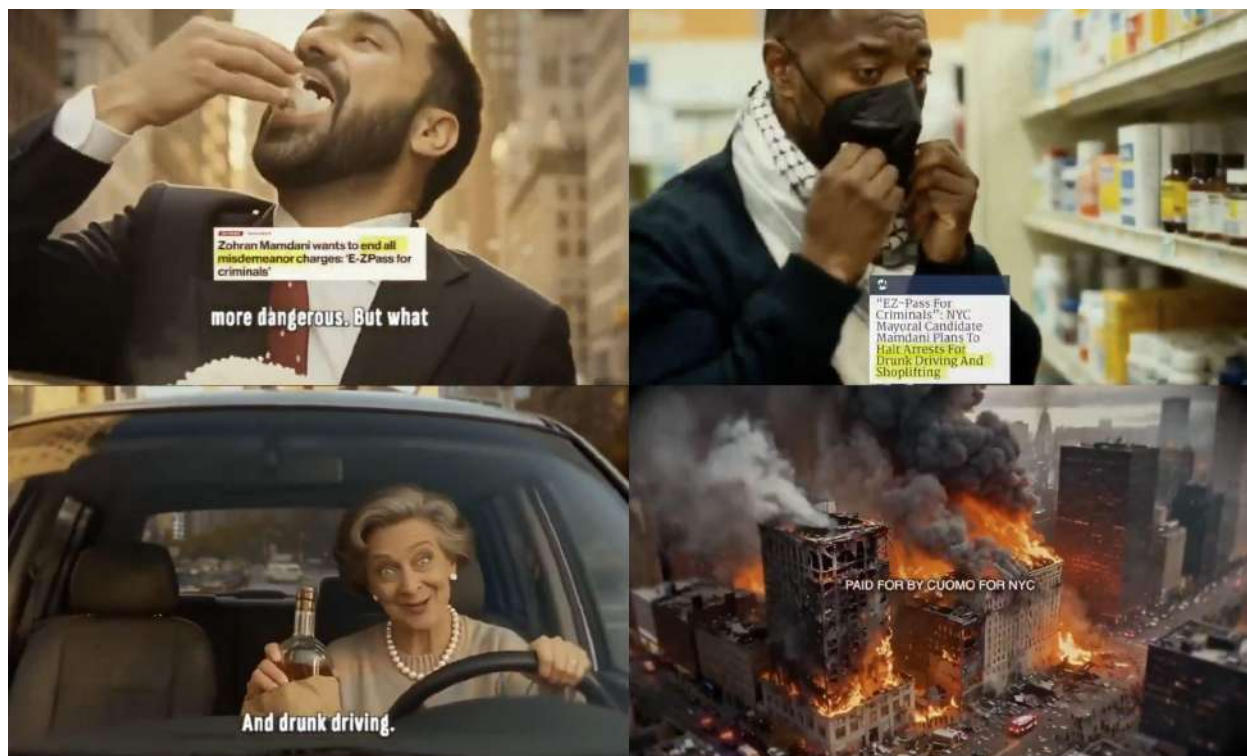
Another recurring theme in the anti-immigrant disinformation is the effort by right-wing influencers and politicians. From right-wing influencer Matt Walsh to Vice President Vance, these narratives work to recast Mamdani's critiques of American racism and history as personal ingratitude. This move treats honest engagement with the legacies of slavery, segregation, xenophobia, and American imperial violence as a character flaw—"ungrateful," "egotistical," or "anti-American"—rather than a legitimate democratic practice. It is a classic assimilationist cudgel: immigrants and Muslims are told that belonging is conditional on silence about injustice.

This rhetoric is both racist and Islamophobic. It polices who gets to narrate American history and who

is permitted to critique power, reserving full civic voice for those who affirm a sanitized national story while marking Muslim critics as disloyal interlopers. By framing a Muslim, South Asian candidate's policy arguments as evidence of "ingratitude," it collapses political dissent into cultural deviance and religious otherness. The result is a double

erasure: the erasure of real histories of state and vigilante violence, and the erasure of Muslim and immigrant claims to equal authorship of the American project.

The xenophobic, nativist attacks on Mamdani are often paired with the demonization of other communities of color. While Republican officials have amplified this rhetoric, his opponent Andrew Cuomo has also circulated content that is divisive and racist. Below are screenshots from a video Cuomo posted and then quickly deleted. The AI-generated ad portrays “criminals for Zohran Mamdani,”³³ stringing together crude caricatures: Mamdani eating with his hands, a Black man shoplifting while wearing a keffiyeh, a drug dealer, scenes of trafficking, and a man abusing a woman, all presented as supporters of Mamdani. The message is unmistakable. It recasts cultural practices and racialized stereotypes as proof of criminality and suggests that backing Mamdani is synonymous with endorsing crime. This is not a policy debate. It is white fearmongering that targets Muslims, Black New Yorkers, and immigrants, and it is designed to stigmatize Mamdani’s multiracial coalition.



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³³<https://x.com/lkassidi/status/1981410769628500131>

In an [interview](#)³⁴ with ABC News Live Prime anchor Linsey Davis just days before Election Day, Andrew Cuomo leaned into nativist and anti-immigrant frames while characterizing Zohran Mamdani as “very divisive” and someone who does not understand “the New York way.” When Davis pressed him about remarks he made on Fox News—highlighting Mamdani’s dual US–Uganda citizenship and claiming he does not understand “New York culture” or “New York values”—Cuomo replied, “You can be a New Yorker and not understand New Yorkers,” and accused Mamdani of inflaming division. These comments echo a pattern: defining “real” New York identity in ways that exclude immigrants and Muslims, and shifting the burden onto Mamdani to prove belonging.



NYC mayoral candidate Andrew Cuomo calls opponent Mamdani divisive: 'You can be a New Yorker and not understand New Yorkers'

Cuomo sat down with ABC News' Linsey Davis on Thursday.

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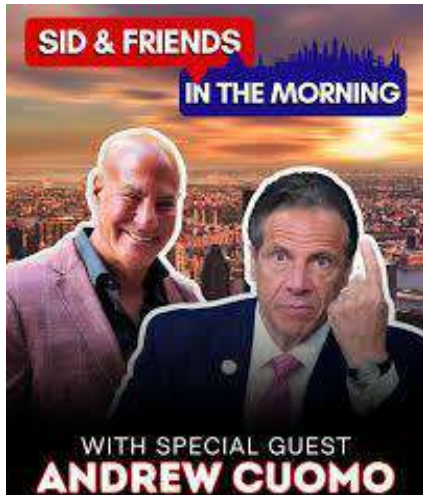


All Access with Linsey Davis: Andrew Cuomo ABC's Linsey Davis talks with NYC mayoral candidate and former Gov. Andrew Cuomo about the state of the race, the last weeks of campaigning & what his relationship would be like with President Trump.

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³⁴<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/nyc-mayoral-candidate-andrew-cuomo-calls-opponent-mamdani/story?id=127035125>

That pattern was underscored when Cuomo appeared on conservative radio on October 23, 2025, with [Sid Rosenberg](#)³⁵³⁶ and did not directly challenge the host's suggestion that Mamdani would "cheer another 9/11."



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Cuomo later said he believed the host was joking and called the remark offensive, yet he still accused Mamdani of being divisive³⁷ and shared with ABC that Mamdani was falsely alleging Islamophobia.³⁸ If Cuomo aspires to represent all New Yorkers, the failure to unequivocally reject such racist and Islamophobic rhetoric raises serious concerns.

Cuomo also echoed Republican red-baiting, casting the race as a referendum on a "radical agenda" and a pivotal moment for both New York City and the Democratic Party. He drew a contrast between "left-wing and moderate Democrats," asserting that a more radical program "doesn't work" for New York. Framed together—with the appeals to cultural gatekeeping, the hesitation to confront bigoted insinuations, and the effort to nationalize the race through ideological caricature—the interview advances a message that sidelines policy in favor of identity-based insinuations and partisan fear, rather than engaging Mamdani's platform on its merits.

In endorsing Andrew Cuomo, Mayor Adams delivered a vicious speech on October 23, 2025,³⁹ that framed Mamdani and his supporters through the lens of "Islamic extremism," importing foreign conflict narratives into a local race and implying a link between Muslim civic participation and violence. He relied on sweeping, sensational claims—churches "burned," communities "destroyed," "logical thinking" "taken over"—to cast Mamdani as a civilizational threat, then presented his endorsement as a defensive act "to be part of this fight," signaling that Mamdani's political presence is something New Yorkers must resist. The perfunctory disclaimer ("not Muslims, let's not mix this up") is immediately undercut by reattaching stigma to "Islamic extremists," a familiar device that preserves suspicion while claiming neutrality. Collapsing diverse European

³⁵<https://x.com/EYakoby/status/1981480074625822807>

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/mamdani-emotional-speech-decries-islamophobia-new-york-city/story?id=126846079>

³⁶<https://x.com/claurizarry/status/1981370643682566454>

³⁷<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/11/01/nyregion/cuomo-strategy-mamdani.html>

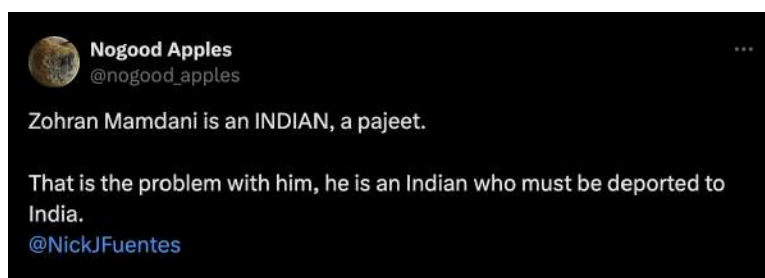
³⁸ <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/nyc-mayoral-candidate-andrew-cuomo-calls-opponent-mamdani/story?id=127035125>

³⁹<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/10/23/nyregion/adams-endorse-cuomo-nyc-mayor.html>



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disinformation directed at Mamdani and his supporters. It is also a reflection of centrist Democrats who did not resist but rather abetted the Islamophobic, racist, and anti-immigrant disinformation from the right wing.



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dehumanize and mock South Asians. It is frequently paired with other racist tropes that depict Indians as “dirty,” “dishonest,” or otherwise inferior.

contexts into “New York can’t become Europe” invokes a classic nativist trope that portrays Muslims as incompatible with Western cities.

The campaigns of established Democrats such as Cuomo and Adams, which echoed divisive disinformation, are likely to leave lasting damage among the constituents they aim to represent.

The fact that candidates in the race were so casually using racist, anti-immigrant, and anti-South Asian themes also opened the door for the normalization of slurs in

This post uses the slur “Pajeet” to target Zohran Mamdani. “Pajeet” is a derogatory epithet aimed at Indian immigrants, originating on 4chan around 2015 and widely used in online spaces to

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To intensify anti-immigrant rhetoric alongside Islamophobia, users repeatedly equated Mamdani with London’s Muslim mayor, Sadiq Khan, and US Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, invoking their shared faith as a derogatory marker. This deliberate conflation of Muslim elected officials is designed to fuel “Muslim invasion” narratives and to activate white nationalist fears that have been mainstreamed through racialized, Islamophobic disinformation. In our

manually coded sample of 500 posts, 14 explicitly referenced Sadiq Khan, with messages such as “Mamdani will Islamize New York like Sadiq Khan did in London.”



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This pattern reflects a larger phenomenon of identity-based disinformation that seeks to discourage political engagement among Muslim, South Asian, and immigrant communities. The coordinated spread of such content illustrates how social media can be leveraged to weaponize identity, blending racism, Islamophobia, and xenophobia to undermine political figures like Mamdani.

Global Right-Wing Figures Join Mamdani Disinformation Campaigns

An interesting finding in our research was the volume of engagement from the global right. Politicians, ambassadors, and other government officials outside the United States circulated disinformation memes and hate posts about Mamdani and the New York City mayoral race. While this list is not comprehensive, our table below lists 28 selected political figures from 14 countries, including Argentina, Australia, Austria, Canada, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Holland, India, Israel, Slovenia, Sweden, Spain, and the UK, who posted and reposted content to amplify the disinformation and hate against Mamdani online. We have hyperlinked their names to an example of one such post or repost.

	Name	Title	Country
1	Javier Milei	Argentinian President	Argentina
2	Pablo Quirno	Canciller de la República Argentina Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship	Argentina
3	Ralph Babet	Australian Senator for Victoria	Australia
4	Karl-Arthur Arlamovsky	Austrian Politician	Austria
5	Kevin Vuong	MP Canadian Parliament	Canada
6	Robin Martin	Former MPP	Canada
7	Tomas Kubin	Member of European Parliament	Czech Republic
8	Malika Sorel	Member of European Parliament	France
9	Hildegard Bentele	Member of European Parliament	Germany
10	Rob Roos	Former Member of European Parliament	Holland
11	Mahesh Jethmalani	Member of Parliament	India
12	Prathap Simha	Former Member of Parliament	India
13	Kangana Ranaut	Member of Parliament (BJP) ⁴⁰	India

⁴⁰Bharatiya Janata Party, the current ruling right wing party in India

14	Gideon Sa'ar	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Israel
15	Yaki Lopez	Consul General of Israel to Southern China	Israel
16	Walid Abu Haya	Ambassador of Israel to Georgia	
17	Eldad Golan	Ambassador of Israel in Honduras	Israel
18	Yosi Levi Sfari	Ambassador of Israel in Bulgaria	Israel
19	David Saranga	Digital Diplomacy Chief	Israel
20	Yiftah Curiel	Cultural Attache of Israel in Spain	Israel
21	Avi Nir-Feldklein	Ambassador of Israel to the EU	Israel
22	Gary Koren	Ambassador of Israel to Croatia	Israel
23	Marco Sermoneta	Ambassador of Israel to the Pacific Northwest	Israel
24	Branko Grims	Member of European Parliament	Slovenia
25	Hermann Tertsch	Spanish politician, member of the Vox party in the European Parliament.	Spain
26	Jorge Buxade	Member of European Parliament	Spain
27	Alice Teodorescu Mawe	Member of the European Parliament for Sweden, representing the Christian Democrats	Sweden
28	Zac Goldsmith	Ex UK Foreign Office Minister for the International Environment, Climate, Forests, and Ocean	UK

Mamdani became a global lightning rod because Islamophobia, xenophobia, and red-baiting are now transnational staples of right-wing politics. These narratives travel easily across borders, fueling coordinated smear campaigns. Here are some sample posts:



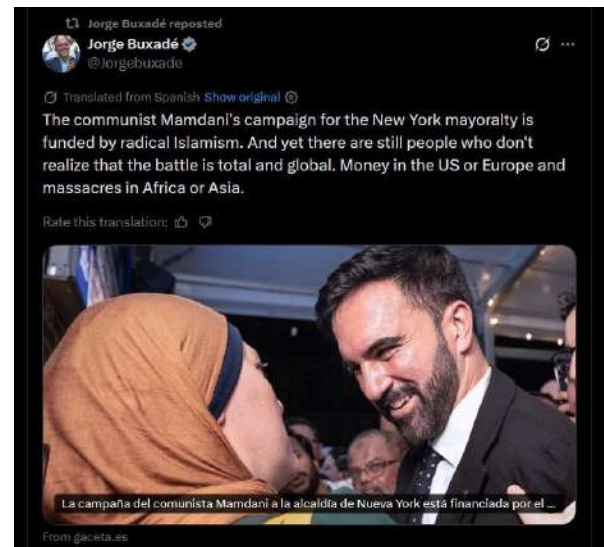
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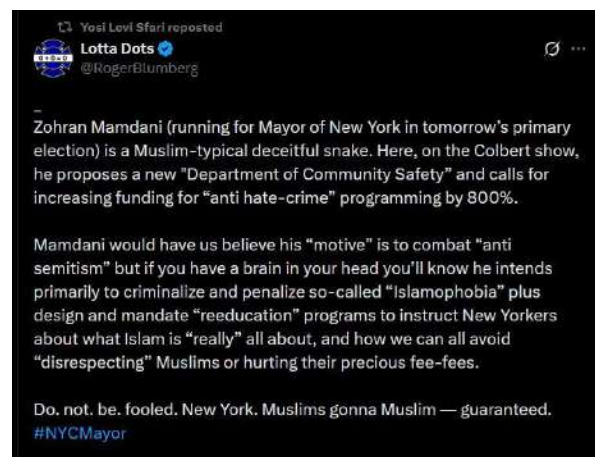
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Among the amplified content are extreme videos, including one shared by Walid Abu Haya, Israel's ambassador to Georgia. He posted a clip from [Eretz Nehederet](#), an Israeli prime-time satirical show, featuring an actor portraying Mamdani recording a message to New York's Jewish community in front of a green screen. The skit hinges on bigoted "slip-ups": swapping "Shana Tova" with "Intifada Tova," "Hava Nagila" with "jihad," and "hummus" with

"Hamas." The ambassador endorsed the video as "exceptionally accurate," legitimizing a portrayal that trades in extreme racist and Islamophobic disinformation.

Hindu Right-Wing's Disinformation on Mamdani

Given Mamdani's South Asian and Gujarati-Muslim background, his open criticism of Prime Minister Modi and policies such as the [Citizenship Amendment Act](#) (CAA) has drawn sustained ire from right-wing circles in India and within the Indian diaspora in the United States. During the study period, our research documented a surge of disinformation targeting him and his supporters. In our sample, **9%** of posts accused Mamdani of being anti-Hindu, anti-Modi, or anti-India, and roughly **10%** of those posts originated from accounts that self-identify as Indian or appear to be run by Indian-origin users.

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In fact, after Mamdani publicly criticized Prime Minister Modi during the primary debates, there were more than 58,000 online mentions linking Mamdani to Modi. Approximately 10,000 of those originated in India.⁴¹

This pattern underscores how transnational networks are mobilizing identity-based smear campaigns to delegitimize a Muslim South Asian candidate for his policy positions. The irony is that Mamdani is from an interfaith family, but his own Hindu lineage is discounted because of his policy positions.

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⁴¹Meltwater

Here is a sample of the content.



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Early in the campaign, opponents circulated a viral clip claiming Mamdani led a mob in New York City. In fact, the footage shows him at a protest in Times Square against the construction of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, where some demonstrators were filmed chanting anti-Hindu slogans.⁴²

That mischaracterized clip was repeatedly repurposed throughout the election cycle as part of a broader disinformation campaign.⁴³ It fueled posts that smeared Mamdani and his family. His mother, who is Hindu, was labeled “anti-Hindu,” and Mamdani was falsely accused of leading a hate-filled mob in Times Square and chanting that “Hindus are bastards.” This narrative draws on Hindu nationalist tropes depicting Muslims as violent agitators. These posts grew increasingly irresponsible in their accusations and smears.

Sanju Verma, a spokesperson from the Bharatiya Janata Party, the ruling party in India, posted on X, calling Mamdani a “Rabid Liar” for his views on Modi while spreading the common disinformation that Mamdani called Hindus Harami “Bast@@@s” at this same protest.

⁴²<https://www.livemint.com/news/us-news/zohran-mamdani-faces-backlash-from-indian-americans-over-his-alleged-hinduphobic-remarks-11758339127856.html>

⁴³<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/us/did-nyc-mayor-candidate-mira-nairs-son-zohran-mamdani-slam-hindus-in-viral-video/articleshow/121236977.cms>



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In another post, BJP Member of Parliament, Kangana Ranaut, references the religious and cultural backgrounds of Zohran Mamdani's parents , then pivots to attack his name as "Pakistani," implying betrayal of his heritage. She questions his "Hindu identity," claims he sounds "more Pakistani than Indian," and extrapolates that Zohran's "Hindu fidelity and bloodline" no longer exist, concluding that he is "ready to wipe out Hinduism." This attack was intended not only to inject disinformation into the mayoral race but also to feed ongoing Islamophobic narratives in India.

This attack precipitated a torrent of Islamophobic posts from multiple accounts alleging "Hinduphobia" and portraying Mamdani as anti-Indian and anti-Hindu, including claims that he would turn New York City into a "launchpad for radicalism." The tactic is clear: weaponize his Muslim identity and his constitutionally protected advocacy of human rights in India to paint him as a traitor to his heritage and an extremist. These narratives conflate criticism of government policy with hostility toward an entire faith or nation, distorting lawful political speech into a pretext for bigotry. Influencers and BJP spokespeople amplified these messages, activating Hindu nationalist disinformation networks against Mamdani at multiple levels throughout the rest of the campaign.



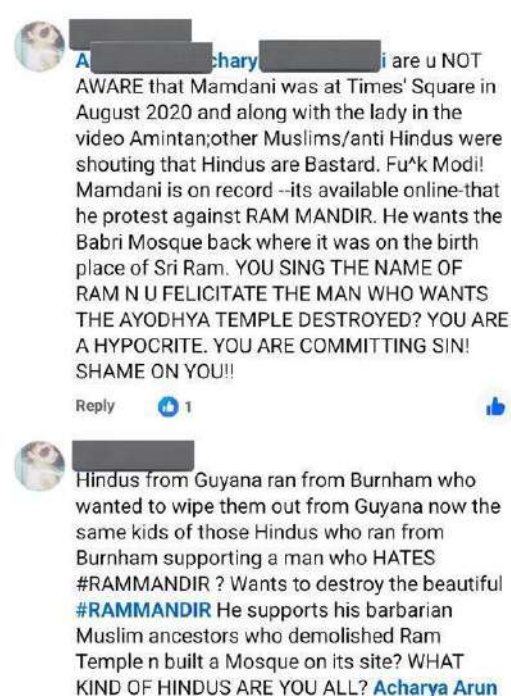
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The fervor of this disinformation ran in parallel to Hindu nationalist networks in the city that were pushing multiple campaigns to stop Mamdani throughout the campaign. This includes on June 22 during the mayoral primary, when an aerial banner funded by right-wing members of the Hindu American community, Hindu Americans for Cuomo,

flew above the Hudson River in New York City. It read: “Save NYC from Global Intifada. Reject Mamdani.”⁴⁴



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This campaign was amplified by reporting in India and in the United States to create the appearance of Mamdani being Hinduphobic.^{45,46,47}



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⁴⁴https://scroll.in/article/1083811/why-some-hindu-americans-are-opposing-the-first-south-asian-to-run-in-new-yorks-mayoral-poll?fclid=IwY2xjawNnhUVieHRuA2FibQIXiMABicmIkETFzMEJheW5tbGh5NXhOd1A1AR7au33PnyW5oDKDJVK3Cj6Mvv8GIzSmOzEB9Gys eMVH-OBPHjwcyMgxqMym0Q_aem_iObBSkmsXRMzj28REkzrNg

⁴⁵<https://sundayguardianlive.com/editors-choice/mamdani-has-a-hindu-problem-135812/>

⁴⁶<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/08/01/world/asia/mamdani-india-hindu-muslims-modi-new-york-mayor.html>

⁴⁷<https://nypost.com/2025/09/19/us-news/hindu-americans-call-out-zohran-mamdani-hinduphobia/>

These talking points were also amplified by Mayor Eric Adams' campaign in social media posts like the series he posted below. Again, this shows how much centrist Democratic candidates in the race are willing to sow division within communities.



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MAMDANI'S HINDUPHOBIA IS CLEAR

Mamdani joined protest where crowds chanted "All Hindus are bastards"

Mamdani called an Indian-American colleague, the first Hindu-American elected to the body, a "puppet of Hindu fascists"

Mamdani smeared India's Prime Minister as a "war criminal"

Mamdani stayed silent when a Gandhi statue was defaced in front of a Hindu temple in Queens

THE HINDU COMMUNITY MUST BE HEARD AND SEEN

Hindu community voices say Mamdani's rhetoric divides New Yorkers here at home and they are scared

Leaders in the Hindu community have come together to warn that Mamdani is dangerous, divisive, and anti-Hindu

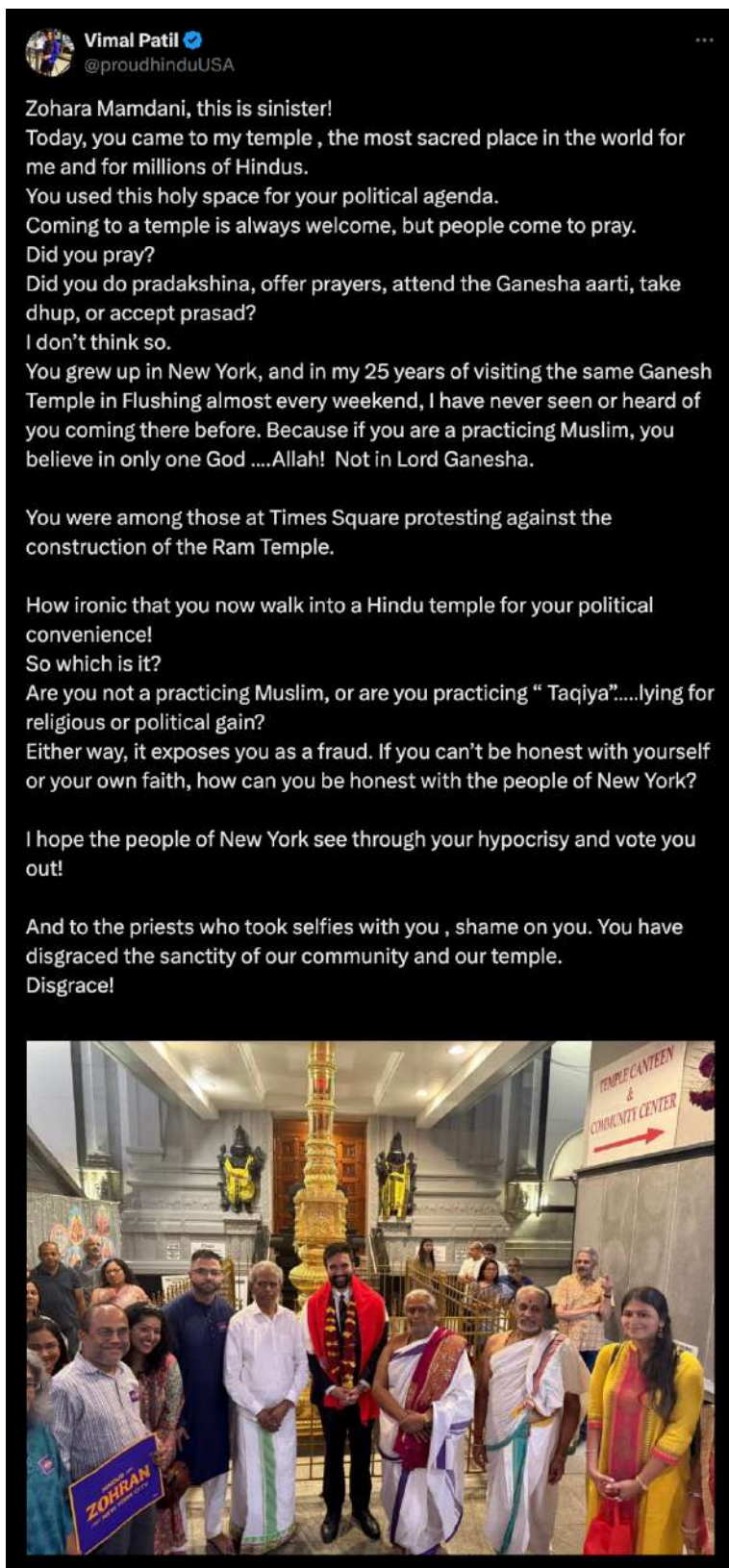


I NEVER HAVE AND NEVER WILL STAND BY AND LET THIS KIND OF HATE DIVIDE US

AS MAYOR I HAVE FOUGHT FOR ALL NEW YORKERS OF EVERY FAITH, EVERY BACKGROUND, AND FROM EVERY BOROUGH

RE-ELECT ERIC TO KEEP THAT FIGHT GOING!

RE-ELECT ERIC
FOR NEW YORK CITY MAYOR



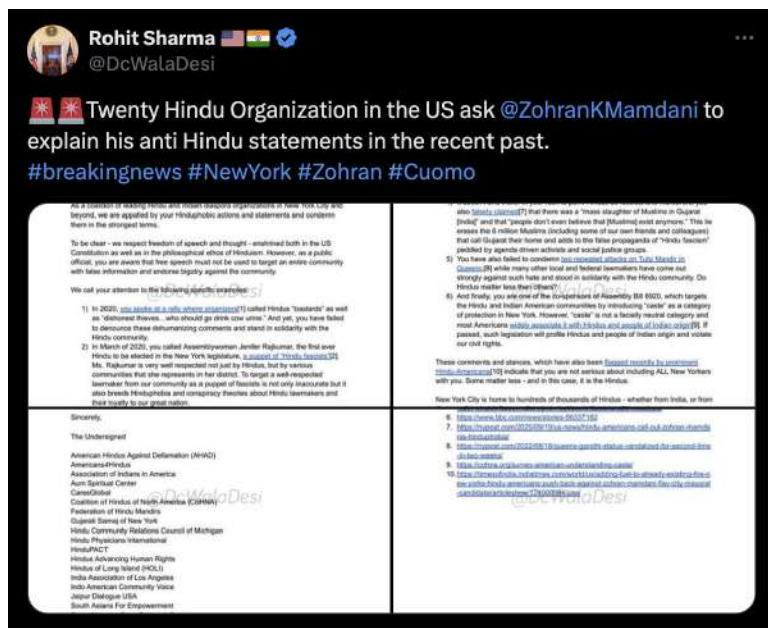
As part of his large outreach campaign, Mamdani also visited Hindu temples across the city; that community outreach was met with denigrating reactions, suggesting his intentions were sinister. Posts claimed, “How ironic that you now walk into a Hindu temple for your political convenience. So which is it? Are you not a practicing Muslim, or are you practicing “taqiya,” lying for religious or political gain? Either way, it exposes you as a fraud. If you cannot be honest with yourself or your own faith, how can you be honest with the people of New York?” They also used hashtags like #ShariaBolshevik and stated that Hindus for Zohran are like Queers for Palestine, denigrating Hindu constituents that support Mamdani. This rhetoric relies on Islamophobic tropes to question the legitimacy of Mamdani’s interfaith engagement and to police his and his followers’ religious identity for partisan ends.



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[Source](#): The full letter is in our Appendix.

Disinformation targeting Mamdani from segments of the right-wing Hindu diaspora also continued in several open letters directed at Mamdani, the Indian government, and his family. An open letter⁴⁸ signed by more than 20 organizations—including Americans4Hindus, Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America (VHPA), the Coalition of Hindus of North America (CoHNA), the Association of Indians in America, and

HinduPACT—accuses him of ignoring incidents of vandalism at Hindu temples in the United States and of supporting policies that “discriminate against Hindus and people

⁴⁸<https://www.newindiaabroad.com/english/news/indian-american-groups-slam-mamdani-for-hinduphobic-remarks>

of Indian origin,” specifically his support for recognizing caste as a protected category in New York Assembly Bill 6930. The letter also disputes Mamdani’s characterization of India’s Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) as “the first stage of an attempt to strip Muslims of their citizenship.” These claims misrepresent Mamdani’s record and flatten complex policy debates into partisan talking points, reframing civil rights protections and human rights advocacy as anti-Hindu bias. These letters were then amplified in reporting on the letters in both India and the United States.⁴⁹

This letter follows two prior open letters from the Global Hindu Human Rights Initiative, a registered NGO that advocates for Hindu nationalist influence abroad. The first was addressed to India’s Minister of External Affairs, Dr. S. Jaishankar.

Zohran Mamdani's chances of winning the election in November are estimated at 73.6 percent² or nearly a done deal. He has three opponents who are splitting the votes of those opposed to him. Ordinarily, the election of the mayor of New York would be of no concern to India, but that is not the case here because of the extraordinary hatred and blatant lies he has spewed. He has called the Indian Prime Minister "a war criminal" and asserted that there are no Gujarati Muslims left in India. This is a verifiable falsehood as according to the 2011 census of India, there are 5.8 million Muslims in Gujarat.

His words are Hinduphobic lies, a flagrant breach of India’s sovereignty, and insulting to all Indians. A mayor's business is to cut ribbons, hug babies, run subways, control crime, and promote tourism, not make egregiously defamatory statements concerning India and its democratically elected leader. He has no business to think about anything beyond New York's five boroughs. But this is unfortunately not the case.

Should he win the mayor’s election in November this year, India will be confronted with a high-ranking American official who will undoubtedly want to visit his mother in India and spew the same venom on Indian soil. Currently, as he is simply a citizen and a candidate, there are little or no diplomatic costs to India in cutting him down to size. Consequently, it would be prudent to act now before time presents India with an unpleasant fait accompli.

[Source](#) Full Letter in Appendix⁵⁰

The demands outlined here are profoundly dangerous. They urge India’s Ministry of External Affairs to condemn Mamdani’s speech, file a diplomatic protest with the US State Department, revoke his Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card, permanently bar his entry into India, and investigate his supposed “links” to terrorism. Taken together, these actions seek to criminalize dissent, punish protected speech, and weaponize state power across borders. Calls to revoke Mamdani’s OCI card and impose a lifetime ban would effectively sever a diasporic New Yorker from family, heritage, and the ability to

⁴⁹<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/us/indian-american-groups-condemn-zohran-mamdani-hinduphobic-remarks-as-acts-of-bigotry-and-bias/articleshow/124917475.cms>

⁵⁰<https://thehrc.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/26-August-2025-Open-letter-to-Shri-Jaishankar-on-Mamdani.docx.pdf>

travel—classic tools of transnational repression that many Indian minorities have reported facing. It is especially chilling that, in the United States, Islamophobic disinformation is being mobilized to question Mamdani’s belonging, while abroad, Hindu nationalist Islamophobic disinformation is being used to foreclose his return. The combined effect is to render Indian Muslim Americans stateless in practice: targeted at home as un-American and targeted abroad as anti-Indian. This is precisely why such demands must be rejected. They undermine free expression, chill civic participation, and normalize the use of diplomatic and immigration levers to silence political opponents rather than engage their arguments.

The Global Hindu Human Rights Initiative campaign also included an open letter addressed to Zohran Mamdani’s mother, Mira Nair, which blends patronizing Islamophobia with Hindu nationalist talking points. The authors offered her a paid trip to Gujarat to “debunk” her son’s views, framing the gesture as corrective education. The letter included demeaning statements and insinuations aimed at discrediting Mamdani through his family, rather than engaging his ideas—an attempt to shame and intimidate by exploiting religious identity and diaspora ties.

Please inform Zohran there is no ‘war’ in India. Anyone who compares Narendra Modi to a ‘war criminal’ and wishes to enter responsible public office disqualifies himself by such exaggeration.

Your son also wants to ‘globalize the Intifada.’ The pro-left [Atlantic magazine](#)⁸, stated there were concerns about “the incendiary implications of the slogan. If the Intifada is akin to the ghetto uprising, this is a call for violence.”

We can say much more about your son, none of it, we’re afraid, quite flattering. But his public statements suggest your progeny is a hater, Hinduphobic, and an antisemite.

Please let us know your itinerary for your Gujarat fact-finding trip to report firsthand the mysterious disappearance of Gujarati Muslims. As stated above, your trip is on us.

[Source](#) Full Letter in Appendix⁵¹

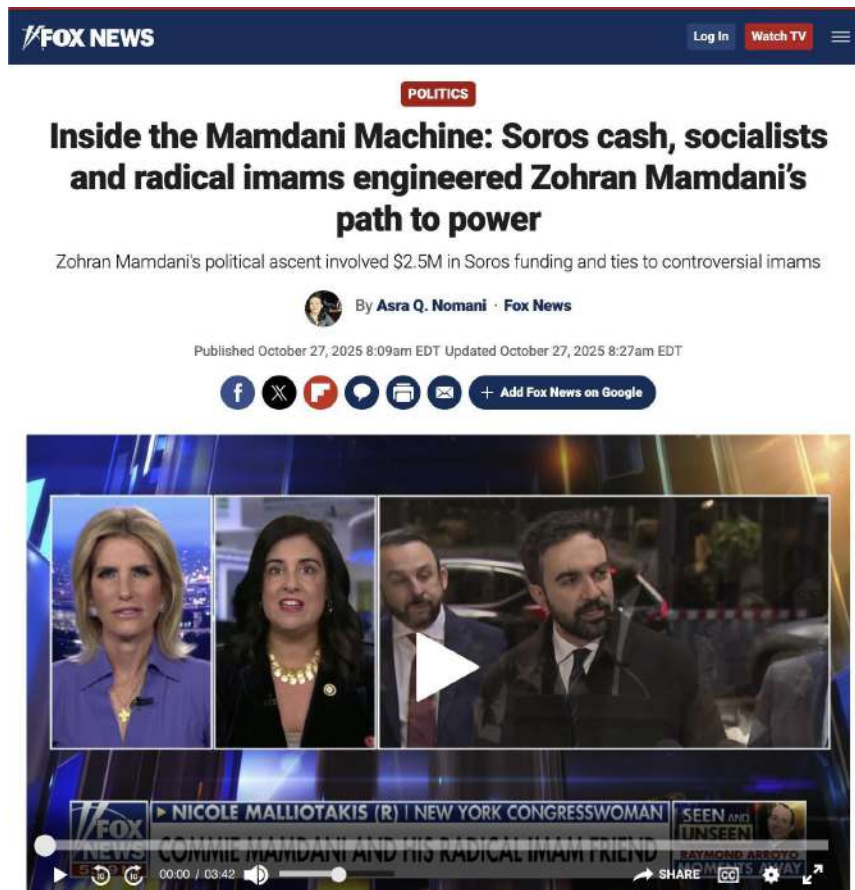
The anti-Hindu and anti-India disinformation aimed at Zohran Mamdani by segments of the right wing in India and the diaspora shows how South Asian nationalist disinformation narratives are being repurposed to shape US politics. By branding Mamdani “anti-Hindu” or “anti-India” for criticizing Prime Minister Modi and the BJP’s right-leaning agenda, these campaigns weaponize religion and nationalism to discredit a progressive platform, narrow the bounds of who may “authentically” represent South Asian identity in the West, and silence marginalized voices. They also seek to fracture the broad South Asian consensus in New York City that undergirds Mamdani’s vibrant multiracial coalition, pitting communities against one another to erode shared power.

⁵¹<https://theghhrc.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/26-August-2025-Open-letter-to-Mira-Nair.docx.pdf>

Disinformation Against Civic Engagement Groups

The disinformation targeting Mamdani also targeted New Yorkers in his coalition. In a [Fox News piece](#)⁵² right-wing activist Asra Q. Nomani advanced a highly inflammatory narrative claiming that funding from George Soros,⁵³ socialist donors, and “radical imams” fueled Mamdani’s rise. This framing recycles anti-semitic dog whistles, red-baiting, and Islamophobic tropes to delegitimize a broad, grassroots coalition and to cast ordinary civic organizing as sinister orchestration.

In addition to this article, Normani created this graphic to further build her false narrative of orchestration and shadow networks.



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⁵²<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/inside-mamdani-machine-soros-cash-socialists-radical-imams-engineered-zohran-mamdani-pat-h-power>

⁵³<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-44301342>



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In addition to this report targeting Mamdani's supporters, a parallel effort to dox and target members of the New York DSA was also disseminated on October 30, 2025, by Canary Mission. Canary Mission is an anonymously run doxing website established in 2014 that smears and publishes the personal information of students, professors, and organizations that it describes as anti-Israel or antisemitic, focusing primarily on people at North American universities.^{54,55}

⁵⁴<https://www.thenation.com/article/world/canary-mission-israel-covert-operations/>

⁵⁵<https://forward.com/news/411355/revealed-canary-mission-blacklist-is-secretly-bankrolled-by-major-jewish/>

Hostile Takeover: The DSA's Plan to Capture American Politics

Mamdani's Network of Influence

October 30, 2025

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ABOUT THE HOSTILE TAKEOVER

Across the political spectrum, Americans value democracy, fairness and freedom of thought. Yet a movement has emerged that directly challenges those ideals — the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA).

As its leaders repeatedly state, the DSA are NOT Democrats. They are an external force that has infiltrated the Democratic Party to reshape it in their own image. Like the cuckoo that lays its eggs in another bird's nest and then throws out the original bird's eggs, the DSA is using the party's structure and reputation while working to replace it with its own extremist agenda.

If successful, this project would transform one of America's great political parties into an unrecognizable entity hostile to the institutions that define our country.

Key Profiles

Ahmed Husain

Ahmed Husain is a DSA leader who expressed support for violence in America, glorified Hamas terrorists and promoted hatred of America and the police.

[See Profile →](#)

[Source](#)⁵⁶

The report falsely asserts that the DSA's goals are the following:

- Destroying "Empire" (what DSA calls the USA)
- Replacing the market economy with state-controlled Marxism
- Defunding the police and using the funds for DEI programs
- Supporting terrorist groups and terrorist entities, i.e., Hamas and Hezbollah
- Normalizing anti-semitism and supporting violent extremist groups
- Promoting foreign policies that align with authoritarian regimes such as China, Russia, and Iran

The Canary Mission report goes on to deploy multiple graphics that map Mamdani's networks and profile scores of individuals and organizations, turning a diverse grassroots coalition into a target list. This is of serious concern as Canary Mission dossiers have been used in the past to inform Department of Homeland Security investigations, enable doxxing of individuals, and to pressure employers, universities, and institutions, resulting in lost jobs, scholarships, and opportunities.^{57,58,59} It also leads to even more serious attacks like swatting, physical, and death threats. The objective here is the same:

⁵⁶<https://canarymission.org/campaign/DSA>

⁵⁷<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/7/11/canary-mission-how-us-uses-a-hate-group-to-target-palestine-advocates>

⁵⁸<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/01/us/israel-gaza-student-protests-canary-mission.html>

⁵⁹<https://abcnews.go.com/US/dhs-investigated-5000-student-protesters-listed-doxing-website/story?id=123619284>

intimidate New Yorkers out of constitutionally protected civic engagement by weaponizing reputational harm, amplifying false antisemitic, red-baiting, and Islamophobic tropes, thus deterring citizens from associating with Mamdani's campaign and voting according to their values.

Mamdani's Campaign Field Organizers

Mamdani's campaign field operation was powered by a vast coalition of socialist and far-left organizations working in coordination with NYC-DSA. Groups such as the Working Families Party, DRUM, JVP Action, CAAAV, and JFREJ joined DSA in mobilizing tens of thousands of volunteers, canvassers, and donors.



[Source](#)

Given the NYPD's post-9/11 Muslim surveillance program⁶⁰ and the Federal NSEERS Muslim registry,⁶¹ there is justified concern for the safety of those flagged by these reports. Both reports also raise serious issues of election interference and voter intimidation. We will continue to monitor the situation closely.

⁶⁰<https://www.aclu.org/documents/factsheet-nypd-muslim-surveillance-program>

⁶¹<https://www.aila.org/ending-nseers-closes-dark-chapter-in-us-history>

Conclusion

This campaign of disinformation and hate against Zohran Mamdani has had one throughline: his Muslim identity is to be feared. He has been smeared as “anti-semitic,” called a “Jihadist,” accused of backing terrorism, and even told to “go back” or be deported. None of this is about policy; it is about making a Muslim public figure seem alien, dangerous, and undeserving of belonging. The surge of online Islamophobic attacks—paired with nativism and red-baiting—shows how deeply prejudice still shapes public conversation, especially when a Muslim, immigrant, pro-working class candidate gains momentum.

The online harassment and disinformation aimed at Zohran Mamdani reflect a wider pattern in which Islamophobia, xenophobia, racism, and red-baiting narratives converge. Effectively addressing this challenge calls for coordinated action and solidarity among aligned communities to ensure the safety of underrepresented candidates and indeed all voters. Democracy and election integrity are at stake; each attack like this not only injures a candidate but democracy itself.

Here is a short list of recommendations to help curb the hate speech that Mamdani continues to face:

- All candidates, civic leaders, and government bodies should issue timely statements rejecting any kind of discriminatory hate speech rhetoric directed at any candidates to affirm democratic inclusivity.
- Social Media moderation systems must include region-specific and coded slurs (e.g., “Jihadi”, “terrorist”, “pajeet,” “go back,” “anti-India”) that have been used in campaigns against Mamdani and other South Asian figures and immediately delete posts that use these to dehumanise members from these communities.
- To counter attempts to divide South Asian diaspora communities, community groups should facilitate dialogue regarding Mamdani and related “anti-Hindu” or “anti-India” claims, debunking the disinformation around them.
- A community forum on disinformation—and the harm it caused New Yorkers during this campaign—would be a meaningful step toward healing and reconciliation, especially given how many diverse communities were targeted by multiple political actors.



[Source](#)

Finally, we want to acknowledge the tremendous courage of New York's diverse communities that endured these attacks. These attacks were not only against Mamdani; they were designed to dehumanize, intimidate, and diminish working-class, immigrant, and Muslim voters. To those who withstood this rhetoric, we celebrate your courage and endurance. Excerpts from Mamdani's own response to Islamophobia and anti-Muslim slander offer strength and inspiration. The full speech is included in our appendix.

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To be Muslim in New York is to expect indignity. But indignity does not make us distinct; many New Yorkers face it...The dream of every Muslim is simply to be treated the same as any other New Yorker. Yet for too long we have been told to ask for less and to be satisfied with whatever little we receive. No more...

While my opponents have brought hatred to the forefront, this is just a glimpse of what so many endure every day across this city. And while it would be easy to say this is not who we are, we know the truth: this is who we have allowed ourselves to become....

I will not change who I am, how I eat, or the faith I am proud to call my own. But there is one thing I will change: I will no longer look for myself in the shadows. I will find myself in the light."⁶²

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I. Zohran Mamdani's Speech at Islamic Cultural Center from Bronx October 24, 2025

“Shortly after I announced I was running for State Assembly, a well-meaning Muslim uncle pulled me aside. He smiled softly and looked at me with care. In a quiet voice, he told me I did not have to tell people I was Muslim. His eyes were kind, his beard proud, and his face heavy with the implications of the unsaid.

I had not learned the lesson he had been taught time and again: that safety could only be found in the shadows of our city. That only in those shadows could Muslims embrace their full identities—and that if we emerged from those shadows, it was there we must leave our faith.

These are lessons so many Muslim New Yorkers have been taught again and again. And over these last few days, these lessons have become the closing messages of Andrew Cuomo, Curtis Sliwa, and Eric Adams.

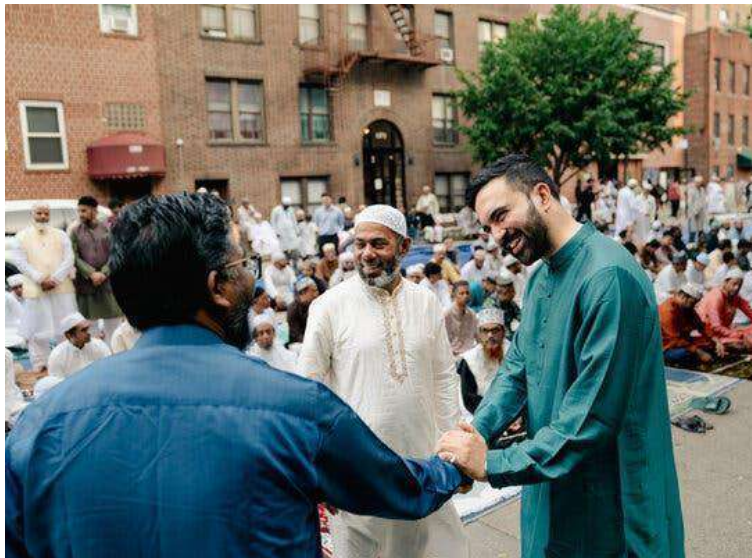


Yesterday, Andrew Cuomo laughed and agreed when a radio host said I would cheer another 9/11. Yesterday, Eric Adams said that we can't let our city become Europe. He compared me to violent extremists, and he lied again and again when he said our movement seeks to burn churches and destroy communities. The day before that, Curtis Sliwa slandered me from the debate stage when he claimed I support global jihad. And every day, super PAC ads imply that I am a terrorist or mock the way I eat. Push polls ask New Yorkers whether they support invented proposals to make halal food mandatory. Political cartoons depict my candidacy as an airplane hurtling toward the World Trade Center.

But I do not want to use this moment to speak to them any further. I want to speak to the Muslims of New York City. I want to speak to the memory of my aunt, who stopped taking the subway after September 11th because she did not feel safe in her hijab. I want

to speak to the Muslim who works for our city—whether they teach in our schools or walk the beat for the NYPD—New Yorkers who make daily sacrifices for the city they call home, only to see their leaders spit in their face. I want to speak to every child who grows up here marked as the other, who is “randomly selected” in a way that never feels random, who feels they carry a stain that can never be cleaned.

Growing up in the shadow of 9/11, I have known what it means to live with an undercurrent of suspicion in this city. I will always remember the disdain I faced, how my name could immediately become “Muhammad,” and how I could return to my city only to be asked in a double-mirrored room at the airport if I had any plan to attack it. And since I was very young, I have also known I was spared the worst of it. I was never pressured to be an informant like a classmate of mine. I have never had the word “terrorist” spray-painted on my garage, as one of my staff endured. My mosque has never been set on fire.



To be Muslim in New York is to expect indignity. But indignity does not make us distinct; many New Yorkers face it. It is the tolerance of that indignity that does.

Since I announced my candidacy for mayor one year ago yesterday, I have sought to be the candidate fighting for every single New Yorker, not simply the “Muslim candidate.” I have

carried these indignities with me throughout this race, all while running as the first major Muslim candidate in the history of our city. I thought that if I built a campaign of universality, I could define myself as the leader I aspire to be—one representing every New Yorker, no matter their skin color or religion, no matter where they were born. I thought that if I worked hard enough, it would allow me to be that leader. And I thought that if I behaved well enough or bit my tongue enough in the face of racist, baseless attacks, all while returning to my central message, it would allow me to be more than just my faith.

I was wrong. No amount of redirection is ever enough. In doing this, I have told the wide-eyed young child in Jackson Heights or the first-time voter in Parkchester that they, too, should remain in the shadows. In many ways, I became that same uncle who pulled me aside six years ago. No more.

The dream of every Muslim is simply to be treated the same as any other New Yorker. Yet for too long we have been told to ask for less and to be satisfied with whatever little we receive. No more.

For as long as we have lived, we have known that no matter what anyone says, there are still certain forms of hate that are acceptable in this city. Islamophobia is not seen as inexcusable. One can incite violence against our mosques and know that condemnation will never come. Elected officials in this city can sell T-shirts calling for my deportation without any fear of accountability.

The consequences amidst this inaction are stark: more than one million Muslims in this city, existing while being made to feel as if we are guests in our own home. No more.

We stand on the precipice of an election, but that is not what today is about. We know that in less than two weeks, we will say goodbye to a disgraced former governor and our current indicted mayor. The bigger question is whether we are willing to say goodbye to something much larger than either of these two men: whether we will say goodbye to anti-Muslim sentiment so endemic in our city that when we hear it, we do not know whether the words were spoken by a Republican or a Democrat. We know only that it was spoken in the language of politics in this city. In an era of ever-diminishing bipartisanship, Islamophobia seems to be one of the few areas of agreement. And while I appreciate all who have rushed to my defense over these past few days, I think of those Muslims in this city who do not have the luxury of being the Democratic nominee, who do not have the luxury of being deemed worthy of solidarity. While my opponents have brought hatred to the forefront, this is just a glimpse of what so many endure every day across this city. And while it would be easy to say this is not who we are, we know the truth: this is who we have allowed ourselves to become.



A question lies before each of us. Will we continue to accept a narrow definition of what it means to be a New Yorker, one that makes smaller every day the number of those guaranteed a life of dignity? Will we remain in the shadows, or will we together step into the light?

There are twelve days remaining until Election Day. I will be a Muslim man in New York City each of those twelve days and every day after that. I will not change who I am, how I eat, or the faith I am proud to call my own. But there is one thing I will change: I will no longer look for myself in the shadows. I will find myself in the light.”⁶³

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II. National Republican Congressional Committee Strategy Memo from October 28th, 2025



TO: Interested Parties

FROM: NRCC

DATE: [October 28th, 2025](#)

RE: Republicans' Battle Plan to Weaponize Mayor Mamdani in Battleground Districts

Overview

Hakeem Jeffries' endorsement of Zohran Mamdani confirms what NRCC polling and research already showed: the Democratic Party has been hijacked by the radical left.

Mamdani is a socialist hostile to America, supports an agenda ripped directly from the pages of the Communist Manifesto, is openly anti-police, and is funded by groups with ties to terrorist organizations like Hamas. His platform, defunding police, raising taxes, and embracing socialism, is out of step with what the American people want and need.

With his endorsement, Jeffries endorsed every plank in this platform and exposed his vulnerable Frontline members to the political fallout from it. Every House Democrat owns Mamdani's anti-American agenda, and the NRCC will weaponize it against them.

Key Data

July [NRCC polling](#) surveying 1,000 voters across 46 battleground districts made clear that Mamdani and his socialist ideas are wildly unpopular in key Congressional districts nationwide - not just in New York.

- **Mamdani Name ID:** 81% — just 5 points behind Jeffries' 86%
- **Favorability:** 25% Favorable / 41% Unfavorable (-16 net)
- **Capitalism vs. Socialism:** Capitalism +12 / Socialism -18

Mamdani's numbers get worse the more voters learn about him. A recent [AtlasIntel](#) poll had Mamdani's image even worse, at 26-51 (-25). It is a tremendous gift to House Republicans' campaign efforts that Jeffries made him the face of the Democratic Party.

The Case Against Zohran Mamdani

Anti-Police, Pro-Defund

- [Called](#) the NYPD "wicked and corrupt," demanded to "Defund it. Dismantle it."
- [Called](#) for the abolition of prisons and jails



- [Supports](#) ending qualified immunity for police
- Proposed \$165 million in legal defense funding for illegal immigrants
- Is [buddies](#) with Sen. Jabari Brisport, who calls for “police abolition” and celebrates Marxism

Anti-Capitalism

- [Supports](#) “seizing the means of production” - a phrase borrowed directly from the Communist Manifesto
- [Called](#) for the “abolition of private property”
- [Wants](#) to decimate small businesses with expensive, unrealistic mandates
- [Plans](#) to increase taxes on “whiter neighborhoods” and implement an extreme progressive tax structure

Anti-Israel Extremist

- [Refused](#) to condemn the slogan “Globalize the Intifada”
- [Blamed](#) Israel for the October 7 Hamas massacre and refused to call it terrorism
- [Backed](#) by CAIR, a group that was “happy to see” Hamas attack Israel

NRCC Messaging Strategy

The data present a clear case: House Republicans will make Zohran Mamdani famous in battleground races next November, running against his unpopular agenda, which is the new face of the Democratic Party.

1. **Nationalize:** Make Mamdani and his policies the face of the Democratic Party.
2. **Capitalize:** The “leader” of House Democrats caved to the radicals and is weak.
3. **Localize:** If Mamdani’s socialism can take over in New York, it can anywhere.
4. **Frame the choice:** Republicans stand for safety, stability, and growth. Democrats stand for crime, insanity, socialism, and against America.

Conclusion

Hakeem Jeffries’ endorsement of Zohran Mamdani is a defining moment of the 2026 cycle. Democrats are no longer running from the socialist label; they are embracing this toxic agenda, providing Republicans a tremendous opportunity to draw a contrast and go on offense. This isn’t about one race in New York, it’s a national story of a party bending the knee to socialism and the far left.

The NRCC will ensure every voter knows Zohran Mamdani is synonymous with the Democratic Party nationwide.

III. Representative Andy Ogles Letter to Pam Bondi to investigate Zohran Mamdani from June 26, 2025,

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4205

June 26, 2025

The Honorable Pam Bondi
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Bondi,

I write to request that the Department of Justice open an investigation into whether Zohran Kwame Mamdani, currently a candidate for Mayor of New York City, should be subject to denaturalization proceedings under 8 U.S.C. § 1451(a) on the grounds that he may have procured U.S. citizenship through willful misrepresentation or concealment of material support for terrorism.

According to public reports, including a June 21, 2025 *New York Post* article, Mr. Mamdani expressed open solidarity with individuals convicted of terrorism-related offenses prior to becoming a U.S. citizen.¹ Specifically, he rapped: “Free the Holy Land Five / My guys.” The Holy Land Foundation was convicted in 2008 for providing material support to Hamas, a designated foreign terrorist organization. Publicly praising the Foundation’s convicted leadership as “my guys” raises serious concerns about whether Mr. Mamdani held affiliations or sympathies he failed to disclose during the naturalization process.

While I understand that some may raise First Amendment concerns about taking legal action based on expressive conduct, such as rap lyrics, speech alone does not preclude accountability where it reasonably suggests underlying conduct relevant to eligibility for naturalization. If an individual publicly glorifies a group convicted of financing terrorism, it is entirely appropriate for federal authorities to inquire whether that individual engaged in non-public forms of support—such as organizational affiliation, fundraising, or advocacy—that would have required disclosure on Form N-400 or during a naturalization interview.

Moreover, Mr. Mamdani has recently refused opportunities to reject the pro-terrorist rallying cry to “globalize the intifada”—a call to expand violent attacks on civilians to the United States and around the world. While political speech in isolation is not dispositive, in light of earlier

¹ Emily Crane, “Socialist NYC mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani once rapped about his love for Hamas terror-funding group Holy Land Five,” *New York Post*, June 21, 2025. <https://nypost.com/2025/06/21/us-news/socialist-nyc-mayoral-candidate-zohran-mamdani-once-rapped-about-his-love-for-hamas-terror-funding-group-holy-land-five/>

expressions of admiration for individuals convicted of supporting terrorism, a troubling pattern emerges that warrants formal scrutiny.

The naturalization process depends on the good-faith disclosure of any affiliation with, or support for, groups that threaten U.S. national security. If Mr. Mamdani concealed relevant associations, that concealment may constitute a material misrepresentation sufficient to support denaturalization under federal law.

The federal government must uphold public trust by ensuring that citizenship is not granted under false pretenses. I respectfully urge the Department of Justice to determine whether Mr. Mamdani's conduct prior to naturalization warrants formal review under applicable law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andy Ogles", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Andy Ogles
Member of Congress

IV. Coalition of 20 Hindu and Indian American Organizations, Letter Condemning Mamdani from October 10, 2025

Hindu and Diaspora American Organizations Condemn NYC Mayoral Candidate Zohran Mamdani's Hinduphobic Statements in an Open Letter

October 10, 2025

Dear Mr. Mamdani,

As a coalition of leading Hindu and Indian diaspora organizations in New York City and beyond, we are appalled by your Hinduphobic actions and statements and condemn them in the strongest terms.

To be clear - we respect freedom of speech and thought - enshrined both in the US Constitution as well as in the philosophical ethos of Hinduism. However, as a public official, you are aware that free speech must not be used to target an entire community with false information and endorse bigotry against the community.

We call your attention to the following specific examples:

- 1) In 2020, [you spoke at a rally where organizers](#)[1] called Hindus "bastards" as well as "dishonest thieves...who should go drink cow urine." And yet, you have failed to denounce these dehumanizing comments and stand in solidarity with the Hindu community.
- 2) In March of 2020, you called Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar, the first ever Hindu to be elected in the New York legislature, [a puppet of "Hindu fascists"](#)[2]. Ms. Rajkumar is very well respected not just by Hindus, but by various communities that she represents in her district. To target a well-respected lawmaker from our community as a puppet of fascists is not only inaccurate but it also breeds Hinduphobia and conspiracy theories about Hindu lawmakers and their loyalty to our great nation.
- 3) At the same time, you inaccurately described India's Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) as ["the first stage of an attempt to strip Muslims of their citizenship"](#)[3] - a line of thinking often used by many anti-Hindu activists and organizations to paint our community as oppressors and marauders. Conveniently, you ignored the fact that [CAA had NOTHING to do with India's Muslims and ONLY applies to religiously persecuted minorities](#)[4] (Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians) in Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan - communities that are on the verge of extinction or are barely surviving. CAA provides them a lifeline to escape gross human rights violations, restore their dignity and practice their

religion without fear of rape, conversion or death. To shed light on the dire situation, in June 2020, [twenty US senators wrote a letter to the then US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo](#), [5] urging him to provide emergency refugee protection to Hindus and Sikhs facing existential threat in Afghanistan. Not to mention that in Pakistan, [1000 Christian and Hindu girls are forcefully abducted, raped, converted](#) [6] and married off to men much older than them every year. By portraying India's CAA as a "anti-Muslim" law, you raise the spectre of "Hindu fascism" and whitewash the real persecution of religious minorities in these countries.

- 4) It doesn't end there. In your rush to paint Hindus as fascists and murderers, you also [falsely claimed](#) [7] that there was a "mass slaughter of Muslims in Gujarat [India]" and that "people don't even believe that [Muslims] exist anymore." This lie erases the 6 million Muslims (including some of our own friends and colleagues) that call Gujarat their home and adds to the false propaganda of "Hindu fascism" peddled by agenda driven activists and social justice groups.
- 5) You have also failed to condemn [two repeated attacks on Tulsi Mandir in Queens](#), [8] while many other local and federal lawmakers have come out strongly against such hate and stood in solidarity with the Hindu community. Do Hindus matter less than others?
- 6) And finally, you are one of the co-sponsors of Assembly Bill 6920, which targets the Hindu and Indian American communities by introducing "caste" as a category of protection in New York. However, "caste" is not a facially neutral category and most Americans [widely associate it with Hindus and people of Indian origin](#) [9]. If passed, such legislation will profile Hindus and people of Indian origin and violate our civil rights.

These comments and stances, which have also been [flagged recently by prominent Hindu-Americans](#) [10] indicate that you are not serious about including ALL New Yorkers with you. Some matter less - and in this case, it is the Hindus.

New York City is home to hundreds of thousands of Hindus - whether from India, or from Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Fiji, or other countries. Hindus have contributed significantly to NYC's progress, and continue to do so alongside other New Yorkers. From serving the needy through meals, clothing, and education, to teaching in public schools and universities, to law enforcement, small business, public services, Wall Street, etc, we are an integral part of the City's diverse tapestry.

Anyone who aspires to be the mayor of the largest city in America must ensure that they stand against hate and bigotry and make New York City a place that welcomes all — as it has for the past almost four hundred years.

Unfortunately, the statements highlighted above are nothing short of blatant bigotry and Hinduphobia and have caused great pain to many New Yorkers of Hindu faith. We once again condemn them in the strongest of terms and have no confidence in your ability to engage on issues concerning the Hindu community.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned

American Hindus Against Defamation (AHAD)
Americans4Hindus
Association of Indians in America
Aum Spiritual Center
CaresGlobal
Coalition of Hindus of North America (CoHNA)
Federation of Hindu Mandirs
Gujarati Samaj of New York
Hindu Community Relations Council of Michigan
Hindu Physicians International
HinduPACT
Hindus Advancing Human Rights
Hindus of Long Island (HOLI)
India Association of Los Angeles
Indo American Community Voice
Jaipur Dialogue USA
South Asians For Empowerment
Surya Narayan Seva Outreach Sanga
The Avanti Foundation
The Hindu Diaspora Foundation
The US Indian Community Foundation
USA Pandits Parishad, Inc
Vishwa Hindu Parishad America

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V. Global Hindu Human Rights Collective Open Letter to Indian Minister of External Affairs from August 26, 2025

OPEN LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, INDIA

Respected Minister of External Affairs Shri Jaishankar,

Namaste. We call your attention to the speech given by Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel after it launched attacks against Iran's nuclear facilities. The Israeli Prime Minister attempted to learn from history.¹ He said,

The hardest decision any leader has to make is to thwart a danger before it is fully materialized. Nearly a century ago, facing the Nazis, a generation of leaders failed to act in time. They were paralyzed by the horrors of World War I. They were determined to avoid war at all costs. And they got the worst war ever. They adopted a policy of appeasement. They closed their eyes and ears to all the warning signs. That failure to act resulted in World War II, the deadliest war in history. It claimed the lives of 60 million, including 6 million Jews, a third of my people.

India and Hindus now face the same hard decision: To thwart a danger before it is fully materialized. And danger there undoubtedly is after the victory of Zohran Mamdani, a member of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), in the Democratic primary for mayor of New York City. This is an event of great political significance with national and international implications. New York is the heartbeat of America, the headquarters of the United Nations, and the largest and most influential metropolis in the United States, serving as a significant cultural, financial, and political center. It is often considered a gateway to the world.

Zohran Mamdani's chances of winning the election in November are estimated at 73.6 percent² or nearly a done deal. He has three opponents who are splitting the votes of those opposed to him. Ordinarily, the election of the mayor of New York would be of no concern to India, but that is not the case here because of the extraordinary hatred and blatant lies he has spewed. He has called the Indian Prime Minister "a war criminal" and asserted that there are no Gujarati Muslims left in India. This is a verifiable falsehood as according to the 2011 census of India, there are 5.8 million Muslims in Gujarat.

His words are Hinduphobic lies, a flagrant breach of India's sovereignty, and insulting to all Indians. A mayor's business is to cut ribbons, hug babies, run subways, control crime, and promote tourism, not make egregiously defamatory statements concerning India and its democratically elected leader. He has no business to think about anything beyond New York's five boroughs. But this is unfortunately not the case.

Should he win the mayor's election in November this year, India will be confronted with a high-ranking American official who will undoubtedly want to visit his mother in India and spew the same venom on Indian soil. Currently, as he is simply a citizen and a candidate, there are little or no diplomatic costs to India in cutting him down to size. Consequently, it would be prudent to act now before time presents India with an unpleasant fait accompli.

Given the urgency of the situation, we request you to consider the following steps:

¹ <https://nationalpost.com/news/world/benjamin-netanyahu-speech-iran-attack>

² <https://www.newsweek.com/zohran-mamdani-chances-beating-eric-adams-new-york-mayor-odds-pollmarket-polls-2090431>

- The Ministry of External Affairs should categorically condemn his statement about the Indian Prime Minister and call out his lie about Gujarati Muslims.
- India should lodge a diplomatic protest with the US State Department on his statements.
- If he holds an Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card, it should be immediately revoked.
- Under no circumstances should he be allowed to step foot on Indian soil, ever.
- His links to organizations and individuals that work against India and [support terrorism](#)³ should also be investigated.

Taking these actions is *not* an intrusion into US politics or its internal affairs. Instead, it is the reverse: an upstart American politician uttering shockingly defamatory words about the Indian Prime Minister and India. All evidence convincingly shows he is Hinduphobic and also antisemitic as he wants to "[globalize the Intifada](#)."⁴

Apart from his inflammatory statements, his political conviction can be gleaned from his membership of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA). Their magazine is called [Jacobin](#).⁵ The Jacobins, as students of world history are aware, were members of a radical political club during the French Revolution known for their involvement in the Reign of Terror, which lasted from September 1793 to July 1794. Approximately 300,000 individuals were detained under suspicion of opposing the revolution, and 2,500 people were executed by the guillotine. This is the person who ideologically identifies with the Jacobins, aspires to become New York's mayor, and has called the Indian Prime Minister a "war criminal."

Surely, tolerance has limits. Surely, there are people who, by their actions, exile themselves beyond the humanistic spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. Zohran Mamdani is certainly one of them.

We, the signatories, listed below, kindly request your attention and swift action on this matter.

Dhanyavad.

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Prof. Lakshmi BANDLAMUDI	New York, US.
Gautam BOSE	Film Maker, India.
BRAHMBODHI	Spiritual Leader, author and educationist, India.
Dr. RV CHANDRAVADAN	IAS (Retd), Telangana, India.
Rajyashree CHAUDHURI	National President, Akhil Bharat Hindu Maha Sabha, India.

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VI. Global Hindu Human Rights Collective: Open Letter to Zohran Mamdani's Mother Mira Nair from August 26, 2025

OPEN LETTER TO MS. MEERA NAIR

Dearest Ms. Nair,

As a public figure and well-known film director, you will agree that making movies involves extensive research. Any filmmaker, along with their team, must read, visit sites, talk to people, and generally become grounded in reality before starting the creative process. Even fiction is partially founded on facts.

Now, as it happens, you are not only a famous filmmaker but also the mother of a man, Zohran Mamdani, who may soon successfully climb to unprecedented heights in US politics. Islam holds [Muslim mothers](#)¹ in high regard, as does every religion. For mothers, their children, no matter how grown up, are still children who can be lovingly told the truth. Zohran is still your boy.

Here's our ask in your dual capacity as a mother and a filmmaker. Admittedly, Zohran is in a profession that is primarily based on false promises but has something to do with reality, and he is on record [stating](#)²:

My father, his family comes from Gujarat, in India, his family is Muslim, he's Muslim, I'm Muslim and Narendra Modi helped orchestrate what was a mass slaughter of Muslims in Gujarat to the extent that we don't even know there are Gujarati Muslims anymore. And when I tell someone I am, it's a shock to them that that is even the case. And this is someone who we should view in the same manner that we do Benjamin Netanyahu. This is a war criminal.

His words are deeply offensive to Indians and Hindus.

First, as you are an Indian citizen and know India, please take the first available flight to Gujarat from wherever you are in the world, hire a taxi, tour the state, and inform the world of your son's belief that there are no Gujarati Muslims left is not fact-based. We will cover all your expenses. Keep in mind that according to the [2011 Census of India](#)³, there were almost 6 million Muslims in Gujarat.

Second, kindly inform him of the [Supreme Court of India's judgment](#)⁴ that cleared Narendra Modi of all blame in the Godhra riots, which was conducted when he was *not* the Prime Minister. And on the same subject, remind him of Muslims committing that deadly arson attack on the train in Godhra that sparked the conflagration. In February 2002, the [New York Times correspondent](#)⁵ was informed by the District Superintendent of Police, Raju Bhargava.

The train was surrounded by these Muslims. There was heavy stone pelting, and a bogie was set on fire. The fire engulfed the whole bogie and spread so fast the people couldn't come out of the compartment."

¹ <https://unmah.com/the-beautiful-status-of-mothers-in-islam/>

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³ <https://www.census2011.co.in/data/religion/state/24-gujarat.html>

⁴ <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/gujarat-riots-sc-dismisses-plea-challenging-clean-cheat-to-pm-modi-2002-violence-1966192-2022-06-24>

⁵ <https://archive.nytimes.com/india.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/02/27/from-the-archives-godhra-february-2002/>

As reported by the BBC.⁶

The Sabarmati Express, carrying Hindu pilgrims returning from the northern town of Ayodhya, was attacked by a Muslim mob. The attackers were said to have forced the train to stop and then set fire to one of the carriages. An inquiry commission set up by the state government said in 2008 that the burning of the train was a "conspiracy."

The setting fire to the train "killed 59 people, mainly Hindu pilgrims." 31 Muslims were sentenced for their involvement in the incident⁷. The life sentences of 20 men were upheld on appeal.

Second, your son does not have the faintest idea of the definition of a 'war criminal.' A war criminal is an individual who commits grave violations of the laws of war, such as intentionally killing civilians, torturing prisoners, or engaging in acts of genocide.

Please inform Zohran there is no 'war' in India. Anyone who compares Narendra Modi to a 'war criminal' and wishes to enter responsible public office disqualifies himself by such exaggeration.

Your son also wants to 'globalize the Intifada.' The pro-left Atlantic magazine⁸, stated there were concerns about "the incendiary implications of the slogan. If the Intifada is akin to the ghetto uprising, this is a call for violence."

We can say much more about your son, none of it, we're afraid, quite flattering. But his public statements suggest your progeny is a hater, Hinduphobic, and an antisemite.

Please let us know your itinerary for your Gujarat fact-finding trip to report firsthand the mysterious disappearance of Gujarati Muslims. As stated above, your trip is on us.

We await your response.

Yours truly,

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⁶ <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-41548789>

⁷ <https://timelinedaily.com/india/godhra-train-burning-three-versions-of-a-tragic-incident>

⁸ <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2025/06/zohran-mamdani-globalize-intifada/683300/>

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