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### [Why are journalists dancing to the Islamists' tune over Sara Khan?](#)

Posted: Thu, 25 Jan 2018 by [Chris Sloggett](#)

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## [Religious bullies are on a roll. It's time we all stood up to them](#)

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Posted: Thu, 07 Dec 2017 by [Basit Mahmood](#)

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## [Murdered for the 'crime' of blasphemy](#)

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## **The gay community should recognise and oppose its chief oppressor**

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## **A timid defence of free speech is no match for Islamism. We must do better.**

Posted: Wed, 18 Nov 2015 by [Benjamin Jones](#)

*Society needs a much more vigorous defence of free speech than the one we are getting, with the 'elite' of society in academia, religion and politics offering a feeble and timorous defence, writes Benjamin Jones.*

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*Young Americans might be turning away from Christianity, but the American religious right is more audacious than ever – and their rhetoric about 'religious freedom' barely conceals their theocratic aspirations, writes Benjamin Jones.*

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## **The media now say ‘Islamophobia’ without question; but insist on the “so-called Islamic State”**

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*Reporting of the deeply troubling rise in anti-Semitic and anti-Muslim attacks demonstrates that the term 'Islamophobia' has, worryingly, been widely accepted by the media.*

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## **The encroachment of reactionary Islamism in academic life**

Posted: Tue, 08 Sep 2015 by [Stefano Bonino](#)

*Universities and academics seeking to challenge anti-Muslim prejudice should promote genuine Muslim human rights groups rather than unrepresentative Islamists seeking to advance their own reactionary agenda, argues Dr Stefano Bonino.*

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## **Why would a teenager want to join the Islamic State?**

Posted: Sat, 21 Mar 2015 by [Gijsbert Stoet](#)

*Gijsbert Stoet, a Reader in Psychology at the University of Glasgow, considers why so many teenagers have sought to join the Islamic State. He identifies sensation seeking, identity, and unchallenged religious beliefs as three root causes.*

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## [Who are the true Muslims – all or none?](#)

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*Moderate believers argue that Isis has misinterpreted the Koran. But no one can determine who is right or wrong, argues Matthew Syed.*

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## [What chance do Yazidis have against group too brutal for al Qaeda?](#)

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*Quilliam Co-Founder and Chairman and National Secular Society honorary associate Maajid Nawaz gives his thoughts on the crisis in North-West Iraq.*

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## [The world must respond to the cry of Iraq's Christians](#)

Posted: Thu, 24 Jul 2014 by [Lord Alton](#)

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*By Maajid Nawaz*

On the streets of Greece supporters of the far-Right Golden Dawn party patrol neighbourhoods, attacking anyone who looks like an immigrant. In Denmark a group calling itself Call to Islam has declared parts of the country to be "sharia-controlled... [Read More](#) »

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## [Disillusion for the revolutionaries who thought the Arab Spring would bring freedom and secularism](#)

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