Ep 15: 'Islamophobia' definition | Criticising infant circumcision

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Emma Park speaks to Stephen Evans, CEO of the NSS and Chris Sloggett, communications officer, about the NSS's opposition to a definition of 'Islamophobia' which was proposed by a parliamentary group in November 2018.

Chris and NSS campaigns officer Megan Manson also join Emma to discuss two recent rows relating to infant circumcision.

Megan highlights a court case in which a Nigerian Christian woman, Martina Obi-Uzom, was given a suspended sentence for having an infant boy circumcised without his mother's consent. And Chris discusses a speech by the chief rabbi, Ephraim Mirvis, in which he asked secularists and Humanists to stop campaigning against faith schools and infant circumcision.

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Islamophobia Defined – the report by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims

Islamophobia: An Anthology of Concerns – essays critical of the APPG's definition collected by Civitas, including one by the NSS

A woman is convicted over circumcision. What happens next?, NSS blog by Megan Manson

The chief rabbi has made an anti-democratic attempt to shut down criticism, NSS blog by Chris Sloggett

The speech by chief rabbi Mirvis

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