

Steven Greer: Evidence Report

Abstract

This evidence file has been collated by the University of Bristol Islamic Society where we have gathered our discoveries of islamophobic hate speech as well as colonial, bigoted views being taught at the university in the name of freedom of expression. Whilst we honour free speech, we must not let it transgress to the point where it promotes anti-muslim rhetoric and justifies discrimination and hate crime towards muslims. This goes against the rights of freedom of religion, basic human dignity and respect towards others in our democracy. This evidence file is by no means exhaustive but we aim to highlight Greer's lecture notes, videos, articles, blogs and publications that we have found to be anti-muslim and derogatory in nature towards muslims and their faith. Not only are they dehumanising but the knowledge of Islam he teaches are wholly incorrect. Greer, who has no formal education on Islamic Studies or Islamic Law and Ethics, is therefore unfit to be teaching a human rights course which places large emphasis on Islam.

Please note: All sources mentioned are widely publicly available. You can view Greer's academic footprint [here](#).



[Professor Steven Greer](#)

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Lectures

2020/21 Academic year: <https://bit.ly/2LRBnHI>, <https://bit.ly/3rQLtbc>

2018/2019 Academic year: <https://bit.ly/3qnG23a>, <https://bit.ly/2ZluSA4>

- **"No typical jihadi terrorist, however, overwhelmingly young, male & Muslim"**
- **"Islam is hostile to the modern conception of democracy"**
- **"Pressure for Islam to address human rights caused by external forces of globalisation, westernisation & modernisation"**
- **"Women who wear hijab less likely to work outside home or be involved in higher education"**
- **"Women in Islam are not formally equal to men, all the ideologies benefit men"**
- **"The Qur'an also permits the physical chastisement by a husband of his wife"**
- **"If a particular piece of legislation impacts disproportionately against a group, it looks 'superficially' like it is discrimination...this is the case with China – Muslims in re-education camps"**
- **"Most difficulties stem from Islamic influence upon it"**
- **"Islamic law is uncompromisingly individualistic – big contrast to Western Society"**
- **"Islam spread rapidly through war, conquest, trade & conversion"**
- **"Islam was a progressive faith insofar as its open to all"**
- **"Core normative concept here is obligation, not rights – Islam is fundamentally based on submission and the performance of obligations."**

- **"An issue for Islam is the lack of an institution to interpret the faith"**
- **"This is typical of non-western ideologies – non-narrative, non-systematic, and non-chronological. The style is elusive and elliptical, addressed to people already familiar with its message"**
- **"Several other well-documented areas of friction in traditional political Islam with regards to human rights: position of women – divorce, custody of children, inequality in legal testimony (woman's testimony in Sharia court is worth half that of a man), position of non-Muslims and other minorities in Islamic states – only Muslims are full citizens."**

Videos

Talk: "Human Rights and Islam: A non-muslim perspective"

- 12:19: **Argues that HR & Islam conflict**
- 15:45: **Argues that "the source of political authority in islam is revelation not reason" suggesting Islam is illogical and irrational**
- 16:45: **Argues "Islam does not recognise human rights at all"**
- 20:15: **Argues that Islam promotes gender inequality**
- 21:30: **Argues HR and islam are very different and thus largely incompatible**

Argues PREVENT is 'human rights compliant' and the campaign against it is based on 'myths and misconceptions'.

Further arguing that the fact that muslims are mostly targeted is 'a reflection of the fact that islamist terrorism is the principle terrorist threat UK faces'

Articles

- [Argues against those who advocate for 'decolonising the curriculum'](#)
- [Defends PREVENT and agrees muslims must be targeted in order to be deradicalised](#)

Blogs

- [In favour of PREVENT and freedom of speech whilst ignoring the irreversible damaging effects it has upon the muslim population](#)
- [Argues that the "UCU boycott is not only illegal, illegitimate and deeply flawed, but also potentially dangerous and irresponsible."](#)
 - For context, the UCU boycott was "to boycott the requirements of the Act and the wider 'Prevent strategy' of which it is a part, on the grounds that they seriously threaten academic freedom, stifle campus activism, require staff to engage in racial profiling, legitimize Islamophobia, and jeopardize safe and supportive learning environments."
- [Argues that Islamophobia and racism don't really exist](#)

Publications

- [Argues that counter-terrorism is not discriminatory or islamophobic](#)
- [Argues that counter-terrorism is not islamophobic stating that PREVENT does not 'inherently conflict with democracy, human rights' despite data from HR organisations arguing the contrary](#)
- [Defends PREVENT strategy and dismisses its negative effects rather than rationally addressing the implications of a political strategy that targets muslims](#)
- [Argues that 'neither the Prevent duty nor the relevant legislation violates human rights nor do they have any of the other negative characteristics alleged by the anti-Prevent movement.'](#)

Events

- [Greer chaired the banned islamophobic talk led by Bristol's Free Speech society with Emma Fox](#)