

M-103 Press and Information Kit

Presenting the “free speech” side of the M-103 debate

Dear reader,

Please find enclosed an information package that seeks to present the concerns of everyday Canadians regards their ability to express themselves freely. The need for the dissemination of their strongly held belief that free speech rights are under attack in Canada is motivated by the 23 March, 2017 passage of Ms. Iqra Khalid’s Private Member’s Motion; M-103. This motion is worrisome as it calls for measures to “quell the increasing public climate of hate and fear” and “condemn Islamophobia”. Most certainly, the wording of the motion conveys a requirement to force an outcome aimed at mitigating an unsubstantiated wave of “hate and fear” even as it identifies an undefined “Islamophobia” as the culprit. Can Canadians be admonished, as we entertain the 240 day “study period” mandated by Motion M-103, for sensing that all things Islamic are intended to be placed off limits for discussion and criticism - including Sharia tenets antithetical to their own Canadian way of life?

This fear of rank and file Canadians, good and welcoming people who do not deserve to be insulted as bigots, xenophobes, Islamophobes and fascists by the proponents of M-103, has been recognized by the Conservative Party of Canada and some in the media but is vastly underreported at this point in time. This package seeks to rectify this deficiency by filling in some glaring information gaps on the “Islamophobia” phenomena including its origin and its impact on free speech rights in other jurisdictions. Hopefully and after reviewing the enclosed package, you will see why Canadians are concerned and why you should join them in voicing your concern that the M-103 process stands to curtail your free speech rights.

Best regards,

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Presenting the “free speech” side of the debate surrounding M-103

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Understanding motion M-103

- “E”-411 petition – ground zero for the M-103 debate
 - Formulated by Samer Majzoub (President, Canadian Muslim Forum) and sponsored by Frank Baylis (MP for Pierrefonds-Dollard)
 - Attained 70,000 signatures over several months
 - Interesting to note that anti M-103 petitions have attained a combined total of over **195,000** signatures in the space of a few months as seen in petition drives at [“ipetitions”](#), [“rebel.media”](#) and [“citizengo”](#). **Proof that Canadians do not want M-103**
 - “E”-411 called for condemning “Islamophobia” while M-103 calls on parliament to [“condemn Islamophobia and all forms of systemic racism and religious discrimination and take note of House of Commons’ petition e-411 and the issues raised by it”](#) No definition of “Islamophobia” is offered in either

Understanding motion M-103 (Cont'd)

- “E”-411 cites “positive development of human civilization” by Islam without touching upon tenets of Sharia Law that are antithetical to Western society
- “E”-411 claims “infinitesimally” small number of terrorists are “claiming to speak for the religion of Islam” even though ISIS is comprised of 10’s of thousands of Islamic fighters executing attacks in 29 countries around the world and even as Canadians join their ranks
- “E”-411 states these terrorists “do not reflect in any way the values or the teachings of the religion of Islam” even though ISIS uses Sharia Law to justify slavery and the mistreatment of women, non-Muslims, apostates and persons with non-traditional sexual orientations
- M-103 calls for a 240 day period for the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage to make findings and recommendations on a “whole of Government approach” (read legislation?) to eliminating “systemic racism and religious discrimination”



Understanding motion M-103 (Cont'd)

- If both the term “Islamophobia” and the underlying premises associated with “E”-411 are confusing and questionable, how can M-103 go forward to form the basis of follow-on recommendations and findings that better reflect Canadian “enshrined rights and freedoms”?
- Interesting to note that the Muslim Brotherhood is a worldwide organization that works for the implementation of Sharia Law in all countries and that the Canadian Muslim Forum is considered “an integral part of the Muslim Brotherhood infrastructure in Quebec”
- Premises and resolutions proposed by “E”-411 rebutted on a line-by-line basis here



Human rights, free speech and Sharia

- UN Human Rights Convention issued in 1948
- Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC, nee Organization of Islamic Conference prior to 2011) responds in 1990 with “Cairo Declaration”
- This “Declaration”, in articles 24 and 25, establishes Sharia as the “only source of reference” for human rights in Islam
- OIC works assiduously to introduce Cairo Declaration principles into a formal United Nations framework
- Is eventually successful in securing related passage of UN Resolution 16/18 in 2011 with assistance of United States
- Resolution calls for combatting of “incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence”



Human rights, free speech and Sharia (Cont'd)

- 16/18 to use “test of consequences” in which the “speaker will be held criminally liable” for acts of violence perpetrated by the offended person (recall “days of rage”)
- This is in line with Sharia blasphemy laws that criminalizes any speech “concerning a person that he would dislike, whether about his body, religion, everyday life, self, disposition, property, son, father, wife, servant, turban, garment, gait, movements, smiling, dissoluteness, frowning, cheerfulness, or anything else connected with him.”
- The OIC is seized with spearheading the “Istanbul process” that seeks to implement UN Resolution 16/18 on a worldwide basis in both Muslim and non-Muslim nations
- Canada has noted that Resolution 16/18 provides a “practical action plan for governments” to follow

Origin of the term “Islamophobia”

- First used by Dr. Richard Stone 1994 as member of Runnymede Trust
- Runnymede Trust stated in 1996 “Distorted attitudes towards Britain's Muslims, particularly in the media, are to be challenged by the first-ever investigation into "Islamophobia” - so began the “victim” narrative
- Term snapped up by Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) with increasing frequency post 9/11
- Term defined by the OIC as “a kind of fear, or more precisely an excessive fear against Islam and anything associable with Islam i.e. Muslims, mosques, Islamic center, minarets, the Holy Qur’an, Hijab and so on”



Origin of the term “Islamophobia” (Cont’d)

- “anything associable with Islam” is worrisome as it includes embracing Sharia and its blasphemy/ slander laws
- In opposition to Canadian law, this would extend “hate” legislation beyond its aim of protecting the faith practitioner from discrimination to protect the faith, its doctrine and its ideology as well
- In addition to the OIC’s support for the criminalization of Islamic speech codes, the transnational Muslim Brotherhood considers the “adoption of Shariah the most prominent plank in their political platform”

Impact of anti-“Islamophobia” on speech in other jurisdictions

- British Labour Party leader, Ed Miliband, to ban criticism of Islam “whether it be the spread of the burka or the establishment of Sharia courts or the construction of colossal new mosques”
- In British Sharia courts, “a woman’s word counts for only half the value of that of a man”
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- France: Jewish scholar prosecuted for hate speech for criticizing Islamic anti-Semitism
- New Swedish Law Criminalizes Anti-immigration Internet Speech

Debunking Liberal talking points

- “Islamophobia” is defined as an irrational fear of Muslims
 - substituting “Muslim” for “Islam” artificially deflates the context from one of faith doctrine and ideology to one of individual worship. Secondly, this contextual morphing of the term from “Islam” to “Muslim” was never intended by the prime users of the term. First among these is the Organization of Islamic Cooperation which defines “Islamophobia” as “a kind of fear, or more precisely an excessive fear against Islam and anything associable with Islam i.e. Muslims, mosques, Islamic center, minarets, the Holy Qur’an, Hijab and so on”. Obviously the term embraces the faith itself and not just its practitioners.



Debunking Liberal talking points (Cont'd)

- The forerunner of M-103, “E”-petition 411, was passed unanimously by the House of Commons. Why should M-103 not be passed in a similar fashion now?
 - Petition “E”-411 was tabled on 26 October, 2017 with only 79 MPs in attendance and no public input or debate. The implications of the petition’s use of the term “Islamophobia”, regards the potential for the curtailment of free speech, were not thought through - emotional arguments ruled the day. It needs to be noted that, subsequent to the vote on “E”-411, the public did become engaged to the point that the M-103 motion met a rocky reception in Parliament during the related debates of 15/ 16 February, 2017. Demonstrations, protests and rallies against the motion and its follow-on “study period” persist to this day with only 14% of Canadians approving of related initiatives.

Debunking Liberal talking points (Cont'd)

- The Quebec mosque attack is indicative of the need to introduce measures that “quell the increasing public climate of hate and fear”.
 - The attack is rightly condemned but it needs to be noted that, months after the event, there is still no specific motivator ascribed to its cause. Indeed, the alleged attacker appeared in court facing The fact that hate and terrorism charges were not levelled amongst the “six first-degree murder charges and five counts of attempted murder with a restricted weapon.” speaks to the absence of “Islamophobic” factors. Rather than this, it seems more certain that the “hate” claimed by proponents of M-103 is politically motivated supposition. On a worrisome note, why is so little information being released on this internationally significant case of mass slaughter

Debunking Liberal talking points (Cont'd)

- Petition “E”-411 was signed by close to 70,000 Canadians. How can such an upsurge of public support be denied?
 - Petition “E”-411 emerged from Quebec and a years long debate over Bill 59 – “An Act to prevent and combat hate speech and speech inciting violence and to amend various legislative provisions to better protect individuals”. The debate associated with the passage of this Bill established a knowledgeable base amenable to participating in related activities such as petition drives. By contrast, the tabling of “E”-411 at the federal level caught the public by surprise. It is interesting to note, however, that multiple petition drives at [“ipetitions”](#), [“rebel.media”](#) and [“citizengo”](#) have accrued in excess of 195,000 signatures since M-103 was first proposed on 01 December, 2016

Debunking Liberal talking points (Cont'd)

- M-103 is a non-binding initiative and is not capable of changing any Canadian laws, protocols or processes much less restrict the right of Canadians to express themselves freely
 - M-103 incorporates a request that “the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage undertake a study on how the government could develop a whole-of-government approach to reducing or eliminating systemic racism and religious discrimination including Islamophobia, in Canada”. What better way to produce such a “whole-of-government approach” than to come up with a bill that does just that. Indeed, the Liberal Party's own Raj Grewal, during M-103 parliamentary debate, stated the purpose of the whole M-103 exercise was to "study it and propose laws". The laws that Mr. Grewal proposes are not "non-binding".



Debunking Liberal talking points (Cont'd)

- Hate crimes against Muslims have doubled over the past three years and this needs to be addressed through the passage of M-103.
 - This assertion is more than a little disingenuous. Fact is, the number of hate crimes against Muslims has increased from 45 in 2012 to 99 in 2014. Given an overall population in excess of 1,000,000 Muslims in Canada, this increase must be seen as negligible. Indeed, StatsCan data from 2013 indicates that the incidence of hate crimes against the Canadian Jewish population is approximately nine times higher than that against the Canadian Muslim population (54.9 v. 6.2 hate crimes per 100,000 individuals reporting being Jewish or Muslim respectively). Given this data, along with the known fact that a worrisome number of reported attacks have been proven to be hoaxes, it would be more accurate to state that the incidence of hate crimes against Muslims in Canada is not increasing at alarming rates as advertised by the proponents of M-103

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