The Islamic takeover of Europe is coming to America

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In a recent editorial in the online version of *Architect* magazine entitled Freedom of Worship, A growing demand for mosques brings NIMBYism in Europe to a whole new level, the writer brought home more evidence that Europe is being inundated with Islam:

"Remember the explosive debate in 2010-2011 over the so-called 'Ground Zero Mosque'? That was nothing compared to what's been brewing in Europe. Islam is the continent's fastestgrowing religion, and apparently there aren't enough mosques to accommodate the faithful. This summer, Dalil Boubakeur, president of the French Council of the Muslim Faith, declared that the number of mosques in France needs to double (to roughly 5,000). While such tremendous demand may look like a bonanza for architects, the design brief is politically charged, because neighborliness and the humanitarian needs of Middle Eastern and North African refugees seem to be irreconcilable with security concerns about jihadist extremism and anxiety, exacerbated by demagogues, about cultural change."

The article included a photo of the interior of a mosque that said, "The hybrid Hispano-Moresque cathedral in Cordoba, Spain, is a converted 8th-to-10th century mosque built on the site of an even earlier Visigothic church."

NIMBY means, "not in my backyard" – a phrase that is usually reserved for situations where neighborhoods describe an unwanted project near their property.

Nearly forty years ago, when I was in a class at The University of Illinois, my professor held up a small book entitled *Islam*, and said, "this is the most dangerous thing facing America today." He turned out to be right and given the spread and importation of Islam in America that is happening today, America can see in Europe what is going to happen in America tomorrow.

Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel said back in 2010 that multiculturalism had totally failed in Germany, and back then said that "we feel tied to Christian values." But more prophetically, she said, "Those that don't accept them (Christian values) don't have a place here." Five years later, at a PEGIDA) Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamization of the Occident) rally in Germany, protestors held up posters of Merkel wearing a Muslim headscarf.

Back in 2011, an article in the *American Thinker* said, "Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan represents the triumphant Janus-faced approach to the fundamentalist global "Islamic Revival." He and his pious forbears have now completed and achieved the full-throated re-Islamization of Turkish society, and insidious process began already within the decade after Ataturk's death, in 1938." The article also included a quote by Turkish nationalist poet Ziya Gokalp, who wrote about the symbolic meaning of Islamic mosque architecture, "The minarets are our bayonets and the faithful our army."

And what about in America, where mosques are increasingly becoming a common sight?

In a recent Law of the Land posting, an article entitled *Fed. Dist. Ct. in PA Finds Applicant for Mosque Asserted Valid RLUIPA Claims following Denial of Use Variance* described Muslims, who wanted to build a mosque in a zone where religious structures were not allowed, sued the city of Bensalem, Pennsylvania, for subjecting them to "more vigorous use standards" and displaying "animus towards Muslims generally." While the court upheld RLUIPA claim, it dismissed the claim on restraint on speech.

It is incredible to me that given all the violence that has occurred by the hands of Muslims worldwide over the last thirty to forty years, there is still so much ignorance about Islam. As an acquaintance of mine said, "I don't why we are making such a fuss about Islam, after all it has been around a lot longer than Christianity."

Are we all so uninformed about Islam as he is, that we can't recognize Islam as an ideology instead of a religion, that came about to stamp out other religions and to conquer the world? Yes, most Muslims practice it as a religion and want nothing more than peace; but the pure version of Islam that is growing in acceptance to Muslims is what we are seeing in Iraq and Syria, as well as other parts of the world, in Christians and other less-faithful or wrong-styled Muslims are being killed or driven to other countries who will eventually suffer the same fate. Global warming is not the greatest threat to the world.



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