



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

73RD STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 29

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Whereas: Muslim students have expressed concern over a lack of protections from discrimination in the form of Islamophobia, and

Whereas: Islamophobia has been experienced by many Muslim students on campus, by or from people such as the Co-Chair of Turning Point/Founder of Students for Trump Ryan Fournier, and President of The Free Thinker Project CJ Pearson, referring to legislation by a Muslim student senator as “anti-American”, and

Whereas: The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on British Muslims was created in 2017 to research an appropriate universal Definition of Islamophobia, and in 2018 published a report on defining Islamophobia, and

Whereas: The APPG Definition of Islamophobia contains the following definition:

“Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness”

Whereas: The APPG Definition of Islamophobia contains the following contemporary examples:

- *“Calling for, aiding, instigating or justifying the killing or harming of Muslims in the name of a racist/ fascist ideology, or an extremist view of religion.*
- *Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Muslims as such, or of Muslims as a collective group, such as, especially but not exclusively, conspiracies about Muslim entryism in politics, government or other societal institutions; the myth of Muslim identity having a unique propensity for terrorism, and claims of a demographic ‘threat’ posed by Muslims or of a ‘Muslim takeover’.*
- *Accusing Muslims as a group of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Muslim person or group of Muslim individuals, or even for acts committed by non-Muslims.*
- *Accusing Muslims as a group, or Muslim majority states, of inventing or exaggerating Islamophobia, ethnic cleansing or genocide perpetrated against Muslims.*
- *Accusing Muslim citizens of being more loyal to the ‘Ummah’ (transnational Muslim community) or to their countries of origin, or to the alleged priorities of Muslims worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.*
- *Denying Muslim populations the right to self-determination e.g., by claiming that the existence of an independent Palestine or Kashmir is a terrorist endeavor.*
- *Applying double standards by requiring of Muslims behaviors that are not expected or demanded of any other groups in society, e.g. loyalty tests.*

- *Using the symbols and images associated with classic Islamophobia (e.g. Muhammed being a pedophile, claims of Muslims spreading Islam by the sword or subjugating “Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness.” minority groups under their rule) to characterize Muslims as being ‘sex groomers’, inherently violent or incapable of living harmoniously in plural societies.*
- *Holding Muslims collectively responsible for the actions of any Muslim majority state, whether secular or constitutionally Islamic.”*

Be it resolved by the Seventy-Third Student Senate at Florida State

University that: The 73rd Student Senate implores the SGA Executive Branch, FSU Administration, and any entity incorporated as a part of the Florida State University to adopt and recognize the APPG Definition of Islamophobia and its contemporary examples.

Be it further resolved that: The 73rd Student Senate condemns the statements made by Ryan Fournier and CJ Pearson directed at student senators and recognizes these statements as Islamophobic attacks against him. No student or their work should ever be referred to as “anti-American”, and these tweets were inappropriate and in bad taste.

Be it lastly resolved that:

A copy of this resolution be sent to:

Jonathon Levin, Student Body President
Alex Harmon, Student Senate President
Julie Ducey, Supreme Court Chief Justice
Jacey Hanley, Student Alumni Association President
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
John Thrasher, President of Florida State University
Ed Burr, Chairman of the Florida State University Board of Trustees
Julie Decker, President of the Florida State Alumni Association
Zachary Bethel, Editor-In-Chief of FSView
Ryan Fournier, Co-Chair of Turning Point & Founder of Students for Trump
CJ Pearson, President of The Free Thinker Project

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Alexander Harmon

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Student Senate President

**SENATE VOTE: 33-0-0
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