

Muslim Public Officials and the U.S. Constitution – Batting Zero in 2025

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In 2019 and 2020, I implemented my Muslim Oath Project (MOP)^[1] in which I asked Muslim public officials and candidates across the United States four questions requiring them to choose between the U.S. Constitution/American Law or Islamic Doctrine.^[2] By December of 2020 I had sent those four questions to a total of 263 Muslim public officials and candidates in 30 different states and Washington DC. 246 would not express support for the U.S. Constitution.^[3]



Zohran Mamdani, the leading candidate to be elected as Mayor of New York City in November, was among those 246. A few weeks ago, I sent him the four questions again, twice. As I wrote about in my July 25th *Jihad Watch* article, he would not respond.^[4]

With hope springing eternal, somewhat, I turned my focus to two other non-responsive veterans of the 2019-2020 MOP: Minnesota Senator Omar Fateh, likely to become the new Mayor of Minneapolis, and Virginia Senator Ghazala Hashmi, the Democrat candidate for Lt. Governor of Virginia.

On August 18 and again on August 25 I sent Fateh and Hashmi the four questions. I used the respective email addresses: info@omarfateh.org and sen.omar.fateh@senate.mn; and info@ghazalaforvirginia.com and senatorhashmi@senate.virginia.gov. Neither has responded.

The lack of responses from Mamdani, Fateh and Hashmi make me think of a statement made by U.S. Congressman Andre Carson (a Muslim convert). On January 10, 2019, at a CAIR Community Congressional Reception, he had this to say to his audience about the role of Muslims elected to the U.S. Congress:

It's more than just about having three Muslims in Congress...but I won't rest until 2020 we have five more members of Congress; 2022 and 24, we have ten more Muslims in Congress. In 2030 we may have about 30, 35 Muslims in Congress...Each and every one of us has a directive to represent Islam, in all of our imperfections, but to represent Islam and let the world know that Muslims are here to stay, and Muslims are a part of America. And we will, we will have a Muslim caucus that is sizable, that is formidable, and that is there for you.^[5]

Muslims elected in the United States with a “directive to represent Islam,” yet with the goal of being re-elected or elected to higher office? This explains their lack of response to the four questions.

Step by Step. Election by election.

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[1] For details, see *The Muslim Oath Project* at <https://www.liberato.us/muslim-oath-project.html>.

[2] Here are those four questions:

No. 1: Will you go on record now and state that our 1st Amendment right to freedom of speech gives the right to anyone in the United States to criticize or disagree with your prophet Muhammad, and will you also go on record now and state that you support and defend anyone's right to criticize or disagree with your prophet Muhammad, and that you condemn anyone who threatens death or physical harm to another person who is exercising that right?

No. 2: Our 1st Amendment guarantees freedom of religion in the United States. As part of that freedom, anyone in the United States has the right to join or leave any religion, or have no religion at all. Will you go on record now and state that you support and defend the idea that in the United States a Muslim has not only the freedom to leave Islam, but to do so without fear of physical harm, and will you also go on record now and state that you condemn anyone who threatens physical harm to a Muslim who is exercising that freedom?

No. 3: According to the words of Allah found in Koran 5:38 and the teachings of your prophet Muhammad, amputation of a hand is an acceptable punishment for theft. But our U.S. Constitution, which consists of man-made laws, has the 8th Amendment that prohibits cruel and unusual punishment such as this. Do you agree with Allah and your prophet Muhammad that amputation of a hand is an acceptable punishment for theft in the United States, or do you believe that our man-made laws prohibiting such punishments are true laws and are to be followed instead of this 7th Century command of Allah and teaching of Muhammad?

No. 4: According to the words of Allah found in Koran 4:3, Muslim men are allowed, but not required, to be married to up to four wives. Being married to more than one wife in the United States is illegal according to our man-made bigamy laws. Do you agree with Allah that it is legal for a Muslim man in the United States to be married to more than one woman, or do you believe that our man-made laws prohibiting bigamy are true laws and are to be followed instead of this 7th Century command of Allah?

[3] The Master List of these 263 Muslim public officials and candidates is available at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/10N0MODSxeUlr5uHuNcphPhuIoQw0Ymr/view?usp=sharing>.

[4] “Zohran Mamdani Still Refuses to Express Support for the U.S. Constitution,” *Jihad Watch*, July 25, 2025, <https://jihadwatch.org/2025/07/zohran-mamdani-still-refuses-to-express-support-for-the-u-s-constitution>

[5] Scott Morefield, “Congressman envisions over 30 Muslim reps in Congress by 2030,” *The Daily Caller*, January 12, 2019; accessible at <https://dailycaller.com/2019/01/12/andre-carson-muslim-reps-2030/>. Carson’s statement starts at 11:30 on the video of the reception included in this article.