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Outsiders at Home: The Politics of American Islamophobia

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Discrimination against Muslim Americans has soared over the last two decades with hostility growing especially acute since 2016 – in no small part due to targeted attacks by policymakers and the media. *Outsiders at Home* offers the first systematic, empirically driven examination of the status of Muslim Americans in U.S. democracy, evaluating the topic from a variety of perspectives. To what extent do Muslim Americans face discrimination by legislators, the media, and the general public? What trends do we see over time, and how have conditions shifted? What, if anything, can be done to reverse course? How do Muslim Americans view their position, and what are the psychic and sociopolitical tolls? Answering each of these questions, I show that the rampant, mostly negative discussion of Muslims in the media and national discourse has yielded devastating political and social consequences.



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