

5 Things You Can Do to Challenge Anti-Muslim Violence

1. #SanctuaryEverywhere — Help pass and support expanded sanctuary efforts in your campus, in your city, with your church or faith community.

Undocumented immigrants facing violence from the deportation machine include undocumented Muslims! Sanctuary as a practice, and as a movement, must evolve. The Expand Sanctuary project of Mijente, BYP100 and other organizations is trying to build sanctuary efforts that protect the rights of all residents, especially those targeted with criminalization — including the Black, Muslim and TGNC communities, as well as immigrants. For instance, sanctuary cities should not cooperate with any registration system that seeks to target or surveil Muslims. **Look at the #SanctuaryEverywhere page on afsc.org for resources.**

2. Learn from the affected community! Subscribe to the newsletters of frontline organizations challenging war on terror rhetoric and policies to learn more about how they are building power and resisting, and what support they need.

- Desires Rising Up & Moving (DRUM), NYC
- Arab Resource & Organizing Center, Bay Area
- Muslim Justice League, Boston
- Arab American Action Network, Chicago

Read & share news and commentary from Muslim writers and organizers. Learn the stories of young Muslims in the U.S. — check out and follow blogs like these!

[@DarakshanRaja](#), [@seyyedreza](#), [@mmbilal](#), [@MAWPF15](#), [@SanaSaeed](#), [@LibyaLiberty](#), [@hodakatebi](#), [@dinaerifai](#)
<http://femmekbir-comix.tumblr.com/>

3. Donate to legal aid organizations and services that defend and support Muslim communities and activists in the U.S. facing entrapment and repression as a result of Islamophobia & the War on Terror.

Center for Constitutional Rights, National Coalition for Protecting Civil Freedoms, Palestine Legal, National Lawyers Guild, Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), Muslim Justice League, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

4. Study up! Form a study group with several friends or colleagues and consider reading one (or more) of the following books:

- Orientalism — Edward Said
- Do Muslim Women Need Saving? - Lila Abu-Lughod
- We are All Suspects Now - Tram Nguyen
- Islamophobia and the Politics of Empire — Deepa Kumar

Study the specific targeting and struggles of Black Muslim communities in the U.S..

Did you know that nearly 1/3 of Muslims in the U.S. are Black? This op-ed (<http://huff.to/1O5wYod>) talks about how Black Muslim communities (there are many and they are different!) often get overlooked in conversations on Islamophobia in the U.S. Additionally, be sure to check out the Movement for Black Lives policy platform, as many of their recommendations impact Muslim communities!

5. Become a better ally.

Find resources or sign up for a training with Communities Against Islamophobia. We work to move people from thinking about how they can help to doing what is being asked of them — and from thinking about how to intervene in personal harm to making a commitment to interrupt state violence.

This piece by Hoda Katebi is a good place to start thinking about allyship. She reminds us that “decisions about what solidarity should look like should come from the people you want to be in solidarity with.”

