

RIGHTS OF NON-MUSLIMS IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF ISLAMIC SHARIA

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The Islamic state is under obligation to provide and ensure protection to the Non-Muslims, as much as to the Muslims, in respect of their life, honor and property. The problem is important and requires elucidation, which is being taken up in the present subject through references to the Holy Quran, the Hodith and the practice of the pious caliphs.

Islamic Sharia (Law) as Savior of Humanity

It is the distinctive merit of Islam alone that it has order its followers to act nobly not only towards those non-Muslim with them. Indeed, Islam recognizes and fixes up the rights of the aliens it does not merely conventionally but in a very positive and emphatic form. It lays down the injunctions and threatens the violators with dire punishment.

Allah SWT. Says in the Holy Quran:

﴿ ولا يجر منكم شأن قوم على أن لا تعدلوا اعدلوا هو أقرب للتقوى
واتقوا الله إن الله خبير بما تعملون ﴾ (1)

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- They should highlight the developmental and positive activities of Islamic countries. For example Islamic countries are abundant of civilization and culture. There are pages in Newsweek and Time Magazine, which are fixed for sports, travel and cultural activities. But these pages rarely give coverage to Muslim countries. For their cultural activities. These pages should give coverage to Islamic World.
- They should be careful about the use of journalistic Language, rather more careful in using of strong words.
- Correspondents of Newsweek an Time Magazine should adhere universal principals of Journalism.
- These suggestion can not be implemented until or unless U.S. government modified the foreign policy because its media is working on lines of U.S foreign Policy,

SUGGESTIONS FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES

- Islamic Countries should improve the role of international Islamic News Agency because it is the only way to balance the flow of information
- Islamic countries should properly utilized the most modern technology for developing their image.
- Islamic channels and print media should invite U.S. citizens and Show them the reality like Algizeera television done when U.S. attacked on Iraq.

The news articles analyzed in this study were filled with apparently deliberate attempts by U.S Journalists, and this study support the propaganda frame work that unfavorable events and issues would receive considerable media attention, while positive and developmental activities will be ignored or perhaps even denigrated.

SUGGESTIONS

Being the most powerful media in the world the responsibility of U.S. mass media particularly Newsweek and Time magazine, for the cause of world peace, international cooperation and human development become manifold. On the other side Islamic world should devote more concerted efforts toward realization of progressive Islamic system of life which could lead their societies on the road to peace, prosperity and International Integration as well as to dispel and debunk misconceptions about Islam on the international plat form. In accordance with this, something more should be done by both: U.S mass media (Particularly Newsweek and Time Magazine) and Islamic world for the cause of Better International understanding.

SUGGESTION FOR U.S. MASS MEDIA, PARTICULARLY NEWSWEEK AND TIME MAGAZINE

- U.S government and media should reconsider their media policy.
- Unbiased and un-rivalry policy should be adopted and media should not present Islamic countries as fundamentalist and fanatics.

IRAN

Iran the country declared as "Axis of Evil" got almost negative Coverage except one article i.e. "Better Luck this time", the article wishes better Luck for President Khatami Who was elected for the second term

Overall the writing of both magazines give favor to president Khatami who is considered as moderate leader in the eyes of U.S. and suggesting Khatami to be aware from Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Khamenei. Khamenei who was highlighted as an barrier in the way of Iran's development who runs Iran by Divine (The King Of The Kings) right and has the power to veto parliament, the power which he often use and Khamenei extremism is the main hurdle in the way of U.S Iran smooth relations.

SUM UP

The major obligation of mass media is to inform readers of the needs and desires of other, especially those people with whom readers have limited contact but unfortunately rather deliberately the U.S. Mass Media has largely failed to under take this task of promoting better international understanding, and is conversely engaged in the crusade of building misconceptions and poisoning the minds of American citizens about Islam and Islamic fundamentalism. The negative policy of U.S. mass media is in corellarly of U.S foreign policy towards Islamic countries. U.S. mass media particularly Newsweek and Time magazine are working on the lines of U.S. agenda/ Policy toward Islamic countries.

AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan is the country at top in the list of U.S. declared enemies got very negative coverage. Even in one article not single sentences found positive and remaining articles positive coverage was very little. Overall in the coverage of Afghanistan Taliban's were portrayed as fundamentalist, fanatics, Islamic militants etc. Who made Afghanistan a "Macca of Terrorism".

All the coverage was full of stories of Taliban's crimes such as forbidding women to leave home without a close male relative, strict rules on veil, restriction on mix gathering and jobs of women. Both magazines extremely criticize on Burqa, and give enormous coverage to those women who uncovered their faces after Taliban's defeat and enjoying the "Freedom", expressing this joy by dancing and by uncovering themselves.

IRAQ

Iraq as well considered as enemy of America and got as a whole negative coverage, and almost all the articles were extremely negative. Iraq president Saddam Hussain who was declared the most dangerous man for the peace of world and united states by the American president George W.Bush; was portrayed by both magazines as the most evil man on the earth.

Saddam Hussain who was once dearest person to U.S during Iran – Iraq war at once become the most dangerous person on earth after 9 / 11 and to determinate this message both magazine wrote plenty of articles.

States is the largest, weapon seller to Saudi Arabia. America's Arms supplies to Saudi Arabia from 1950 to 1993. Was \$ 71.8 billion, which is 30 % of all third world arms agreements with United States.

TURKEY

Turkey also got some sort of balanced coverage. Five articles out of seven were randomly selected from Newsweek. Turkey's coverage in Time magazine was not found during specified period i.e. 2001 – 2002. In these five articles, one article have equal positive and negative sentences, one found negative and other three were positive.

The politicians those support to maintain Turkey secular status got positive coverage. For example when the leader of Justice an Development party Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Formly member of Redical Islamic Welfare Party emphasis that his party is not Islamic and Turkey has no agenda to Islamize Turkey. It was portrayed as a good sign for the development of Turkey but before the elections, when Erdogan read a poem which apparently shows that Erdogan and his party has redical Islamic thoughts the magazine wrote that if Erdagan's party wins than Turkey's entrance in Eurpean Union will be in danger.

It means that Islam is the real / Stumbling block in the way of Turkey's entrance in EU.

other decisions like Pakistan's efforts in hunting Al – Qaeda also gained considerable positive coverage but the stance of both magazines over Islam and about Religions parties found very negative. For example when Muthida Majlis-e-Amal (MMA) succeeded to establish their government in two border provinces; N.W.F.P and Balouchistan. Newsweek and Time both magazine openly express / apprehensions in number of articles that religions parties could help Al – Qadia from fleeing Afghanistan. On the other side there coverage towards Islamic teachings in Mudersas was very negative. They wrote students of Islam as "Angrily Students of Religion" Rouges No More" etc.

This sort of coverage gave the impression that Islam is the religion behind which support Rogue elements and Terrorism.

SAUDI ARABIA

While covering Sandi Arabia Both Magazines were extremely positive. In three articles out of ten randomly selected articles not a single sentence found negative and overall negative coverage was very minor. Saudi Royal family members were describe respectfully and the magazines give considerable space to their opinions and visited to America,

The study reveals the fact that the reason behind this positive coverage is due to oil, geopolitical position role of Sandi Arabic in first Gulf War and American arms sales to Saudi Arabia. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is the biggest oil exporting Country to United States and United

The fifth and last hypothesis predicted that: the proportion of negative coverage of all six countries will be greater than the proportion of their positive coverage. The data does not support this hypothesis. There was slightly difference found (i.e. 0.8 %) between the positive and negative coverage of all six Muslim countries. The reason behind for not supporting this predication was that, Afghanistan which lies in U.S. enemies category and got overall negative coverage, have an article named "The Great Conciliator" which was about a Pro-American Afghan president Hamid Karzai. The whole article got positive coverage because in this article Karzai's efforts for peace and personal qualities were acknowledged Praised. Thus, for this reason the minor difference occurred otherwise finding would support this prediction too.

PAKISTAN

As far as the coverage of Pakistan is concerned, it was more balanced coverage as compare to Saudi Arabia and Turkey. In ten randomly selected articles, two articles have exactly equal positive and negative sentences, one article got negative coverage as a whole and in some two articles the positive coverage was just slightly more than negative coverage.

Positive coverage allotted, in a sense, when Pakistani government worked on the lines of U.S policies and agenda, which was in accordance to the wishes of America. For example the decision of General Musharraf to throw Pakistan's lot to American side after September 11. This decision got plenty of appreciation and some

efforts for peace and personal qualities were acknowledged Praised. Thus, for this reason the minor difference (i.e. 0.8%) occurred otherwise finding would support this prediction too.

CONCLUSION

This dissertation has presented a content analysis of 49 news articles of six Islamic countries in two major American news magazine: Time and Newsweek, during a specified period i.e. 2001 to 2002. These six Muslim countries were divided in two categories: U.S. Allies (**Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey**) and U.S. enemies (**Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran**). The study found that the countries those have friendly relations with United States (U.S) got overall positive coverage. As predicted in hypothesis one: The proportion of positive coverage of U.S. friendly Islamic countries will greater than the Proportion of their negative coverage. The hypothesis two which stated that the proportion of negative coverage of U.S. enemies will be greater than the proportion of their positive coverage the findings support this hypothesis too.

In third hypothesis it was predicted that: the proportion of positive coverage of U.S. allies will be greater than the proportion of positive coverage of U.S. enemies. The findings prove this prediction true.

The forth hypothesis stated that: the proportion of negative coverage of U.S. enemies will be greater than the proportion of negative coverage of U.S. allies. This hypothesis also got favorable results.

Table IV
Comparative Negative Coverage of U.S. Allies and U.S Enemies

Country (Total sentences)	<i>U.S. Allies</i>			<i>U.S. Enemies</i>		
	Pakistan (599)	Saudi Arabia (715)	Turkey (283)	Afghanistan (815)	Iraq (674)	Iran (294)
Negative Sent.	132	82	40	264	168	102
Percentage	22	11.5	14.1	32.4	24.9	34.7
Total	254 / 1597			534 / 1783		
Total %	16			30		

A COLLECTIVE PICTURE OF THE COMPARATIVE COVERAGE OF ALL SIX MUSLIM COUNTRIES

The fifth hypothesis stated that the proportion of negative coverage of all six countries will be greater than the proportion of positive coverage of all six countries. The data did not support this prediction. The table V shows that the positive coverage of all six countries in collective was 24.1 percent while the negative coverage was 23.3 %, which does not support the hypothesis.

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Table III

Comparative positive coverage of U.S Allies and U.S. Enemies

Country (Total sentences)	<i>U.S. Allies</i>			<i>U.S. Enemies</i>		
	Pakistan (599)	Saudi Arabia (715)	Turkey (283)	Afghanistan (815)	Iraq (674)	Iran (294)
Positive Sent.	190	287	118	133	33	54
Percentage	32	40.1	41.7	16.3	4.9	18.4
Total	595 / 1597			220 / 1783		
Total %	37.3			12.3		

COMPARATIVE NEGATIVE COVERAGE OF U.S ALLIES AND U.S. ENEMIES

It was predicted in forth hypothesis that proportion of negative coverage of U.S. enemies will be greater than the proportion of negative coverage of the U.S. allies. The data support this prediction, in negative coverage Afghanistan got 32.4 percent and Carried out 264 negative sentences out of 815 sentences, Iraq got 674 sentences in total and 168 in negative thus make 24.9 percent, Iran got 294 sentences in which 102 were negative that makes 34.7 percent on the other side in U.S. allies Pakistan got 22 Percent negative coverage, Saudi Arabia got 11.5 percent and Turkey carried out 14.1 percent negative coverage (See the Table IV)

Table II B
Positive Coverage of U.S. Enemies

<i>Country</i> (Total Sentences)	<i>Afghanistan</i> (815)	<i>Iraq</i> (674)	<i>Iran</i> (294)
Positive Sent	133	33	54
Percentage	16.3	4.9	18.4
Total	220 / 1783		
Total %	12.3		

COMPARATIVE POSITIVE COVERAGE OF U.S. ALLIES AND U.S. ENEMIES

In third hypothesis it was predicted that the proportion of positive coverage of friendly Muslim countries (U.S Allies) will be greater than the proportion of positive coverage of U.S Opponents (U.S Enemies). The findings presented in Table III. Support this hypothesis in U.S. Allies Pakistan carried total 599 sentences and got 190 sentences in favor or positive that makes 32 percent Saudi Arabia got total 715 Sentences, in which 287 were positive that make 40.1 Percent, Turkey got 283 sentences in total and 118 sentences were positive that makes 41.7 percent positive coverage (See Table III)

While in U.S. declared enemies Afghanistan got 16.3 percent positive coverage, Iraq 4.9 percent and Iran 18.4 percent positive coverage (See the Table III)

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE COVERAGE OF U.S. OPPONENT MUSLIM COUNTRIES (U.S. ENEMIES)

The second hypothesis predicted that the proportion of the negative coverage of U.S opponents (Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran) or U.S enemies will be greater than the proportion of their positive coverage. The data strongly favor this prediction. The negative coverage Afghanistan have got is 32.4 percent, Iraq 24.9 percent and Iran got 34.7 % (See the Table II A) and positive coverage of these countries were as follows 16.3 percent, 4.9 percent and 18.4 percent respectively (See Table II B) As a whole the negative coverage of above mentioned countries were 30 Percent and positive coverage was 12.3 Percent (See the Table II A & B)

Table II A
Negative Coverage Of U.S Enemies

<i>Country</i> (Total Sentences)	<i>Afghanistan</i> (815)	<i>Iraq</i> (674)	<i>Iran</i> (294)
Negative Sent	264	168	102
Percentage	32.4	24.9	34.7
Total	534 / 1783		
Total %	30		

negative coverage of these countries was 16 percent
(See the Table IA & B)

Table IA

**Positive Coverage of Friendly Muslim Countries
(U.S. Allies)**

<i>Country</i> (Total Sentences)	<i>Pakistan</i> (599)	<i>Saudi Arabia</i> (715)	<i>Turkey</i> (283)
Positive Sent.	190	287	118
Percentage	32	40.1	41.7
Total	595 / 1597		
Total %	37.3		

Table IB

**Negative Coverage of Friendly Muslim Countries
(U.S. Allies)**

<i>Country</i> (Total Sentences)	<i>Pakistan</i> (599)	<i>Saudi Arabia</i> (715)	<i>Turkey</i> (283)
Negative Sent.	132	82	40
Percentage	22	11.5	14.1
Total	254 / 1597		
Total %	16		

Table No. 5
Overall Cumulative Coverage Of Six Muslim Countries in Newsweek and The Time Magazine

Total articles	Total sentences	Positives	Negative	Neutral
49	3380	815	788	1777
		24.11%	23.31%	52.57%

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE COVERAGE OF FRIENDLY MUSLIM COUNTRIES

The first hypothesis stated that the proportion of Positive coverage of friendly Muslim Countries (Pakistan, Saudi, Arabia, Turkey) will be greater than the population of their negative coverage. The data supported this prediction strongly. Pakistan carried out 599 sentences in total in which 190 sentences were positive that makes 32 percent positive coverage, Saudi Arabia got 715 sentences in total in which 287 sentences were found positive that makes 40.1 percent and Turkey got 283 sentences as a whole in which 118 sentence were positive that makes 41.7 percent positive coverage, (See the Table IA).

While negative coverage of these Countries were as follows: Pakistan 22 Percent, Saudi Arabia 11.5 Percent and Turkey 14.1 percent negative coverage (See the Table IB).

Collectively Pakistan, Sandi Arabia and Turkey got 37.3 percent positive coverage and on the other hand the

Table No. 3 Cumulative Coverage Of Six Muslim Countries in The both Magazines

Country	Total articles	Total sentences	Positives	Negative	Neutral
Pakistan	10	599	190	132	277
			31.71%	22.03%	46.24%
Saudi Arabia	10	715	287	82	346
			40.13%	11.46%	48.39%
Turkey	05	283	118	40	125
			41.69%	14.13%	44.16%
Afghanistan	10	815	133	264	418
			16.31%	32.39%	51.28%
Iraq	10	674	33	168	473
			4.89%	24.92%	70.17%
Iran	04	294	54	102	138
			18.36%	34.69%	46.93%

Table No. 4 Overall Comparative Coverage Of Six Muslim Countries in Newsweek and The Time Magazine

Magazine	Total articles	Total sentences	Positives	Negative	Neutral
Newsweek	28	1863	434	425	1004
			23.29%	22.81%	53.89%
Time Magazine	21	1517	381	363	773
			25.11%	23.92%	50.95%

Table No. 2 .Overall Coverage Of Six Muslim Countries in The Time Magazine

Country	Total articles	Total sentences	Positives	Negative	Neut ral
Pakistan	05	310	86	98	126
			27.74%	31.61%	40.64 %
Saudi Arabia	05	351	184	34	133
			52.42%	9.68%	37.89 %
Turkey	--	--	--	--	--
Afghanistan	05	480	79	151	250
			16.45%	31.45%	50.08 %
Iraq	05	341	15	68	258
			4.39%	19.94%	75.65 %
Iran	01	35	17	12	6
			48.57%	34.28%	17.14 %

FINDINGS

Second Section

The researchers have presented content analysis of 49 News Articles regarding Six Islamic Countries in the both magazines. Five hypotheses were developed, formulated and tested in this regard. The findings of the research are as under.

Table No. 1
Overall Coverage Of Six Muslim Countries in Newsweek

Country	Total articles	Total sentences	Positives	Negative	Neutral
Pakistan	05	289	104	34	151
			35.98%	11.76%	52.24%
S. Arabia	05	364	103	48	213
			28.29%	13.18%	58.51%
Turkey	05	283	118	40	125
			41.69%	14.13%	44.16%
Afghanistan	05	335	54	113	168
			16.11%	33.73%	50.14%
Iraq	05	333	18	100	215
			5.40%	30.03%	64.56%
Iran	03	259	37	90	132
			14.28%	34.74%	50.96%

Newsweek Hankuk Pan

Circulation: 70,000

The Bulletin with Newsweek

Circulation: 70,000 (63)

Newsweek Asia

Circulation 230,000

Distribution:

Through out Asia, including China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.

REGION WISE CIRCULATION

Newsweek East Asia

Circulation 207,000

Distribution:

All countries covered by Newsweek Asia excluding west Asia (Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Nepal)

Newsweek South East Asia:

Circulation 132,000

Distribution: Brunei, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand(64).

Iraq: 1

Afghanistan: 0 (61)

NEWSWEEK EDITORIAL POLICY

Newsweek's editorial staff, based in New York, is made up of senior editors and writers and general, associate and assistant editors. The editorial staff also includes head researchers, research-reporters, librarians, graphic artists, photographers and support technicians.

Newsweek editorial's are written with a global perspective for a global audience, Newsweek's editorial mission is to break news, identify trends (Other news magazines have traditionally covered what happened in the news last week, at Newsweek we run stories people will still be talking about next week." — Mark Whitaker, Editor) and, through our award-winning writers, provide the most compelling voices in journalism. Each week, we offer comprehensive coverage of world events with a distinguished team of correspondents, reporters and editors covering global affairs, business, science, technology, society, arts and entertainment. In addition, Newsweek.com (partnering with MSNBC and MSN, the world's largest portal) provides 24-hour breaking news coverage and original content along with the entire print magazine (62).

NEWSWEEK CIRCULATION

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Circulation: 110,000