

# Hands Off Our Hijab

Putting liberal hypocrisy on trial

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*On the authority of Abu Saeed Al-Khudree (r.a.) who said: I heard the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) say, "Whosoever of you sees an evil, let him change it with his hand; and if he is not able to do so, then [let him change it] with his tongue; and if he is not able to do so, then with his heart — and that is the weakest of faith." (Muslim)*

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*Allah (swt) says in the Quran,*

*"They plot and plan, and Allah too plans; but the best of  
planners is Allah"*

*(Surah Al-Anfal, 8:30)*

# INTRODUCTION

**I**n recent years, anti-Muslim sentiments have been on the rise. An increasing number of governments have capitalised on the global tide of Islamophobia to justify the state-sanctioned marginalisation of Muslims in their societies. Under the administration of French president Emmanuel Macron, Muslim women and girls under the age of 18 were prohibited from donning the hijab in public spaces. This degree of prejudice, however, is not exclusive to France. Earlier in 2021, the EU Court of Human Rights confirmed a law allowing companies to prohibit their employees from wearing hijabs at work. In Canada, a Quebec court upheld most of the law that prevents government workers from wearing hijabs. These totalitarian laws are comparable to the anti-Jewish laws introduced in Germany by the Nazis in 1933.

What was the response from the liberal progressive world? Shameful silence. At a time when Kamala Harris was being celebrated for her appointment as America's first woman of colour vice president and champion of democracy for women at the UN, her silence on France's overt Islamophobia was deafening. Even the usual commentators like Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Malala Yousafzai, and Angelina Jolie, who always have an opinion on the oppression of Muslim women, were all too silent. Why did they not speak truth