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Dear Texas Eagles,

We are living in a moment that will be recorded as a pivotal chapter in America's history. Following the 2024 elections, it appeared that a majority of Americans recognized the need for meaningful improvement in key areas, including immigration, citizenship, government spending, energy, education, and election integrity.

But many of those who stepped forward to help restore our nation have become discouraged by short-term challenges or have returned to the routines of daily life. Real change requires sustained engagement. Progress does not happen all at once, and it does not endure without continued effort. If we intend to preserve our Republic, we must remain committed and see this work through.

Encouragingly, more Texans are stepping forward to do exactly that. After spending a day at the Texas State Board of Education (SBOE) meetings earlier this month, I was energized by the growing number of citizens actively engaged in shaping the future of our state. I pray this momentum will continue to build.

At the SBOE hearings, we saw more men than usual stand up to testify in support of teaching our students the true and exciting history of America and Texas. This is refreshing! The fight against foreign cultures, legal systems, and false gods promoting evil needs good women and men who will lead on the front lines. When dads and grandfathers show up in greater numbers, those pushing destructive agendas will see that we mean business.

When engagement increases, it becomes contagious. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the recent success—your voice made a difference. But please note that we will need to make one more strong stand in late June.

After serving on the Platform Committee for the past two conventions, I will represent Senate District 12 on the Legislative Priorities Committee at the Republican State Convention in Houston. Together, the party platform and legislative priorities create a clear picture of what Texans expect from their elected officials and help guide the work ahead.

During the convention, Texas Eagle Forum is partnering with Patriot Mobile to host a Lunch and Learn session, "Don't Sharia My Texas - How We Win," on Friday, June 12, from 12:00–1:00 p.m. This presentation is designed to equip attendees with practical tools for engaging in thoughtful, informed conversations about the rising threat of Islam in our nation. This session is free to attend. Food trolleys will be available throughout the convention center for convenient lunch options.

While you are at the convention, please visit our Texas Eagle Forum booth in the Exhibit Hall. TEF Editor Jenn Vermeulen, Deana Johnston, and I look forward to connecting with you. If you are not attending, please consider sharing this invitation with others who may be interested.

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This month's *Torch* continues our two-part series on Islam and will be useful to your efforts to inform others of the grave threat rising in Texas and across the U.S. You will find many good resources listed on our website as well. We also share important stories from trusted sources on X at @TexasEF, so please follow us there.

Our special series on Islam in Texas has been very popular, and we have received several requests for additional print copies. We are able to offer additional copies because of the generous support of donors. If you would like to help get these two special issues of the *Torch* into the hands of more Texans, please contact us. Our email addresses are on the back page of every *Torch*.

Become informed, be alert, and get engaged. We will need all our energy to pass every law and constitutional amendment necessary to save Texas and America from the Islamic ideology's mandate to subject the entire world to their totalitarian system.

Above all, we give thanks to God for His many blessings on our state and nation. We are called to be faithful stewards of these blessings, carrying forward the responsibilities entrusted to us with diligence and courage. Please continue to pray for our leaders, our communities, and the future of our country. Thank you for your continued support, your prayers, and your commitment to the future of Texas and our nation.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindi Castilla". The script is cursive and fluid.

Cindi Castilla
President
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Understanding Islam: Demographic Jihad

The following article is the second in a two-part series on Islam in Texas.



The most accurate way to describe Islam is not as a religion or belief system but as an ideology. The word *Islam* means to submit, and this duty to submit can only be fulfilled once the entire world is in submission to Islam. Dr. Bill Warner, founder of the Center for the Study of Political Islam International, put it this way: “Islam is not a religion, but a complete civilization. It is a religion, culture and political system, a complete way of life. If Islam were only a religion, it would be of no concern.”

Islam is a totalitarian ideology, which explains both Islam’s 1400-year history of bloody conquest and why modern-day Muslim countries seem to have more in common with totalitarian dictatorships than Western nations. Indeed, Islamic communities and nations are intentionally totalitarian by design.

According to Islamic ideology, the world is divided into two parts: The House of Islam (*Dar-al-Islam*), where Sharia Law is the supreme law of the land, and the House of War (*Dar-al-Harb*), which must be eliminated so that only *Dar al-Islam* remains. Islam’s plan for achieving its totalitarian vision is through *jihad*, or war with non-believers through the use of “sword, pen, mouth, and money.”

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In order to annihilate every aspect of the non-Islamic civilization, *jihad* turns every aspect of daily life into a battleground. Dr. Warner explains, “The most visible aspects of *jihad* are military force, terror, fear, and violence. But education, psychology, sociology, sex, population, immigration, public relations, corruption, and religion are all used in *jihad* [until every] single detail of a culture [becomes] Islamic.”

Eight hundred years ago, Islam’s main instrument of *jihad* was bloody conquest through overwhelming military conquest. There’s a reason it is said, “Islam spread by the sword.” But that kind of *jihad* is more difficult to get away with these days and is a hard sell for public relations. So the contemporary methods of *jihad* have been adapted to be more practicable and palatable, which is to say, insidious. Instead of a bloody battle, as Al Qaeda 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed suggested, the “practical way to defeat America is through immigration” and “outbreeding non-Muslims.”

Overwhelming local populations through immigration and high birth rates in order to fundamentally reshape civic norms, or *demographic jihad*, is a remarkably effective strategy for permanently remaking society in your image. If you are patient enough and your victims complacent enough, electoral victory inevitably follows.

Lessons from Europe: Islam and Leftists

Europe is a cautionary tale of what happens when over a decade of demographic jihad goes unchecked.

A March 2026 report published by New Direction (Foundation for European Conservatism) entitled *No-Go Zones: Immigration, Islamization, and the Rise of Parallel Societies*, establishes a direct correlation between liberal immigration policies, failed integration, and the creation of Muslim-controlled ‘no-go zones’ governed by Shariah law.

New Direction’s investigation uncovered no fewer than 1,000 of these zones spanning seven European countries, including France, Germany, and Sweden. The report finds that these areas are the direct result of concentrated Muslim populations intentionally seeking to create parallel societies, as small as an apartment complex to as large as entire neighborhoods, where daily life can be directed by Shariah law rather than local laws and civic norms.

Advisor to former Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, Grygori Bakondi discussed the political implications of Europe’s demographic shift in a 2024 interview: “It is now a fact, the more [Muslims] are present in a... country, the more they spread their political-Islamic opinions, many of which have the aim of infiltrating the electoral system of a country.”

The study also revealed that while Muslims are “markedly overrepresented in no-go zones,” they are not the majority. Europe’s no-go zones average barely more than

one-quarter Muslim.

Even if relatively small in number, a significant minority is sufficient to affect desired outcomes. “Although Muslim voters usually represent less than 5% of the total electorate, they exhibit highly consistent voting patterns... overwhelmingly aligned with left-wing parties,” the New Direction report explains.

The growth of Muslim populations inevitably brings political consequences, primarily through the political affinity the Left has with Islam, a symbiotic relationship sometimes referred to as the Red-Green alliance. Leftist politicians “exploit the concentrated Muslim population zones as electoral vote-banks, and willingly set aside their original values of secularism, universalism, and feminism in favor of an Islamic agenda.”

“We believe that understanding the existence of no-go zones is an existential question. If we allow these enclaves to grow, we are not just losing control of our streets, but also the very values of freedom and equality that define our civilization.”

“Little Arabia” - Richardson, TX

In the rare moments when traffic is flowing smoothly along US-75, Richardson, Texas is an easy 10 minute drive north from Downtown Dallas. Just a few blocks east of the freeway is where you will find the newly opened Al Ameera Plaza (1055 S. Sherman St.), a self-contained Islamic community in the heart of Richardson.

Al Ameera Plaza markets itself as “Little Arabia,” recalling a long history of ethno-centric neighborhoods in major U.S. cities. But unlike Philadelphia’s Little Italy or Miami’s Little Havana that celebrated their cultural roots while embracing American values and traditions, Richardson’s Little Arabia is an example of the parallel Islamic societies being established in Texas for the express purpose of promoting and facilitating Shariah-compliant daily living in Dallas.

The plaza features halal restaurants, coffee and dessert shops, a hookah lounge, and ‘cultural’ boutiques selling Islamic women’s clothing such as *burkas*, *hijabs*, and *niquas*. Just around the corner, the Green Crescent Clinic performs traditional Islamic bloodletting (*hijama*, “wet cupping”) where the skin is cut, and the incision is vacuum-sealed under a glass cup to draw out blood.

Across from Al Ameera Plaza sits the Al Ansar Society’s dedicated Islamic prayer room (*musallah*), where Muslims can pray five times a day. However, according to their website, the society’s primary mission is “to serve the newcomers to Islam and their families, people who want to learn about Islam and the younger generation.”

Richardson’s new Muslim mayor Amir Omar was present at the March 2026 grand opening of Royal Roastery USA coffee shop in Little Arabia and performed the ribbon cutting ceremony. In his remarks, Mayor Omar declared,

“This is a huge investment. You have put your flag right here and that makes me proud.” Speaking of flags, reviewing footage of the ceremony, there were plenty of flags, but none of them were American.

When You Can't Go-Big, Go-Small

On September 12, 2025, Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed House Bill 4211 into law, aiming to ban residential property developments from creating “Sharia compounds” or imposing foreign laws. The legislation was a direct response to a proposed Muslim-centric, 1,000-home development called “EPIC City” just outside of Dallas.

Six months later, Attorney General Ken Paxton's office released a statement regarding another massive development in Kaufman County. “In early February 2026, residents raised concerns about a foreign-based development company's plan to create a ‘sustainable city’ with the potential to house as many as 20,000 foreign nationals.”

Following an investigation by Paxton's office, “Congressman Lance Gooden [confirmed] that the developers decided to end their proposed plans in Kaufman County.” But it would be foolishly naive to believe the ideologically-driven money and power behind these plans would give up so easily.

The City of Richardson is proof that you don't need to ‘go-big’ when it works just as well to ‘go small.’ Little Arabia is a prime example of how, even with House Bill 4211 on the books, you don't need a planned development when a repurposed business park will do.

It is precisely these higher-concentration Islamic areas, anchored by perfectly lawful Islamic retail shops and business centers catering to Sharia-compliant clients, that will result in Muslims shifting the demographics and gaining the electoral advantage.

Mayor Omar, a Democrat, defeated incumbent and Richardson-native Bob Dubey in 2025, with 55% of the vote. According to Ballotpedia, only 12,241 ballots were cast in that election, while 120,000 people live in Richardson.

It doesn't take very many Muslims, or their allies on the Left, to sway an election when only 1% of the electorate turns out to vote.

“If You Build It, They Will Come”

While there is no official count of “Muslim neighborhoods” in Texas, the state has an estimated population of over 420,000 Muslims (the fifth-largest in the U.S.) making Islam the second largest religiously-affiliated group in Texas after Christianity - larger than the Mormon and Jewish populations in Texas combined.

Dallas-Fort Worth, which hosts over 60 Sunni mosques and multiple Islamic schools, has been affectionately referred to as the “Medina of America” by Islamic leaders. Houston features at least 22 Islamic centers and a high concentration



of Muslim residents, particularly in suburban areas like Sugar Land and Spring. Smaller Muslim communities also exist in areas around Austin, San Antonio, El Paso, Bryan-College Station, and Corpus Christi.

The numbers continue to grow. Indeed, it is clear that considerable investments are being made into expanding the Islamic ideology's influence across Texas both in our major cities and at our universities.

Of the 330 mosques estimated to be in Texas, 48 opened within the past two years - a 17% increase. Texas Eagle Forum's internal research into Muslim student centers at the five largest universities in Texas - Texas A&M in College Station, University of Texas in Austin, University of Houston, University of North Texas, and Texas Tech University - revealed major expansion projects either currently or soon-to-be underway at all five campuses. *Where is all the money coming from?*

In remarks praising New York City's Zohran Mamdani's 2025 mayoral win, Texas imam Dr. Yasir Qadhi highlighted demographic shifts as the foundation of a non-violent influence strategy: “We are still very small in number. That's our disadvantage right now. But look across the Western world: the percentages are rising, and it is terrifying [the West]. We need to increase our numbers here [in the U.S.]. Through family, community, *dawah* (proselytising), political activism - all of it. When our numbers grow, then our voice grows, then our influence grows.”

And then it's too late.

History tells us this is true. As Dr. Warner explains, “Turkey used to be called Anatolia and was a Christian civilization. Today Turkey is over 95% Muslim. North Africa, Egypt, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon used to be Christian. Afghanistan was Buddhist; Pakistan and Malaysia used to be Hindu. Today they are more than 95% Muslim. Islam does not reach a balance point with the native civilization; it annihilates the indigenous culture over time.”

Complacency will be our downfall. ❖

Links to sources are available upon request.

Federal Appeals Court Upholds TX Ten Commandments Law- A federal appeals court has upheld a Texas law requiring public schools across the state to display the Ten Commandments—a major victory for religious freedom advocates who have long argued the biblical text is intertwined with America’s legal, moral, and historical heritage. In a 9–8 ruling, the 17-member Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals held that Senate Bill 10, the law passed by Texas’ Republican-led legislature, does not violate either the Constitution’s Establishment Clause or the Free Exercise Clause. Tuesday’s ruling reverses a preliminary injunction issued by a federal judge in 2025, who had previously argued the law failed to demonstrate a historical tradition of public schools posting the Ten Commandments—a standard he claimed was necessary for the bill to withstand judicial precedent. “This is one of the most important religious liberty victories for Texas in our glorious history,” said Jonathan Saenz, president and attorney for Texas Values, which defended the law. “Texas continues to lead the nation in defending both religious liberty and constitutional truth.” Saenz added, “This decision makes clear that acknowledging the historical foundations of our laws is not only permissible—it is fully consistent with the Constitution.”

SOURCE: Louis Casiano, FoxNews.com, April 21, 2026.

Four Islamic Schools Approved for TX School Choice Program -

Texas has approved at least four Islamic schools to enroll in the state’s \$1 billion private school voucher program just days after a federal judge ordered an extension of the application deadline. The move comes one day after Houston federal judge Alfred Bennett ordered the state to consider the schools’ applications – a step the schools say Texas had previously refused to take. Records from the comptroller’s office, which oversees the Texas Education Freedom Accounts program, show Brighter Horizons Academy in Garland, Excellence Academy near Dallas, the Houston Quran Academy in Katy, and Bayaan Academy, a virtual school based in Maryland but with Texas headquarters in Galveston County are now approved to participate. The state had said schools with ties to the Chinese Communist Party and CAIR, which Gov. Greg Abbott has designated as a foreign terrorist organization, could not be approved for the program. CAIR has strongly denied that it is a foreign terrorist organization and has sued the state over the designation. SOURCE: Jeff Brumley, Baptist News Global, March 24, 2026.

Rep. Roy Introduces MAMDANI Act - Rep. Chip Roy (R-Texas) on Monday introduced an immigration bill he dubbed the “MAMDANI Act.” The Measures Against Marxism’s Dangerous Adherents and Noxious Islamists Act proposes amending the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow for the deportation, denaturalization, denial of citizenship or entry to any migrant that is a member of a socialist party, communist party, the Chinese Communist Party or Islamic fundamentalist party. It also proposes imposing such restrictions on any migrant who “advocates” for socialism, communism, Marxism or Islamic fundamentalism, including “writing, circulating, printing, displaying, possessing, or publishing any written, electronic, or printed matter” in support of those ideologies, according to the bill’s text. SOURCE: Max Rego, TheHill.com, April 20, 2026.

GREAT AMERICAN QUOTE

“The hope of a Christian is inseparable from his faith. Whoever believes in the Divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures must hope that the religion of Jesus shall prevail throughout the earth.”

*John Quincy Adams,
Sixth President of the United States*

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“If we don’t ban Sharia, Sharia will inevitably ban freedom.”

Frank J. Gaffney Jr.

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