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A new resource that might be of interest ...

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Hi Evelyn,

We are writing to introduce you to Jews Against Anti-Muslim Racism (JAAMR) and to express our deep appreciation for your work, especially for the introduction to **Gender, Nation, and Belonging** and "Arabs and Muslims in the Media after 9/11," both of which we quote in the resources we developed for the JAAMR website. We created JAAMR as a resource for community education and organizing. Our hope is that people will use JAAMR handouts in various settings—classrooms, activist and other community groups, and synagogues and churches.

We developed JAAMR materials on:

· Islamophobia: structural and private (including a chart illustrating the differences between individual Islamophobic acts/hate speech and structural/state-sponsored Islamophobia); Islamophobia as a form of racism; and Islamophobia/anti-Muslim racism at the intersections;
· Some Key Terms and Concepts for Understanding U.S. Islamophobia: the "clash of civilizations," cultural racism, intersectionality, the Islamophobia-Israel network, the Islamophobia industry/network, Orientalism, racialization, radicalization theory, and more;

· State-Sponsored Anti-Muslim Racism: brief overviews of 14 post-9/11 Islamophobic laws, policies, programs, regulations, and actions;
· Some Anti-Muslim Ideologues and the Government that Loves Them: 10 prominent Islamophobes who have present and past ties to the U.S. government;
· Liberal Islamophobia, designed to challenge the anti-Muslim racism of liberals and progressives: Islam; the “war on terror”; U.S. government “counter-terrorism” programs; the “good Muslim-bad Muslim” paradigm; Israel; Muslim women; and liberal media outlets (including a chart that contrasts right-wing and liberal Islamophobic beliefs about each of these issues).

Forthcoming materials will include "Jews Challenging Islamophobia" and "A Few Examples of Anti-Muslim Racism in the United States: The 1950s to 9/11."

We come to JAAMR after having done other anti-Islamophobia activist work—with Communities in Support of the Khalil Gibran International Academy; Jews Against Islamophobia (NYC), a coalition of several Jewish groups, and the Network Against Islamophobia (NAI), for which where we developed extensive curriculum and other resources. We have also researched and written about various aspects of Islamophobia, including the connection between anti-Muslim racism and adamantly pro-Israel advocacy.

Our work continues to grow out of the organizing, analysis, and resources of Muslim and other impacted communities. As Jewish partners in this work, we consider ourselves accountable to these movements for justice. To ground our work, we have created an advisory circle of some of the people with whom we have worked closely for many years and whose wisdom and knowledge we deeply value.

We welcome your thoughts and feedback. Please share JAAMR resources with those in your community who might find them useful.

If you would like to be added to our (very low-volume) email list, please let us know.

Best,
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