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Muslim anti-Semitism is only decades old, Obama claims

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The Jew-hatred in the Quran is critical, said Bostom, because orthodox Muslims believe the Quran is a word-for-word copy of a divine book resting on a table in “jannah,” or the Islamic version of heaven. Most Christians believe most of their Bible is open for interpretation, but for Muslims, the Quran is “permanent and perfect. ... It applies to all time, it is eternal, it is a pure, divine, eternal form of reality,” Bostom told The Daily Caller.

Islamic traditions also blame a Jewish woman for poisoning their prophet Muhammad, who is credited by Muslims with creating Islam. Several Jews tribes in Saudi Arabia were enslaved, murdered or exiled during the early 600s by Muhammad’s armies, according to Islamic traditions.

The Quran’s words created and maintain Islamic anti-Semitism, which is so ubiquitous that even sects of Sunni and Shia Muslims who are trying to kill each other agree that Jews are to blame for their fighting, he said.

In the last few years, Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi, Egyptian dictator Hosni Mubarak and Egypt's deposed Islamic president, Mohammed Morsi, were all described as Jews or friendly to Jews by their local enemies, Bostom said. Morsi was accused of collaborating with Jews, even though he had repeatedly invoked Islamic claims when declaring [Jews to be apes](#).

The many [anti-Semitic pogroms](#) include major murder sprees in Muslim-occupied Spain in 1066 and 1391, according to Norbert Pressburg, author of "What the Modern Martyr Should Know," which argues that Islam emerged in the 800s as an Arab heresy of Christianity.

The "ape Josef [a Jew] covered his house in marble stone. ... Hurry up to slit his throat. ... Take away his money, for you deserve it more than he," claimed the one local Jew-hater, Abu Ishaq, according to Pressburg.

Maimonides, a Spanish Jew who was exiled from Muslim-controlled Spain after a 1165 campaign of forced conversion, complained that "never did a nation molest, degrade, debase and hate us as much as they. ... Although we were dishonored by them beyond human endurance... our sages instructed us to bear the prevarications and preposterousness of Ishmael [Muslims] in silence."

Obama's attempt to ignore Islam's anti-Semitism reflect a broader effort by liberals to excuse Muslims for their beliefs, said Bostom. By exculpating Islam, liberals can blame Europeans, imperialism and Israel for the Arabs' wars and various problems, and allow themselves to play the role of modern peacekeeper, he said.

Arabs launched numerous pogroms of Jews throughout the Arab world long before the Israel was created in 1948. The leading local Muslim religious figure who urged the pogroms around Jerusalem, Amin al-Husseini, moved to Berlin, and [met with Hitler](#), when he urged Nazis to capture the region around Jerusalem and to kill all the local Jews.

Obama "seems to be attributing the rise in anti-Semitism in Arab culture to the founding of the State of Israel in 1948, which ignores the many anti-Jewish pogroms that took place in that area before the founding of the State of Israel," said Spencer.

The view fortified his mistaken belief that he can reform the Arab world, Spencer says. "His hubris is founded upon his ignorance," Spencer added.

"No well-informed individual could possibly think himself capable of overturning hatreds that are founded in religious texts that are over a millennium old and are still revered by hundreds of millions of people as the perfect and unalterable word of the deity," Spencer said.

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