



# Islamophobia in our Schools

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**WEBINAR**

# Introductions

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# Definition

- ▶ “Islamophobia is a contrived fear or prejudice fomented by the existing Eurocentric and Orientalist global power structure. It is directed at a perceived or real Muslim threat through the maintenance and extension of existing disparities in economic, political, social and cultural relations, while rationalizing the necessity to deploy violence as a tool to achieve "civilizational rehab" of the target communities (Muslim or otherwise). Islamophobia reintroduces and reaffirms a global racial structure through which resource distribution disparities are maintained and extended”
  - ▶ UC, Berkeley Center for Race and Gender;

# Experiences

- ▶ [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWM9I6\\_E8GE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWM9I6_E8GE)
- ▶ Personal Experiences
- ▶ HIB protections in school
- ▶ Ways to combat Islamophobia



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