Ontario Human Rights Commission

Commission ontarienne des droits de la personne



Complaint / Plainte

Under the *Human Rights Code* , R.S.O. 1990, c.H. 19/ En vertu du *Code des droits de la personne* , R.S.O. 1990, c.H. 19

LHOR-72JP9D

Complaint No. Plainte no.			Code Provisions No. Article du code
LHOR-72JP9D	1		Section 1, Section 9
Name and Address of Complainant Nom et addresse du (de la) plaignant(e) Dr. Mohamed Elmasry	Against <i>Contre</i>	Nom et adresse objet de la plair Rogers Publis Communication	e de la personne ou de l'organisation nte hing Ltd. a division of Rogers ons Inc. And /hyte; Mr. Mark Stevenson asant Road
The Complainant alleges that on, or about the (la) plaignant(e) prétend que le, ou vers le cotober 23, 2006 The Respondent contravened a provision of the duman Rights Code. The defendeur a enfreint une disposition du code des droits de la personne.	In Respect of Relativement à	Nom et adresse	ss of person whose rights have bee de la personne ou catégorie de les droits ont été bafoués. SELF
Contravention Ground Notif de l'acte discriminatoire			
Ground(s):	Social Area(s):		
reed	Services		

PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTACHED COMPLAINT

Human Rights Complaint

Name and Address of Complaint

Name and Address of Individual/Organization whom the complaint is made (Respondents)

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The complainant alleges that the respondents contravened a provision of the Ontario Human Rights Code, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

Contravention Ground: Religion

Social Area: Services

- 1. I am a Canadian Muslim residing in the province of Ontario. I am also the National President of the Canadian Islamic Congress. I am a regular reader of Maclean's Magazine ["Maclean's"].
- 2. As a reader of Maclean's magazine, I am entitled to its services without discrimination on the basis of religion. I believe that this right was infringed when Maclean's published an article entitled "The Future Belongs to Islam" ["Article"] authored by Mark Steyn, in its October 23rd, 2006 weekly issue. The Article continues to be published on Maclean's website:

http://www.macleans.ca/culture/entertainment/article.jsp?content=20061023_134898

3. The article is flagrantly anti-Muslim. Adopting a fear mongering tone, the article focuses on the influx of Muslim immigrants into Europe and North America. It explicitly and implicitly states that this influx poses a threat to the fabric of

Western society, to democracy, and to human rights due to the religious identity and beliefs of Muslims in general. Another significant theme contained in the

article is that there is allegedly an ongoing war between Muslims and Non-Muslims, that Muslims are part of a global conspiracy to take over Western societies, and that Muslims in the West need to be viewed through this lens as the enemy. Finally, other all-encompassing and negative generalizations are made about the Muslim population in the West.

- 4. Specifically, the article explicitly and implicitly asserts the following:
 - 1. Muslims are imposing or attempting to impose Shariah law on all societies in which they live. In particular, Muslims living in the West desire to force all Westerners to live under an oppressive branch of Shariah law.
 - 2. A "substantial number" of Muslims living in the West share the basic goals of terrorists; one of these objectives is the imposition of an oppressive branch of Shariah Law on Western societies.
 - 3. In the future, a large number of Muslims will vote in European elections, resulting in the imposition of oppressive Shariah law on European societies.
 - 4. There are a substantial number of Muslims in the West who are looking to commit terrorist acts. Further, Muslims looking to commit terrorist acts have a support network within mosques in general, that encourage them to commit such acts.
 - 5. There is an interconnected, global network of mosques that are engaged in a violent struggle against Western society. In fact, the presence of mosques conclusively indicates that a substantial number of Muslims are committed to perpetrating terrorist acts.
 - Muslims are multiplying too quickly in Europe and North America.
 Further, they are radical, inspired by "Jihad", incapable of being loyal citizens of Western and European societies and are bent on conquering the world.
 - 7. Radical Muslims are settling all over metropolises in the West.
 - 8. Muslim populations in South Asia, Nigeria, and elsewhere are radicalized and large numbers of Muslims from these areas have moved to Europe, bringing with them their radical ideas.
 - 9. Muslims living in the West are incapable of being loyal citizens of Western societies. As a result of this disability, Muslims living in the West are likely to join the global "jihad" being waged by Muslims against the West.
 - 10. A policy of multiculturalism is incapable of making Muslims living in the West loyal to their countries of citizenship. Therefore, they join the "jihad" being waged by Muslims to take over the world including the West.

- 11. Muslims living in the West are waging a war and struggle against their countries and societies of residence, which is analogous to the struggle being waged by the Palestinian and Chechen resistances against the Israelis and Russians.
- 12. There is a global war between Islam and Muslims on one side and the West on the other side.
- 13. The growing Muslim population in the West has resulted in and poses an increasing threat to National Security.
- 14. The terrorist attacks of 9/11 occurred due to the presence of Muslims in Western societies.
- 15. The growing Muslim population in Western countries facilitates the propagation and movement of the Muslim "Jihad" against the West.
- 16. Islam has replaced communism as the primary threat to Western societies.
- 17. Muslims are attempting to colonize the West in a manner similar to that in which the "white man" colonized "Indian territory", implying that Muslims could potentially do to Westerners what the "white man" did to the Aboriginal peoples.
- 18. A growing Muslim population in Western societies will result in more terrorist acts, greater violence, and a suppression of human rights and Western Liberal democratic values.
- 19. Muslims have a collective agenda of taking over the world, including the West.
- 20. Muslims have already transformed Europe into "Eurabia".
- 21. Muslim populations possess "youth and will". These two factors combined with the Muslim agenda of taking over the world and Europe's allegedly aging and welfare-dependant society, means that Muslims will in fact take over the West.
- 22. Social democratic states are susceptible to being taken over by Muslims as a result of their social democratic policies which have removed Western societies' survival instinct (against the Muslims).
- 23. The "unfortunate" element of a social democratic state is that the Muslim population does not decline over time.
- 24. A bloody civil war could ensue in Europe as a result of the growing number of European Muslims.
- 25. A war is already underway in Europe, being fought by non-Muslim Europeans against Europeans. Further, this war is the same as the war being waged against the Taliban in Afghanistan and insurgents in Iraq. As a result European Muslims are equivalent to Taliban and Iraqi insurgents.
- 26. In a few years, European will be "semi-Islamified" meaning that parts of it will be living under Shariah law or will have been taken over by Muslims

- 27. European Muslims are the "new owners" of European society and are behaving like "tenant[s] with a right-to-buy agreement"
- 28. Muslims will inevitably take over Europe; the only issue left to be determined is how "bloody" the transfer of power in Europe, to Muslims from non-Muslims, will be.
- 29. The number of Muslims in Europe is expanding like "mosquitoes".
- 30. Belgium no longer belongs to the Belgians: it has already been taken over by Muslims.
- 31. Non-Muslim Belgian kids have no future in their country due to the presence of Muslims.
- 32. The number of Belgian and European Muslims will continue to increase and they will soon turn Europe into a "Muslim continent".
- 33. Japan will inevitably be taken over by Muslims
- 34. Compared to non-Muslims, Muslims are incapable of being loyal citizens of western societies.
- 35. Belgian and European Muslims are and will be incapable of being sufficiently Belgian or Europe.
- 36. Muslims living in Western societies are "foreigners".
- 37. As a result of multiculturalism and in general, Muslims have far too much freedom of movement in Western society
- 38. From Western society's viewpoint, Muslim "manpower" is a disadvantage.
- 39. As a result of their religious identity Muslim youth living in the West are more likely to commit acts of violence as compared to other (non-Muslim) youth.
- 40. Most or all juvenile crime in Europe is perpetrated by Muslim youth.
- 41. All countries and regions with pre-dominantly Muslim populations qualify as "Indian Territory", implying that they are backward and lawless societies.
- 42. As a result of the foregoing, non-Muslim Westerners must beware of Muslims and get rid of multiculturalism. The influx of Muslim immigrants should be remedied by prohibiting any further immigration of Muslims into the West in general and into Canada in particular.
- 5. A copy of the Article, "The Future belongs to Islam", is attached in support of the above assertions.
- 6. Under the Ontario Human Rights Code, material of the nature described above, which subjects me, as a Muslim reader of Maclean's magazine to discriminatory and defamatory publications, and which invites others to discriminate against me, is prohibited.

- 7. I have coordinated with other Canadian Muslims also residing in the province of Ontario with respect to resolving this matter with Maclean's. In particular, a group of four Canadian Muslims met with the Respondents on Friday March 30th. Their efforts to resolve this matter were rebuffed by Maclean's, Mr. Whyte, and Mr. Stevenson. They proposed that in order to avert the negative impact of the article on them and the larger Muslim community in Ontario, Maclean's should publish an article authored by a recognized member or members of the Muslim community, which responds to the inflammatory material contained in the Article. The Respondents indicated that they had no interest in publishing a response, from the Muslim community, to the Article. In particular, Mr. Whyte informed them that Maclean's would rather go bankrupt than allowing the publication of a response from the Muslim community.
- 8. In terms of impact, reading the Article and seeing the messages portrayed as objective news by Maclean's had a serious impact on me (and other Muslims residing in Ontario). This impact included harm to my sense of dignity and self-worth as a Canadian Muslim. This impact was further amplified upon learning of the patently unreasonable response provided by the Maclean's editorial board to the Muslim community.