

## Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to study the expression of Islam within the secular societies of France and America, which increasingly restrict and frown upon such religious expression in the public sphere. The reason that France and America were chosen is because of the different ways in which these two countries approach secularism. The paper aims to further examine the effect that secular attitudes have upon Muslims living in these countries, as well as the effect of technology such as the internet, blogging, and other forms of media on spreading these ideas. Both official regulations on religion and the influence of public attitudes towards religion and Islam will be examined. This paper will look at the effects of history, the impact of current policies and politicians, and current attitudes towards Islam in both France and America and compare the two.