

# Maajid Nawaz

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No idea is above scrutiny. No idea whatsoever. To criticize, to scrutinize and to satirize my own religion [Islam] is not Islamophobia.

~Maajid Nawaz

There are no globalized, youth-led, grassroots social movements advocating for democratic culture across Muslim-majority societies. There is no equivalent of Al-Qaeda without the terrorism.

~Maajid Nawaz

Does freedom of speech give the right to offend?

~Maajid Nawaz

Once you subscribe to an ideological dogma as a solution to certain grievances, it then frames your mindset.

~Maajid Nawaz

Islamism is not Islam. Islamism is the politicisation of Islam, the desire to impose a version of this ancient faith over society.

~Maajid Nawaz

After much soul searching I was able to renounce my past Islamist ideology, challenging everything I was once prepared to die for.

~Maajid Nawaz

I believe that preventing radicalisation is far more efficient than de-radicalisation, meaning stopping someone joining is a lot easier than trying to pull someone out once they've joined.

~Maajid Nawaz

We have to render Islamist extremism as unattractive as communism has become today.

~Maajid Nawaz

In prison I had the opportunity to debate and discuss people that had

subscribed to all forms of Islamism.

~Maajid Nawaz

I am everything I am today, because of my past.

~Maajid Nawaz

Within our lifetime, we can remember a time when Islamism wasn't the dominant form of discourse or the aim should be to minimise the absolutists within any religious community and contain them.

~Maajid Nawaz

The Bosnian Genocide was something that triggered my consciousness and led to an awakening politically for me.

~Maajid Nawaz

I'm yet to discover any form of theocracy that isn't homophobic, that isn't bigoted to the out group.

~Maajid Nawaz

Amnesty International adopted me as a prisoner of conscience, and that led to my - it touched me in a way that really led to me opening up my heart, I've called it the re-humanisation process.

~Maajid Nawaz

I can now say that the more I learnt about Islam, the more tolerant I became.

~Maajid Nawaz

Ironically, xenophobic nationalists are utilizing the benefits of globalization.

~Maajid Nawaz

If we look at Abdel Nasser in Egypt as an Arab leader, he was secular.

~Maajid Nawaz

It's not always the case that Muslims have been theocrats.

~Maajid Nawaz

When I returned to the United Kingdom, I found that I could no longer justify Islamist extremism as the antidote.

~Maajid Nawaz

Preying on the grievances of disaffected young men is the bedrock of Islamism.

~Maajid Nawaz

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