

PHILOSOPHY

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Islamophobia in media discourse as a barrier to the humanization of modern society

The phenomenon of Islamophobia as a systemic factor destabilizing ethno-confessional relations and hindering the processes of humanization in the modern globalized world is considered. The key determinants of Islamophobia, its consequences for Muslim communities (identity crisis, social isolation, increased violence) and the role of media discourse in the reproduction of stereotypes are analyzed. Special attention is paid to the critical discourse analysis of the coverage of two high-profile Islamophobic attacks (in Canada in 2021 and in New Zealand in 2019), which revealed the linguistic strategies of de-Islamization of victims and de-subjectivation of criminals in the Western media.

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