

# I don't want to live under Islamic blasphemy law. That doesn't make me racist

*Douglas Murray in the [So doubt](#) this claim before. And now there is even more cause to doubt it, because earlier this week we had him (and remember this is someone regularly held up as one of the great hopes of 'liberal' Islam in Britain) using the pages of the Telegraph to argue that the law of the land in Britain should be used to prosecute anyone who blasphemes Islam. In the UK. In the 21st century. More on this terrible article from Hugh Fitzgerald [describe](#) drawings of his 'prophet' as an 'act of violence'. We should dwell on that for a moment. A drawing of Mohammed is an 'act of violence.' Taken along with his other claims (about how beleaguered, put-upon and persecuted he thinks Muslims are across Europe) someone who had just delved back into the news after an absence of several weeks might easily come away with the idea that earlier this month a bunch of cartoonists stormed a mosque in Paris and gunned down Muslims. Like a lot of other readers of Hakim / Tim's article, I was also left wondering how many years you would have to go back to find a Cambridge don using the pages of the Telegraph to call for greater state enforcement of blasphemy laws.*

*Like I said, \_*