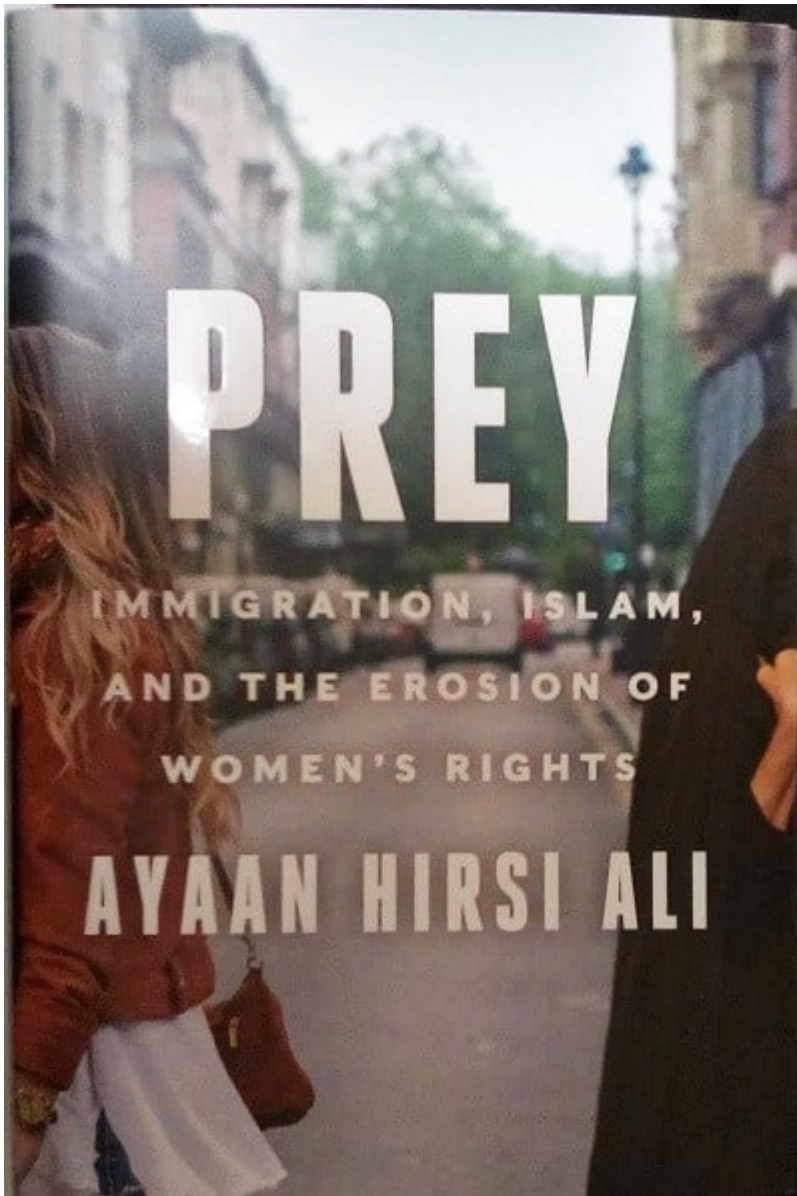


Prey: Immigration, Islam and the Erosion of Women's Rights – Ayaan Hirsi Ali

“He smiled like she was prey”

That was a witness describing how Mustafa Elmotalki, a Moroccan and failed asylum seeker indecently assaulted an 11 year old girl in a grocers in Croisilles (France) in 2018. This story is on page 117 of the book, one of hundreds, some even worse, that occurred across Europe (and Australia and the US occasionally) and are detailed in this book.



Any book by Ayaan Hirsi Ali is of international importance and well worth reading. I disagree with her on a few issues; I think I am one of those right-wing populists your mother warned you not to talk to. But nevertheless she makes some valid and interesting points and the collection in one place of crimes occurring all over Europe makes the official line that these are isolated incidents look like the nonsense we know it to be.

Starting with the introduction when she explains how publication was delayed by the Covid 19 pandemic she explains the reasons why she wrote it.

Why does she focus only on Muslim men when sexual violence is a universal phenomena? "After all, when the Red Army invaded Germany between 1944 and 1945 Soviet soldiers committed many more crimes than those described in this book..."

As an aside I have read that many of the German women so raped reported that their assailants were from the second wave of Soviet troops, and from divisions recruited from the Soviet Central Asian Republics (like Uzbekistan, or Chechnya) who would have been of Muslim descent, albeit brought up under a

regime that repressed all religion. The Red soldiers of European ethnicity who arrived first were too busy butchering every German male of any age they saw to have time to rape the women. Others who have made a closer study of that atrocity can confirm or correct my suggestion.

The reason she focuses on the Muslim immigrants is that evidence of sexual misconduct by some Muslim immigrants provides populists and other right-wing groups with a powerful tool to demonise all Muslim immigrants.

The main premise of the book is that the varied sex crimes committed against women of all ages, in Europe (but not confined to Europe as Australia and the US are mentioned) are affecting women's lives such that the hard-won equalities of recent years are in danger of being lost as our lives are constrained by the dangers we might face if we exercise the freedoms we are used to. Women not walking out on the streets after a certain hour, or unless in company, or wearing clothing modest to Muslim standards beyond our own. Obeying de facto sharia norms to avoid the unwelcome attentions and censure of Muslim newcomers to the district.

She speaks many times of her fear that 'the clock will be turned back' maybe 200 years, or to some other period of history. The threat is actually worse than that. In North west Europe, in England definitely, there has not been a time in written recorded history when in law an Englishwomen couldn't and didn't leave her home to conduct her lawful business freely, without let or hindrance.

She is honestly pro-immigration, having benefitted twice from the ability to migrate first to the Netherlands, then to the United States, but she is adamant about a migrant's responsibility to integrate and be an asset to their chosen country.

The main book is in four parts and 18 Chapters. Some are

statistics, carefully compiled and necessary to support the evidence and arguments that come later. Most of the case studies and court cases are from Germany and Sweden. Chapter 4, *Taharrush Gamea (the rape game) comes to Europe* is particularly harrowing, in my opinion. In Chapter 11 *The Modesty Doctrine* she quotes [Ann Cryer the retired MP](#) who raised the alarm years before anyone else and [work of Alexis Jay](#), Louise Casey, Quillam, survivor of the Rotherham gang Ella Hill, Andrew Norfolk and Anoosh Chakelian, author of 'Grooming Rings are the Biggest Recruiter for the Far Right'. Far right, or not far wrong, like us or loath us, we did get people sitting up and taking notice 10 years ago.

It's a shortish chapter but there was no need to reinvent the wheel; the subject has been more than adequately covered by Peter McLoughlin's *Easy Meat* (covering the whole of England) and other books such as *Survivors* by [of Adil Khan, Qari Abdul Rauf and Abdul Aziz](#) who were convicted of offences in Rochdale out of my country, never to return. No sane person would want them roaming the streets intimidating their victims when they could be elsewhere, back in the land they have never really left, but are trying to re-create. Stripping