

Suppose, Somehow, Islam Could Be "Reformed" – How Long Would It Take?

A few dozen francophone Arabs and Berbers have signed a petition calling for less Charlie-Hebdo hysteria, and so on. A sweet Asma Doumani writes a hopeful article that appears in The Washington Post. Some young Malaysian girl is interviewed by Brooke Gladstone on NPR today, and says that "we Muslims" have to "recognize that the Hadith" are used by the Islamic State as their authority (and she appears to believe that they don't rely at all on the Qur'an, which is quite an oversight), and that she, and other young Muslims in her organization (an organization that receives, or will receive, how much money from the government and foundations, in the hope that all this "reform" can take place, somehow, someday) are going to get rid of all those dangerous Hadith. A few years ago, when Vartan Gregorian was running the Carnegie Foundation, it seemed to spend all of its money on people who claimed to be engaged in finding ways to "reform" Islam. And then of course there is Irshad Manji, with her private institute, and money, under the auspices of NYU.

Nice work, or sinecures, if you can get them. And you feel as if you are really doing something. And so, alas, do non-Muslims who now think they no longer have to worry about trying to learn about Islam on their own, as long as all these other people are doing something, reforming Islam, while we go about our own lives. It's all being taken care of, and the alarmists – Geert Wilders, PEGIDA, Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Ibn Warraq – are simply silly.

How long would this "reform" take, while the Western world continues to take in Muslims, and those Muslims continue to reproduce at rates two or three or four times that of the non-

Muslim indigenees? Would it take five years, or ten years, or twenty? Or would it take 100 years, or 500, or forever, or never?

You know the answer to that.