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Douglas Pratt and Rachel Woodlock became the editor of the book entitled *Fear of Muslims? International Perspective on Islamophobia*. Fourteen writers wrote these chapters (based on research). It also consists of fourteen articles portraying the face of Islam in the West (America and Europe). This book proves the constraint in the encounter of the West and the Islamic World.

Rubbing from the encounter appears from the growth of Islamophobia in the West. Islamophobia is defined as "*Dread or hatred of Islam and therefore, to the fear and dislike of all Muslims*" (p.19), merely the feeling of hate and dislike toward Islam and Muslims.

Douglas Pratt and Rachel Woodlock in the part of the introduction (*Introduction: Understanding Islamophobia*) mention that Islamophobia is not a new thing growing in the West. Islamophobia has existed in Western culture for many years. Both wrote that Islamophobia appeared in the West since the Crusade era, in 1095. Since that time, Islam has been the real and universal enemy normatively and fundamentally in the West.

The Crusade was a form of an encounter between the West (Europe) and the East (Islamic world). The encounter, which shed the blood of thousands of human beings without feeling guilty or innocent on the parties involved in the war because it was one of God's commandments. This war began when Emperor Alexus Comnesus appealed to Pope Urban II in 1095 to help him, because the Seljuks had attacked his power in Asia along the coast of Marmora. The Muslims attacked the power that threatened Constantinople. Upon request and petition Emperor Alexus, on 26 November 1095, Pope Urban delivered his speech at Clermont, the South-Eastern part of France, and commanded Christians to "Enter the neighborhood of the Holy Sepulchre, capture it from the evil people

and hand it back to them". The evil people in question were the Muslim rulers (Seljuk). Perhaps, it was the most influential speech ever delivered by a Pope throughout recorded history. People who were their shouted slogans Deus Vult (God wills) while raising their arms. In the spring of 1097, 150,000 men, most of them were Franks, Norman, and some ordinary people welcomed the Pope's call to gather in Constantinople. Pratt and Woodlock said it was the beginning of the hate toward Islam (islamophobia) growing in the West.

However, the massive resurgence of Islamophobia which has an impact on the Islamic world in the West was the attack of the *World Trade Center* (WTC) on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2001. After September eleventh attack, the global media-built frame putting Islam as the threat. Since that time, the President of the United States, George Walker Bush, took controversial political step by taking policy of attacking Afghanistan, invading Iraq, and overthrowing Saddam Husain from his power as a president. Bush also made a war agenda on terrorism (Islam) where terrorism has relations with the Islamic world.

The impact of the movement of war on terrorism in Bush's administration made Islamophobia grew in the West, including in Europe, and made intense hatred from the Islamic world (mainly from the radical groups) toward the West. In Britain, as in other European countries, manifestations of anti-Muslim hostility include verbal and physical attacks on Muslims in public places; attacks on mosques and desecration of Muslim cemeteries; widespread and routine negative stereotypes published in the media, and in the conversations and 'common sense' of non-Muslims, and some other like that.

The same thing happened in Swedia where the Muslims felt unconvertible in doing their daily activities. They always obtained interference, discriminate treatment, either directly or by social media. Even in Sweden, based on the survey done by Goran Larson and Simon Stjernholm showed the increase of the hate-crimes from 2006 to 2012. Data delivered by Larson and Stjernholm showed that all hate-crimes in 2006 were 3259, increased in 2007 becoming 3536, in 2008 were 5895. It decreased in 2009 as many as 5797, in 2010 were 5139, in 2011 became 5493, and there were 5518 all hate-crimes in 2012.

The book entitled *Fear of Muslims? International Perspective in Islamophobia* describes Islamophobia). The book with 256 pages becomes an essential book for the readers (mainly from the Islamic world) to understand

the encounter of Islam and the West. By reading this book, the readers will have understanding and description about the increase of Islamophobia in the West due to two critical factors, namely the attack of September 11, 2001, responded by Bush with a war on global terrorism viewed to threat the global order and peace.

Terrorist is always identified with Islam, even though not all the embracer of this religion is terrorist. In page 86 of this book written that, "Not all Muslims are terrorists, but all terrorists are Muslims." This is the face of Islam, mainly after attack of September 11 in 2001. Islam, from the West is the religion bringing threat of the global life. It is far different from the Islam understood by Muslim people in general that Islam is the religion bringing goodness for life, *rahmatan lil'alamin*. The book edited by Douglas Pratt and Rachel Woodlock gives us the West perspective on Islam. The weakness of this book is that no writer (research) tries to see Islam from the east perspective. However, this book remains essential for Muslims to read to see themselves from the other perspective.

In facing a presidential election of USA on November 8, 2016, some arguments appearing in Indonesian society that whoever would have been elected to live in White House for four years will not aaffect Indonesia and Islamic world. Even though, some arguments from the scholars viewing the impact of the elected figure for the President of the United State of America (USA).

The result of the presidential election was the victory for Donald Trump, the controversial figure, as the President of the USA. By reading this book, we can give prediction that Islamophobia again will grow intensively in the western states due to the figure of Trump wwho is, impressed and anti-Islam. Trump is different from Obama who is friendly with the Islamic world. Trump has some similarities with George Walker Bush, both of them see Islam as the potential religion in creating terrorist groups. So, Trump campaigned to filter the immigrants from the Islamic world to enter USA. Reading the book edited by Pratt and Woodlock helps us to see the future of the relation between Islam and the West in Trump's era. The impact is the increase of Islamophobia in the West. Trump has campaigned for that by prohibiting citizens from seven countries to enter USA and recognizing Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel.