

Tolerance and Non-Discrimination I
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The Definition of Tolerance in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary is, "To suffer to be, or to be done, without prohibition or hindrance; to allow or permit by not preventing."¹

The definition of Discrimination *In [Constitutional Law](#)* is *the grant by statute of particular privileges to a class arbitrarily designated from a sizable number of persons, where no reasonable distinction exists between the favored and disfavored classes.*²

These two issues are pushed by the Muslim groups in the West. But their demands for tolerance and non-discrimination appear to be one way streets. In Islamic countries non-Islamic religions and non-believing persons are not tolerated and suffer legal discrimination. Here are some examples:

- In Turkey, Christians are systematically murdered, including Priests.³
- In Iran, Christian Pastors are routinely arrested, falsely accused of being spies, fined and imprisoned⁴
- In Pakistan, Christians suffer humiliation, rape, loss of jobs, beatings and even murder, just because they are Christian!⁵
- The Islamic State beheads Christians and openly threatens countries in the West⁶

The OSCE is committed to Article 18 of the UN's UDHR, which states "Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance."⁷

The Act for America 5280 Coalition recommends that the OSCE become familiar with the Shari'a Law that denies these basic human rights granted under Article 18.

The Act 5280 Coalition further recommends that the OSCE be reminded of the findings of the ECHR that "the institution of *Sharia* law and a theocratic regime, were incompatible with the requirements of a democratic society"⁸

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¹ http://www.studytoanswer.net/myths_ch8.html#ch8-3

² <http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/discrimination>

³ <https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/8577/turkey-christians-murders>

⁴ <http://www.csw.org.uk/2016/07/25/news/3195/article.htm>

⁵ <http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/tag/persecution-of-christians-in-pakistan/>

⁶ <http://ijr.com/2015/02/251741-isis-terrorists/> Note: many Islamic groups try to assert that ISIS is "not the real Islam", but cannot or will not provide any doctrinal references to document the veracity of such a statement

⁷ http://www.un.org/en/udhrbook/pdf/udhr_booklet_en_web.pdf

⁸ https://wikiislam.net/wiki/European_Court_of_Human_Rights_on_Shariah_Law