

EXCERPTS FROM PRESIDENT OBAMA'S CAIRO SPEECH – JUNE 4 2009

1. I have come here to seek a new beginning between the United States and the Muslim world based upon mutual interest and mutual respect
2. Islam has a proud tradition of tolerance. I saw it firsthand as a child in Indonesia, where devout Christians worshiped freely in an overwhelmingly Muslim country.
3. I know, too, that Islam has always been a part of the story of America. Since our founding, American Muslims have enriched the United States.
4. We must act with the understanding that the challenges faced by people around the world are shared, and our failure to meet them will hurt us all.
5. We reject the same thing that people of all faiths reject: the killing of innocent men, women, and children.
6. America will not turn our backs on the legitimate Palestinian aspiration for dignity, opportunity, and a state of their own.
7. No system of government can or should be imposed upon one nation by any other.
8. Freedom of religion is central to the ability of peoples to live together. We must always examine the ways in which we protect it.
9. The United States will partner with any Muslim-majority country to support expanded literacy for girls.

10. The people of the world can live together in peace. We know that is God's vision. Now, that must be our work here on Earth.