

LETTER

To the Editor—

In a letter to the editor in your winter issue (*JPS* 23, no. 2), Daniel Pipes challenged Richard B. Parker to produce “a single piece of my writing where I express anti-Muslim sentiments.” Mr. Parker replied in the same issue that he does not have time to search for Mr. Pipes’s “anti-Muslim sentiments.”

Your readers may be interested in a review by Mr. Pipes of John L. Esposito’s book *The Islamic Threat: Myth or Reality*, which appeared in *The Wall Street Journal* on 30 October 1992. Mr. Pipes expressed the following sentiments about Muslims in that review, quoting the racist writings of others to support his own prejudices:

... Mr. Esposito says not a word about low Western birthrates and the millions of Muslim immigrants to Western Europe and North America. Yet the prospect of cultural submergence is the Islamic threat that alarms ... even more than Muslim missiles

and hostage takers. Writing in the *Spectator* for example, Charles Moore recalls T.S. Elliot’s caution of “hooded hordes”: “Because of our obstinate refusal to have enough babies, Western European civilization will start to die at the point when it could have revived with new blood. Then the hooded hordes will win, and the Koran will be taught as Gibbon famously imagined, in the schools of Oxford.” Jean Marie Le Pen ... expresses his fears more pungently: “I don’t want the French to become like the Red Indians—annihilated by immigration.” ... Patrick Buchanan has already written fearfully about “the whimper of a Moslem child in its cradle” spelling the end of the West ... Mr. Esposito ... fails to ... consider the implications of growing Muslim populations in the West. *The Islamic Threat* in other words, provides little guidance to the Islamic threat.

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