



Video of Danish School Children Chanting Allahu Akbar Triggers Debate. Integration Or Indoctrination?

A video of third-grade Danish students being instructed to recite Islamic prayers prompted harsh criticism. The school cited a 1993 law that requires schools to teach about various world religions and philosophies, saying that the prayer was used for creating understanding. A critic concerned with European identity says that teaching about other religions should not include requiring children to participate in the prayers of those religions. -GEG

The methods of integrating Muslim refugee children into Denmark's society is at the center of a fierce debate, after a video of Danish pupils being trained to recite Islamic prayers prompted harsh criticism from conservatives.

Defenders of European

identity quickly rushed to condemn 'Koran indoctrination' in schools after a two-minute video surfaced online showing a boy of African descent teaching his third-grade classmates his daily prayer ritual, all under the careful guidance of their teacher. The entire exercise ends with the class kneeling and chanting 'Allahu Akbar' (God is great).

The principal of Thyregod school in Vejle municipality [defended](#) the teaching methods used during the "getting to know each other" week, where pupils of different backgrounds had a chance to share their culture.

Looking

at the legislation, it says that we must spread the knowledge of different religions, including also the practical understanding, so yes, I think it was a good way to teach children about religion.

The school's explanation, however, failed to quell critical voices defending European identity and values, with Stephen Morris, chairman of the English Democrats North West, having a heated dispute with the chief executive of the Ramadhan Foundation, Mohamed Shafiq, on RT.

“It is the school’s fault in trying to teach people about different religions. It is one thing teaching them what goes on but getting them to actively pray, that is the violation of their European rights, their human rights. It should not be done,” Morris said.

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