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### **Multiculturalism in the UK: state strategy for multicultural society**

Multiculturalism as an ideology of coexistence of different cultures within a single state, embodied in the UK since the late 60's, is a subject of a number of academic researches and conferences. Armed conflicts and terrorist attacks carried

out by Islamic fundamentalists contribute to this collision. In this article, we will try to show the history of multiculturalism formation in the UK, its main features, the legal framework and modern researchers to determine the timeline for its implementation as well as special state bodies responsible for implementation of multiculturalism. Particular attention is paid to the problems of integration and main features of integration of the largest UK's immigrant group – Muslims. The author shows growth of Islamophobic moods in the United Kingdom, which is connected with terrorist acts committed by Islamic fundamentalists in 2005, 2011 and 2013. As an antithesis author describes the appearance of the phenomenon of British–Muslim law as an attempt of Muslims to adapt to the country's existing social and legal norms. Also the author describes position of the main political forces in the country – the Conservative and the Labour party.

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