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dynamics increasingly push back against these gains, particularly in Europe. From a classical liberal viewpoint, religion can either be driven

out of public space, as in France, or included without sectarian preference, as in Germany. But both policies come at a price-religious liberty in France and full equality in Germany. Often seen as the flagship of multiculturalism, Canada has found itself responding to nativist and liberal pressures as Muslims become more assertive. And although there have been outbursts of anti-Islamic sentiment in the United States, the legal and political recognition of Islam is well established and largely uncontested. Legal Integration of Islam brings to light the successes and the shortcomings of integrating Islam through law without denying the challenges that this religion presents for liberal societies.