Objectives

To understand the following equation, along with its implications for Muslim scholars, medical researchers, and health behavior interventionalists:

Average Muslim + Fatwa ≠ Behavior Change
What have the Muslim Jurisconsults said regarding organ donation?

A review of the literature shows that lay Muslim attitudes to donation & transplantation seem to be generally negative.
A SURVEY:
What do research studies tell us about Muslim attitudes toward organ donation & transplantation

Does That Surprise You?

Why do Muslims hold these negative attitudes?

“Non-religious factors”
“Lack of Awareness”
“Barriers to Donation”
Tantāwi
Grand Mufti of Egypt 1986-1996
Grand Shaykh of al-Azhar 1996-2010

Sha’rāwi
Muslim Scholar & Television Preacher 1970s-1990s

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The Theory of Planned Behavior

- Behavior Change
- Intention
- Subjective Norm
- Perceived Behavior Control

- Attitude
- Normative Beliefs
- Motivation to Comply

Ulama
(Islamic Scholars)

Ilmi
(Academic)

Islahi
(Spiritual)
A Survey:
What does the literature show about the role of Islahi Muslim scholars in health behavior change?
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Ilmi Imperative

Islahi Imperative

Implications for Future Interventions
Ensuring Responsible Ethics

“[T]he goal should be to provide individuals with the information needed to make an educated decision regarding organ donation and to promote donation where possible, not to pressure those who have genuine religious objections to engage in donation.”


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