

Intolerance or Fake secularism for vote-based politics

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Dear Editor,

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How disappointing to read Shree Paradkar's, 'A small gesture of compassion for Muslims during the pandemic unleashes ugly torrent of intolerance in Mississauga' opinion piece and the editorial, 'Mississauga is right to stand against intolerance' (Toronto Star, May 6)! The opinion piece in the guise of buzzwords like supremacists, intolerance and Islamophobia attempts to articulate its premeditated objective, but ignores the basic secular principles of a modern democracy. For sure, it would not be inappropriate if Canadians are questioning politicians for their vote-based divisive politics that tinkers with the secular character of our multi-cultural society. In this digital and internet era, Canadians deserves better where Muslims can freely engage in their religious practices without avoidable 'noise' during the holy month.

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