

Brussels-Lux Study Tour 2022

K-12 Teacher Unit Planning Template

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		Subject/Grade Level:	
Unit Title:	EU Ban of Kosher and Halal slaughter		
Unit Narrative:	Examine how animal rights advocates have influenced EU laws regarding slaughter and the impact it has had on kosher and halal laws and Jewish and Muslim communities		
Standards:			
Objectives			
→ Students will learn about the role and impact of the European Court of Justice on EU law and minority religious rights			
Big Ideas			
→ Understanding the impact of the European Court of Justice ruling on animal slaughter on the kosher and halal laws and the Jewish and Muslim communities in the European Union			
Essential Questions			
→ What are the main implications of the EU humane slaughter laws on the Jewish and Muslim communities in the European Union?			
→ How does the European Court of Justice compare to the Supreme Court?			
→ To what extent are religious communities and rights within the European Union protected?			
→ How has the European Court of Justice ruling influenced EU law regarding animal slaughter and the larger influence this has had on Jewish and Muslim communities?			
Learning Acquisition and Assessment			
Students will know... (content/concepts)		Students will be able to... (skills, performance tasks)	
→ How EU laws impact religious communities		→ Identify the structure of the EU	
→ How the EU structure compares to the Federal Government in the United States		→ Identify the role of the European Court of Justice	
→ How animal rights advocates impacted religious rights in the EU		→ Identify the size of the Jewish and Muslim community in select European Union	
		→ Identify the secularization of the European Union	
		→ Identify animal rights laws in the EU	
		→ Identify Kosher and Halal laws	
Formative Assessments		Summative Assessments	
→ Create a PowerPoint presentation on the impact of EU policies on the Jewish and Muslim communities			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Write a research 7-10 research paper on the EU laws and its impact on the Jewish and Muslim communities → Create a documentary on the topic in a specific European Union country
Learning Activities (1 week – 5 days): Lesson introduction, body, and closing	
Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Compare EU structure and the Federal Government in the United States → Compare the role and influence of the European Court of Justice to the Supreme Court of the United States
Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Examine the secularization of the European Union in specific countries (Belgium, France, Germany, Greece) → Examine the Jewish and Muslim communities in these respective countries
Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Research kosher and halal slaughter laws as compared to EU slaughter laws → Research animal rights slaughter advocates particular the Flemish case
Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Research the legal case brought before the European Court of Justice and its implications on the Jewish and Muslim communities in specific countries in the European Union
Day 5	<p>PowerPoint presentation is due</p> <p>Research paper or documentary due the following week.</p>
Resources and Materials	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → How do European countries differ in religious commitment? https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2018/12/05/how-do-european-countries-differ-in-religious-commitment/ → European Public Opinion Three Decades After the Fall of Communism: https://www.pewresearch.org/global/2019/10/14/minority-groups/ → Eurogroup for Animals, Slaughter without stunning - 9 Oct 2020 https://2sjjwunnql41ia7ki31qqub1-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Eurogroup_Slaughter-without-stunning_Global-tables_8Oct2020-v2.pdf → EU states can ban kosher and halal ritual slaughter, court rules. https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-states-can-ban-kosher-and-halal-ritual-slaughter-court-rules/ → Kosher and Halal slaughter ban in Europe restricting religious freedom https://www.alestiklal.net/en/view/11065/kosher-and-halal-slaughter-ban-in-europe-restricting-religious-freedom → Top EU Official: religious slaughter bans paint Jews and Muslims as medieval https://www.politico.eu/article/belgium-paint-jews-muslims-medieval-slaughter-ban-eu-anti-semitism-czar/ → Court of Justice of the European Union Press release December 17, 2020, https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2020-12/cp200163en.pdf 	

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→ Judgment of the Court: December 17, 2020

<https://curia.europa.eu/juris/document/document.jsf?jsessionid=96DB169E13E9B51DACAAC116F5056BA3?text=&docid=235717&pageIndex=0&doclang=EN&mode=req&dir=&occ=first&part=1&cid=19233202>

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Reich, Arie and Harpz, Guy, Kosher and Halal Slaughtering Before the European Court of Justice: Voting with Your Trolley Instead of an Outright Ban? (September 6, 2021). Texas International Law Journal, Forthcoming, Bar Ilan University Faculty of Law Research Paper No. 3919929, Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3919929>