

The purpose behind this research was to explore the ideological transformation and organizational development of two of the main Islamic groups in the USA - the political Islam (also called Islamism/Islamic movement) brought to the country by immigrants and the homegrown Islamic movement of African-American Islam. It also aimed to shed some light on the contacts and support that Islamic organizations in the US enjoy abroad and the roles played by international Islamic organizations in the growth of the Islamic presence in the US - institution building and development of the Islamic infrastructure (mosques, Islamic center, schools).