THE MOST INFLUENTIAL MUSLIMS OF THE 20TH CENTURY
The once-united Ummah split into independent states that were secularism pervaded the Muslim psyche. In addition, Attaturk dealt a blow to the hopes of an Islamic State by destroying the Islamic State, formed the Ummah could look to. The towering figures like al-Banna of the Islamic Association to inspire an entire nation of people to rise to the Islamic spirit and its achievements. Allah allowed him to move the hearts of millions to rise up against an oppressor and establish a state based upon their understanding of Islam — whether we agree with it or not.

We also take into account the fact that the controversy surrounding him could have been directly related to his influence, steering as how throughout history, the most influential people necessarily become the most controversial. Many of us have grown up associating evil with Khomeni, due to the influence of the Western media. However, even Time magazine realized the extent of his influence and lauded him the 1979 Man of the Year. As Ayatullah Khomeini, the editor of the Minhaj ul-Mujtahid, wrote, "What Khomeni did was something his predecessors had only dreamed. Khomeini proved that Islam was still able, after 14 centuries, to mobilize the masses to replace an oppressive political power rooted in corruption. Khomeini reinvigorated Islam as a liberating force. He may be criticized for one view or another by many Muslims, but his influence in shaping the modern Muslim political thought will always be acknowledged."

In the end, it is up to you, the reader, if you agree with the decision to print Khomeini or not. We welcome your feedback.

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