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**Muhammad cartoons and Danish goods boycott[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Anders_Fogh_Rasmussen&action=edit&section=12&editintro=Template:BLP_editintro" \o "Edit section: Muhammad cartoons and Danish goods boycott)]**

*Main article:* [*Jyllands-Posten Muhammad cartoons controversy*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jyllands-Posten_Muhammad_cartoons_controversy)

A major period of conflict in Rasmussen's political career concerned a set of cartoons printed in [*Jyllands-Posten*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jyllands-Posten), a major Danish newspaper. In September 2005 the newspaper printed a full page with 12 cartoons depicting various interpretations of Muhammad. Due to the cartoons portraying Muhammad as a terrorist, some Muslims found the cartoons offensive. Rasmussen denied a request from 11 ambassadors of Middle-Eastern countries to discuss the issue. Rasmussen described the controversy as Denmark's worst international crisis since World War II. Later he stated, that he "was deeply distressed that the cartoons were seen by some Muslims as an attempt by Denmark to mark and insult or behave disrespectfully towards Islam or Mohammed."[[11]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anders_Fogh_Rasmussen#cite_note-11)

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| **Anders Fogh Rasmussen** | |
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| [**12th**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_NATO_Secretaries_General)[**Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Secretary_General_of_NATO) | |
| **In office** 1 August 2009 – 1 October 2014 | |
| **Preceded by** | [Jaap de Hoop Scheffer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jaap_de_Hoop_Scheffer) |
| **Succeeded by** | [Jens Stoltenberg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jens_Stoltenberg) |
| [**Prime Minister of Denmark**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime_Minister_of_Denmark) | |
| **In office** 27 November 2001 – 5 April 2009 | |
| **Monarch** | [Margrethe II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margrethe_II) |
| **Deputy** | [Bendt Bendtsen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bendt_Bendtsen) [Lene Espersen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lene_Espersen) |
| **Preceded by** | [Poul Nyrup Rasmussen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poul_Nyrup_Rasmussen) |
| **Succeeded by** | [Lars Løkke Rasmussen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lars_L%C3%B8kke_Rasmussen) |
| [**Leader of Venstre**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Venstre_(Denmark)) | |
| **In office** 18 March 1998 – 17 May 2009 | |
| **Preceded by** | [Uffe Ellemann-Jensen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uffe_Ellemann-Jensen) |
| **Succeeded by** | [Lars Løkke Rasmussen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lars_L%C3%B8kke_Rasmussen) |
| [**Minister of Economic Affairs**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Folketing) | |
| **In office** 18 December 1990 – 19 November 1992 | |
| **Prime Minister** | [Poul Schlüter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poul_Schl%C3%BCter) |
| **Preceded by** | [Niels Helveg Petersen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Niels_Helveg_Petersen) |
| **Succeeded by** | [Thor Pedersen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thor_Pedersen) |
| [**Minister of Tax**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tax_Minister_of_Denmark) | |
| **In office** 10 September 1987 – 19 November 1992 | |
| **Prime Minister** | [Poul Schlüter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poul_Schl%C3%BCter) |
| **Preceded by** | Isi Foighel |
| **Succeeded by** | [Peter Brixtofte](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Brixtofte) |
| [**Member of the Folketing**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Folketing) | |
| **In office** 1 July 1978 – 20 April 2009 | |
| **Constituency** | [Zealand Greater](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zealand) |
| **Personal details** | |
| **Born** | Anders Fogh Rasmussen (1953-01-26) 26 January 1953 (age 63) [Ginnerup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ginnerup), [Denmark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denmark) |
| **Nationality** | [Danish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danish_people) |
| **Political party** | [Venstre](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Venstre_(Denmark)) |
| **Spouse(s)** | Anne-Mette Rasmussen (1978–present) |
| **Children** | Henrik Christina Maria |
| **Parents** | Knud Rasmussen Martha Rasmussen |
| [**Alma mater**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alma_mater) | [Aarhus University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aarhus_University) |
| **Religion** | [Lutheranism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lutheranism) |