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In this essay I will be writing about changing the public's view of thought on the negative side of Islamic Culture in today's society.

What do you think of when you hear the word "terrorist"? Middle Eastern Muslim men, dark skin, long beards and turbans.

There is a lot of rumours in the mainstream media relating to Islam and the Middle East. This thing is touched with negative explanation with the social media's giving out a bad picture of Islam and Muslims, describing Muslims peoples are generally as violent, crazy and are terrorists. Islam has been consistently been attacked by the global media as a scary religion and should be keeping an eye out for them.

People think negative about Islam because of the history that has caused in different countries that started people thinking about all Muslim people are terrorists, such as the London bombing which took place on July 7th 2005.

"Four suicide bombers with rucksacks full of explosives attacked central London, killing 52 people and injuring hundreds more. It was the worst single terrorist atrocity on British soil." – BBC News



They've revealed the four men that caused this havoc and as you can see at the pictures three out of four are 'Muslims' or would say they are. But the people reacting to this would write about Muslim people are terrorists and should not be trusted but there is one who isn't a Muslim yet no one wanted to talk about how violent the other cultures are and that they should be called terrorist as well but because they already have a culture that is already called terrorist, they shouldn't add another one in, or they wouldn't want to be called that specific word, they would call them mentally unstable.

Another good resource that took place on the 9th November 2001 in Manhattan, New York, better known as 9/11. 19 Al Qaeda suicide bombers were in a group who hijacked 4 airlines planning on a suicide attack, two of them crashed into the Twin

Towers in New York City. The third plane attack was at the pentagon near the Washington D.C and the last plane crashed into the field at Pennsylvania.

since our consciousness and minds are manipulated for years to make us believe that Islamic belief causes terror, many civilians and people around the world are worried and associate all Muslims with terrorism.

I can see that it is evident that some people think of Islam in a negative light, since these events have taken place, many people are biased from stereotypes showing much different hatred towards innocent Muslim beings, showing different emotions in them being scared, angry and racist towards all, instead of focusing all Muslims are terrorists, they should aim it at the crimes of terrorists who call themselves Muslims.

However, the truth is that Muslims are human beings, and like most people, most Muslims are good. Ever since 9/11 people started hating Muslims. It isn't right because not all Muslims are bad only terrorists are the bad people. I am a Muslim and am I a criminal? In Islam, people aren't taught to kill people. Islam means peace. So why would they kill?

Many people are saying they're scared of Muslim peoples but then have they thought about they're scaring them from the act of physical violence that they're giving towards Muslim peoples for no reason but to be blamed because they look similar towards the crimes that have happened on global news, which is a massive problem in this industry.

Many attacks are happening towards Muslim people but no one cares about these situations until it's a different culture. For example, a man named Abdul Gafar, he's got an Irish wife who is not a Muslim, a child together and a sister who is Christian and are living in a "peaceful household". But he's being racially abused by people for calling him an extremist.



"When you say you are a Muslim, people look at you and they believe that all Muslims are extremists, It's not all Muslims that are extremists. We go against it completely."

He's tried multiple times in explaining to the people "Islam is all about peace, tolerance and to be accommodating to people, be friendly with people, not being violent." But no one would care about how Islam is about peace.

Furthermore, another great example is the current fighting prime minister Boris Johnson, the Prime Minister made a racial slur towards Islamic women in calling them "letter boxes" and "bank robber" which is not the right leader who makes a racist counter in front of millions and even setting up examples towards the younger UK audiences.



"I would go further and say that it is absolutely ridiculous that people should choose to go around looking like letter boxes."

‘And he added that if "a female student turned up at school or a university lecture looking like a bank robber" he would ask her to remove it to speak to her.’

It makes you wonder how people in power planning in running the country are quite disrespectful and racist when they should be a leader and showing us the right path in taking care of our country then segregating different religion because of what they believe in.

I believe that there are many ways of showing positive things about Islam in proving their peace and love towards one another, such as the Mosque where Muslims worship, discuss and study Islam and do many charities. Any non believers are also more than welcome to learn and see the experiences in what Muslim people are praying or reading the holy book known as the Quran because everyone is more than welcome to be in the mosque, theirs no Muslims only policy, its about peace and sharing each other's thoughts.

The religion of Islam does not accept terrorism at all. It is not in any accomplishment to do any harm to one another, No Muslims can be terrorist and no terrorist can be real Muslims because the Islamic religion is all about peace. Islam respects every human being right and none of them can be violated. The Quran is a great example that shows Islam is not about war but are about peace, the Quran shows that each Muslim men and

women must show a symbol of peace and support the other human rights.



Moreover, the Quran states that whoever takes any life unreasonably, will result in them having to take the lives of everyone as a whole, and the one who saves a life, will result in them saving the lives of everyone as a whole.

‘Quran (4:93): And whoever kills a believer intentionally, his recompense is Hell to abide therein, and the Wrath and the Curse of Allah are upon him, and a great punishment is prepared for him’

‘Quran (5:32): Because of that We ordained for the Children of Israel that if anyone killed a person not in retaliation of murder, or to spread mischief in the land - it would be as if he killed all mankind’

‘Quran (17:33): And do not kill anyone which Allah has forbidden, except for a just cause.’

Besides the Quran, there is also another way to spread messages around the world about peace and giving out lessons, its called the hadith. The hadith contains all the different things that all the prophets used to do, it helps us understand his way of life and how he used to live.it shows us the guides and strength through difficulties in time of life.

THE PROPHET ﷺ SAID:

"YOU DO NOT DO EVIL TO THOSE
WHO DO EVIL TO YOU, BUT YOU
DEAL WITH THEM WITH
FORGIVENESS AND KINDNESS."

'Bukhari 83:49: The Prophet said, "Whoever killed a Mu'ahid (a person who is granted the pledge of protection by the Muslims) shall not smell the fragrance of Paradise.'

'Jami at-Tirmidhi 2510: "...You will not enter Paradise until you believe, and you will not believe until you love each other... spread the peace among each other'"

'Jami at-Tirmidhi 1854: "O Mankind, spread peace and feed people..."

There is a small documentary about a man named Richard McKinney and he was serving for the marines in the US. He fought several times in the middle east and got tattoos of 26 tears meaning that he killed 26 people and he stopped adding more after his 26. He owned a store and one time two Muslim women wearing burka came in his store and he cried as he "pray for enough strength to go over there and break both their necks". Later on, he made a plan in making a "homemade bomb" to set it off at his nearest Islamic Center, hoping to hit "200 plus killed or injured". Thinking this would be his one last thing for his country and couldn't care less if he goes to prison because it was the only thing keeping him "alive".

Moreover, Richard "snapped" when he found out his daughter saw a Muslim women wearing a burka picking up her son from school, while he was going crazy his daughter started to question her affection with her father by the way he's responding to an innocent Muslim Women, which made him realise he was the "craziest person".

So he decided to give the Islamic Center one more chance, so he went to the Islamic Center and wanted to see what Islam is all about and the men given him the Quran and said "come back when you have questions" which he did, thinking he had all the people wrong in the centre but they would always give him the answer back, which woke him up in realising he's in the wrong and 8 weeks later he became a Muslim and 3 years later 'McKinney became president of the Muncie Islamic Center' and he learnt that he was "completely wrong" about everything that he "felt" about Muslim and the religion Islam. This gives us a lesson that you shouldn't judge a Muslim people by its looks or judge them from what you hear in the news, but to actual give them a chance to talk to or to explain their religion, just like in another video there's a Muslim man going around different state holding a board saying 'I am a Muslim, ask me anything' and they would give there honest opinion about Islam and he would give them the answer about the religion and it surprised a lot of people and mostly came out positive because they were

learning something new and that could be a start in spreading around that Islam is not what you think it is.

" I wish there was more Muslims like you, who would speak out against the radicals who are extremists because it would give a lot of people a better understanding"

"I am just very grateful that folks like you, are on the streets and they're speaking the truth"

This shows how much people listen to the gossip than giving the actual people of their own religion a chance to talk and show what Islam is all about but they would prefer to a more reliable source than the people who's been a Muslim since they were born.



To change these issues for the Islamic community I will be collaborating with Muslim women artist name Maaida Noor who is an inspirational to the Muslim community and me especially. Her work uses Islamic verses to express a deeper and positive message to share to the audiences and questions the viewers into considering your thoughts and understanding. Her work is filled with beautiful Arabic calligraphy which is a religious expression of Allah, known as god, which symbolise the beauty and power of Islam and it shows a reflection of the cultural values of the Muslim Community. I've chosen Noor because I believe and she believes her messages can spread positivity and peace deeply that we can all relate as humans and create a light where there is darkness in our heart and show what Islam is really about.



We plan to create a home design furniture featuring Maaida custom art work, this would be a new line of an Arabian furniture's that expresses the positive, cultural value of Islam. I will be making a mix of Arabian and British furniture's and accessories that will be part of the collection, the British making would be sofa, chair, clock, crockery and the Arabian features would be rug, chandelier and a tea set and after Maaida Noor will use her speciality in designing all the pieces to the highest quality possible. Instead of having 100 manufactured chairs and print the artwork on top and call it done we wanted this project to stand out to the public eye and make it into something we'd be proud of together and also our Islamic community. Which is why we're making different 1 off pieces that are handmade, well crafted and will have a lot of time and effort into which gives it more value. These quality pieces will be publicised in the exhibition of The National Gallery at Trafalgar Square in London and later on in that day each off these custom pieces will be auctioned off and the money collected will be split between a great cause for charity name Muslim Global Relief, the artists and the next event. These products would be a blend of Arabian and British furniture so that both cultures are presented in one space together. *What British furniture? Which Arabic Furniture?

Overall I believe that this subject matter is a massive problem that will take time to be resolved because it wouldn't be fixed straight away overnight, the reason that is how British people, Americans and everyone around look at Muslim's will need a lot of trust issue and build up a great relationships, that's why I believe my idea of making furniture's with Maaida Noor Arabic calligraphy skills is one of many ideas that will hopefully change the perspective with how public see Islam people and would create a trend towards the global communities and hopefully take inspiration in making more people from the community and make their own exhibition or go around the public and express their feeling towards people who disagree about Islam or who are not sure with the facts they heard and with a bit of luck the global news will finally make a positive approach towards Islamic culture.

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