

CONFRONTING FAITH-BASED BIAS: EXAMINING RELIGION IN THE MEDIA

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SETTING GROUND RULES

- Respect
 - being aware of language
 - intent vs. impact
 - confidentiality
- Brave Space
- “Pardon my ignorance”
- “Ouch” and “Oops”
- Your ideas???

INTRODUCTIONS

Introduce yourself to the people sitting next to you, sharing...

1) your name

2) DU affiliation

3) Why did you decide to attend the Diversity Summit? What are you excited to learn?

LET'S TALK

It is hard to talk about faith. Like money and politics, religion is one of the topics banned from polite dinner conversation.

However, cooperation between members of various faith traditions still plays a crucial role in global peace and stability, and in the functioning of a diverse, democratic society, which statistics show is religiously diversifying. This is why we want to open up the conversation.

*Tell us, why are you in **this** session today?*

WHAT ROLE DOES THE MEDIA PLAY IN ALL THIS?

You will now have 10 minutes to read over this article
(it is yours to keep!)

<http://www.ibtimes.com/911-age-isis-facing-continued-anti-islam-sentiment-american-muslims-are-determined-2092037>

Notice every time the *media* or *social media* is mentioned...

QUOTE TO DISCUSS

“As a Marine, our motto is God, Country, Corps. It doesn’t say Christian god, or a Jewish god,” said Shams. “I’d give my life for this country. I don’t know how much more patriotic it gets than that.” (page 5, para. 6)

What does this quote say about the role of faith in Shams’ life? How does this counter or mirror our typical framework of religion in America?

REFLECTING ON THE ARTICLE

How does the media shape our perceptions of faith traditions?

How might power, privilege, and your positionality affect your perceptions of this issue?

OTHER COMMENTS?

Other thoughts about the article?

THE INTERFAITH AMIGOS

<http://videocast.du.edu/video/tedxdu-interfaith-amigos>

Reactions to the video?

ACTION ITEM!

- Get to know the religious and spiritual resources on your campus. Do you know of DU's religiously- or spiritually-affiliated student groups? Are you familiar with their programming?
- Make it a goal to attend an event!

Q & A

Questions or closing thoughts?

THANK YOU

**Thank you for entering this brave space and
participating in our workshop!**

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