

Islamophobia, Discrimination, and National Security

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In the past two months, a presidential candidate called for the profiling of Muslims, a Tennessee lawmaker told Muslims to "go back to where they came from," and a large home improvement store pulled ads from a television show ostensibly because it didn't portray Muslims in a negative light. How do these acts influence cases of discrimination? What have they to do with our nation's national security policies?

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