

## Student Organizer 4

### Religion and Immigration: Muslims in the United States and Europe

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Immigrant Perspective	European Perspective
<p><b>I don't want to be tolerated in this country. I have lived here for 32 years. I'm a citizen of Holland. I want to be accepted... I want to be Dutch and Muslim here in Holland. Give us the freedom!"</b></p> <p>Name: _____ Occupation: _____</p>	<p><b>If you say, "I reject the western lifestyle and I don't want to fit in your way," I say, "Keep away!"</b></p> <p>Name: _____ Occupation: _____</p>
<p><b>"We don't want them to stay like they are. We don't want them to be different. We want them to be exactly like us. And only when they are exactly like us, we will accept them." Well, if you accept people who are exactly like you, you are not tolerant.</b></p> <p>Name: _____ Occupation: _____</p>	<p><b>They really reject a western lifestyle and we think that is very strange, because if you don't want to have a western lifestyle, you shouldn't come here.</b></p> <p>Name: _____ Occupation: _____</p>
<p><b>I feel power in my religion, but I don't feel hate. I feel only love and power. Everything I need is in my religion. I am happy in my religion. But there are people who see it as a terrorist religion, a bad religion, a religion of hate... It can make you crazy because you don't know me, but you are afraid of me! And we live in the same country. For me, that is a very big problem.</b></p> <p>Name: _____ Occupation: _____</p>	<p><b>You see that these individuals have now gone through a complete mental change and take a hostile attitude towards Europe and Europeans, label people unbelievers. So they come here and they want to claim their lifestyle and we are of course a liberal society. But when the children of these people cannot fit into our society, then the problems will grow.</b></p> <p>Name: _____ Occupation: _____</p>

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