

Student Organizer 7

Religion and Immigration: Muslims in the United States and Europe

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1. Why did the French government decide to pass the law banning religious attire in public schools?
2. French political analyst Dominique Moisi states that a "religion of secularism" or a "religion of neutrality" must be maintained in the French public schools. What does he mean?
3. Unlike the U.S., France is against the personal expression of faith in public schools. How does the history of France determine the way it views the separation between church and state?
4. Why do you think Americans are more willing to express their religion publicly?
5. Do you think a person who openly displays his or her faith is more religious than someone who keeps his or her faith private?

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1. What compromises were made between the government and Muslim immigrants to solve problems surrounding the observance of the religious holiday known as Eid?
2. Why is the family against the banning of the headscarf in public schools?
3. Malika believes the creation of a Muslim school is not a good solution to the headscarf controversy. Do you agree or disagree with her?

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