

**THE MOST IMPORTANT CHALLENGE
FOR MUSLIM AMERICANS -
ESPECIALLY OUR YOUTH, LEADERS,
AND SCHOLARS:**

**HOW TO OVERCOME STEREOTYPES OF MUSLIMS
AS “TERRORISTS” AND CREATE AN INTERACTIVE
DIALOGUE TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MAINSTREAM ISLAM AND
THE COMPLEX ROOTS OF RADICALIZATION**

WHAT DO WE WANT

- **Most of us want harmony, peace, and engagement in our community.**
- **Think and discuss how to challenge and overcome stereotypes of Muslims as “terrorists”.**

DISCUSS THE COMPLEX ROOTS OF RADICALIZATION

- **Initiate a dialogue among American Muslims about how to defeat radical Islamic ideology.**
- **We must understand that our community needs to do a lot more to change our attitudes toward religious fundamentalism.**

DISCUSS THE COMPLEX ROOTS OF RADICALIZATION

- **It is not enough for American Muslims to stay complacent in their homes and places of work and think that the general public automatically knows that we are peace-loving citizens.**
- **We have to actively participate in rhetoric and action to loudly condemn religious intolerance and radical thought.**

OUR YOUTH NEEDS IT

- **We need to create and awareness of the differences between mainstream Islam and the complex roots of radicalization.**
- **Our youth need to be actively engaged in such a dialogue to avoid falling prey to terrorists' social media propaganda.**

MY REQUEST

It is my humble request to all the brilliant and dedicated leaders, scholars, and all concerned Muslims to think about this issue, discuss it, and disregard minor differences in our beliefs.

**TOGETHER WE CAN OVERCOME
THIS CHALLENGE.**

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