

## POINT / COUNTERPOINT Is Racial Profiling Right for America?

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No Racial Profiling? You Got To Be Kidding  
Let's review the facts.

Q: How many terrorists were responsible for the events of 9-11?

A: Nineteen.

Q: What race were they?

A: Arab.

Q: What sex were they?

A: Male.

Q: What about this Osama Bin Laden fellow? What race and sex is he?

A: He's an Arab male.

Q: Zacarias Moussaoui?

A: Arab male.

Q: Mullah Omar?

A: Arab male.

Q: Richard Reid?

A: Arab male.

See the trend?

I have just mentioned 23 different people who made headlines for being responsible for successful or failed attacks on or related to September 11, all Arab and all men.

Also, let's not forget about the terror organization that was responsible for 9-11, Al-Qaeda, which is made almost entirely of Arab men.

So it would seem to make sense for our national security to focus itself on Arab men in order to prevent another 9-11. It's a logical, rational response to the events.

But it's not going to happen. Not anytime soon at least. The reason why is (gasp!) PRO-FILING! No matter how many lives we might save, we just can't profile! There might be protests! It's racist! It's politically incorrect!

It's trash, if you ask me however, and the situation must be discussed with more sense. If our intelligence agencies had profiled, would 3000 dead husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, daughters, and sons be alive today?

Right now, American airports are more

prone to searching 85-year-old, blue-haired grandmothers than the turban-wearing, Middle Eastern man standing right behind her. Why? Because airports don't want to appear racist, or politically incorrect. Sadly, it is this absurd penchant America has for leftist political correctness that is going to get more people killed.

Speaking of racism, racial profiling is not racism. Racism is a belief in the inherent superiority of one race over another. Racial superiority is not a reason why law enforcement should pay special attention to air travelers of Middle Eastern appearance.

No one has said that whites, blacks, Latinos, or Asians are superior to Arabs. Racial profiling is a prejudicial act, not a racist one. If an airport security screener sees a man of Middle-Eastern descent, they should know that ALL recent airline terrorists have been Middle Eastern.

Therefore, the screener should make a pre-judgment that this person may harbor ill intentions. It's common sense.

Let's say you see someone steal your book bag, and you describe to security that the suspect is 6'5", 300-pound, white male with blonde hair and blue eyes. As the victim, would it then make you happy if security questioned brown-eyed, 65-pound, bald, black, female midgets? No, because that's not the description of the suspect. Then again, wouldn't questioning only white men be racial profiling?

And that's what we need to keep in mind about racial profiling now. All 19 of the terrorists on September 11 were Arab men.

That's 100 percent, and when the statistic is 100 percent it is no longer racial profiling.

It is then an identification of the suspect.

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The intentions of racial profiling are good.

Wait...What?

Racial profiling is used solely to support stereotypes. End of story.

A good example stems from the sniper incident that recently took place in the Washington, D.C., area.

I, being a privileged, white, male, assumed that this sicko was a white male who had a spoon of silver feeding him from the time he was born until now. Unsure how to deal with things not going his way, I figured this creep decided to go on a shooting rampage.

But, I was wrong. The guys who shot and killed so many innocent people are, if found guilty, a black Muslim and his son. Obviously still sickos, but not who I originally thought. Maybe we would have never caught this demented duo if police had continued to use racial profiling.

As a police chief, I certainly would have had my squad searching high and low for some rich white kid who could not get his way.

Racial profiling leads us astray. For this reason we must, as a society, not have profiling of any kind — especially not racial. We must base our investigations on fact.

Racial profiling leads to blacks getting stopped by police officers that are looking for drug dealers, because stereotypes tell our society that blacks are the only people who deal drugs. Preposterous!

Racial profiling leads to harassment of Latinos, who happen to live in the U.S.A. near the border of Mexico, because they must be smuggling immigrants. Idiomatic!

Racial profiling leads to Native Americans getting stopped because they are obviously drunk and disorderly. What?

Racial profiling leads to harassment of Muslims, because we all know they have bombs. Foolish!

Racial profiling permits hassling whites in Mexico, because they are starting trouble.

Oh, wait. ALL the whites in Mexico are starting trouble, and ALL the Muslims have bombs, and ALL the Latinos are smuggling immigrants. How could I forget?

Racial profiling pushes people away from the unknown, and tolerates a world where it is okay to call things that are different suspect.

A world that tolerates racial profiling will eventually tolerate the use of words like n\*gger, f\*ggot, sand n\*gger, k\*ke, m\*ck, sp\*c, and cracker. That is a world that I cannot stand for.

I can stand for a world where justice lives.

Justice lives in fact, not figments of our imaginations.

Obtaining facts entails doing some investigation, so I know that means (gasp!) officers cannot just stop someone because they look suspicious. But, is that not for the best?

Does that not mean that police officers will narrow their search to a description? It may mean that a cop might have to put down the doughnut and work, but is that not what we demand of our police force?

I demand justice, and that has nothing to do with race.