

SUAD JOSEPH LAB: Media Project
Representing Muslims and Islam in *The New York Times*: 1851 – 2020.
University of California, Davis
Undergraduate Research Conference &
Middle East/South Asia Studies Student Research Symposium

Sabrina Shupp 2020
International Relations Major

The Middle East and North Africa in U.S. Media Representations: An Analysis of the Term
“Mohammedan” in *The New York Times* (1900-1909)

How does *The New York Times* represent the Mohammedan people and religion during the decade of 1900-1909? I found that the term often associates the Middle East and the “Mohammedan” people as foreign and inferior to contrasting people groups and religions. This representation is critical because the term Mohammedan was used to conflate both the ethnicity and the religious state of individuals and groups of people at the time. Since *The New York Times* is considered to be the leading progressive and liberal newspaper world-wide, the representation presented is important to follow. This research coincides with a larger project analyzing 150 years of *The New York Times*’ representation of the Middle East conducted in Dr. Suad Joseph’s lab.