

Dear "This American Life,"

It is important to bring information to your audience about Sharia Law and practices such as Female Genital Mutilation. There are people who are survivors of these Islamic laws, as I am. They are NOT anti-Muslim people, but we ARE against any ideology that damages children, women, and other vulnerable people, including men. People like me must hide identities because of safety issues. If we speak out, even here in the United States, we are in danger. NPR and many other mainstream media do not interview people like Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Anni Cyrus, Yasmine Mohammed, Saira Haider, Ali A. Rizvi, and Ridvan Aydemir (Apostate Prophet) who are bravely speaking out against life-damaging ideology and practices. They are like myself, ex-Muslims; we have important, life-changing information to share with American citizens. Jamie Glazov, a Russian born radio show host, (The Glazov Gang) speaks out against the unequal and violent treatment of women and children by Sharia Law. Why is NPR afraid to approach this subject? If they speak out against these suppressive ideologies, I feel like too many Americans are afraid that they will be labeled as "RACIST!" Don't you know how helpful this would be for women and young girls' futures? May I suggest that you listen to the aforementioned people on the internet. It will be life-changing for you as well. I speak for myself and others who are afraid to speak out, even in our own homes and communities. We need non-Muslims to begin speaking out, not condemning Muslim people, but to acknowledge the slave-like practices that weaken or even brainwash people, even in this country. Most people who follow Islam do not know how to read the Quran. Instead, followers are literally told to memorize the Quran and recite it without knowing the meaning behind it. People are presented with a sugar-coated, cherry-picked version while ignoring or not being aware of the conflict between the Quran and the Hadith (sahih al-Bukhari), which documents the life of the founder of Islam ideology and his teachings. Some women claim that it gives them freedom. This is not true because the Quran and the sahih al-Bukhara support gender inequality. It is horrible. Read the Surat alnisa. According to the Quran: 1.) Women get half inheritance so that they'll always be dependent on a man. 2.) Men can marry up to four wives. 3.) Men have the right to discipline their wives, but conversely, women are not allowed to discipline their husbands, and 4.) Divorced/widowed women have to go through something called *Iddah*: It is requirements that Muslim women have to follow when death or divorce takes place. The Quran states that "The Iddah is a waiting period that a Muslim woman observes after the death of her husband or after a divorce." What more do you need to see for more people to wake from their deep sleep regarding this ideology and teachings! Americans want to respect peoples' cultures and religions, but they are afraid to speak up for human rights, which is contradictory within Islamic teaching. Ignorance is bliss! Please take this suggestion to heart. Let me know if I can answer any questions or if you would like to meet with me.

Please do not share my name and contact information.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me to let me know that you have received this email.

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PS- This is an excellent information source for you – Julia G. out of New York – "Rationally Speaking" Exploring the Borderline Between Reason and Nonsense- article and podcast - RS 227- Sarah Haider on "Dissent and free speech"