The Contemptible Ethnic Profiling at the UK Airports of Muslim and Ethnic Minority Travellers

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Ethnic profiling at the airport is deliberately racist. Ethnic profiling makes generalizations about entire communities. In criminal cases the Supreme Court has condemned ethnic profiling against African-Americans for a long time, because of its injustice. If ethnic profiling were used again in this way, there would be uproar. However, ‘Islamaphobia’ is still a socially acceptable form of racism. When one considers the number of Muslims or ethnic Middle Easterners and South-East Asians in proportion to the number of terrorists, one sees that this fear is founded on a few cases. The State should not allow institutionalized bigotry based on little evidence. The fact that other security measures have failed does not suggest that this one will succeed. Perhaps it proves that no security measures are entirely effective.

Despite anomalies, the majority of terrorist organizations threatening us today are based on a form of Islamic ideology that is mostly prevalent in the Middle East and South-East Asia. Profiling is based on a reasoned assumption that it is people within these organizations, situated in these countries, who are the most likely suspects of terrorism.

The purpose of this study is to examine ethnic profiling being used at the airports against Muslims or ethnic Middle Easterners and South-East Asians people. How that has impacted on religious tourists visiting scared sites around the world. The study will analyse the data how racial profiling works, the evidence shows many terrorists come from Europe or from within the United States, who don’t fit the profile. The study will develop framework how to avoid harassment and bigotry can be prevented with a system of accountability and proper supervision. Security personnel needs to be trained specifically for the role, so that they know what behavioural signs to look out for and learn to use ethnic profiling sensitively.

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