

First Year Seminar - Discussion questions for identity in a post 9/11 world

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1. Consider the impact that the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States had on your identity. Did the events of September 11th significantly change your personal identity? If so, in what ways and, if not, why not? Did the terrorist attacks alter your reaction to other identity groups after September 11th?

2. Two groups that have faced a negative reaction after September 11th are Arabs and Muslims. From the course readings, what are the authors' perspectives on belonging to one of these groups in American society? Does considering the Arab or Muslim perspectives presented affect the personal perspective that you had formed before reading this material? {Note: if you are an Arab or Muslim, what is your reaction to the course readings in terms of how well you feel that they do or do not represent your views?}.

3. What do you believe will be that the longer-term implications, if any, of September 11th for relations between groups?