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Subject: Re: Why did you vote for Obama?

Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Sun, 07 Dec 2008 20:31:52 GMT

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Whoop, forgot to reply to this.

Spoony wrote on Fri, 05 December 2008 02:21

On the contrary; I'm very carefully distinguishing those Muslims who are prone to violence, combat against human rights and science and progress etc - from those who aren't.

When people say that lovely line "not all Muslims are terrorists", they really don't know what Islam is all about; how it started and what it commands its followers to do. Like these people, I am careful to make the distinction - but I'm a little clearer on what the distinction actually is.

Islam specifically instructs its followers to carry out violence against non-Muslims. If you're a Muslim, this is what you are commanded to do, repeatedly and unambiguously. And perhaps you don't check the news often but this instruction is being followed all over the world on a daily basis. And there's plenty of other religions who just so happen to be instructed to commit violence. Or, y'know, those who don't really follow religion. Or if they do, it's incredibly loosely. Yeah, only the Muslims commit violence, amirite?

I understand why you dislike the Muslim extremism, and it pisses me off, too. But, there are some who perceive it differently. I mean, shit, should I tell you you're a angsty little teenager because a good lot of atheists are angsty little teenagers?

For the most part, Muslims just so happen to be in the spotlight of hatred right now, and you're kind of just falling into that crowd. Look at it from more perspectives than just what you see.

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