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

My research is focused on the representation and characterization of the Middle East within *The New York Times* from 1900-1909. *The New York Times* is considered to be the leading progressive and liberal newspaper nation-wide. I specifically focused on articles relevant to the term “Mohammedan” through the Proquest Historical Newspaper Database. My research will highlight a window of time from January to April of 1900 because of the extensive relevance of articles at the time. The term was used to describe both the ethnicity and the religious state of individuals and groups of people. I found that the term often associates the Middle East and the “Mohammedan” people as foreign and in need of modifications in order to be seen as socially and culturally acceptable. The term is also associated as being inferior to contrasting people groups and religions. This research coincides with a larger project analyzing 150 years of *The New York Times*.