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Advocacy Project Proposal

In my HCP, I focused on the War of Terror and its effects on mass incarceration. I began by discussing the spike in terrorism-related arrests since the onset of 9/11. I then connected those past events to today, where the rise of ISIS and the civil war in Syria have been contributing to a growing bias, from society and the media, against Muslim minorities, leading to increases in arrest rates and greater discrimination rates, in their population. This problem requires fixing and advocacy because the process of detainment and the things that go on inside these camps are unethical and emotionally damaging. Many innocent people are arrested and placed in these camps without much fault of their own, but rather by their religious practices and the color of their skin. The amount of people being held based on false suspicion need to be dramatically decreased, and those just released need to be properly integrated back into society.

For my AP, I want to look for possible solutions to reduce numbers in detainment camps, and possibly introduce my own if I can think of a good concrete, or even abstract, solution. I also want to look into whether and legislation has been passed to curb these needless arrests. I also want to incorporate any solutions that have been tried in the past, and why they succeeded and/or failed. I think that I have researched enough to have a broad scope on the problem, but I may need to do a little more in order to get an idea for solutions. My main argument will revolve around the fact that false suspicions are not fighting back terrorism, but rather stripping the rights and sanity of innocent people. The amount of detainees needs to be decreased significantly, mainly by positively altering the image of Muslims around the globe and cutting their ties to terrorism. Radicalism is terrorism, not Islam.

I’m going to come up with solutions that alleviate the numbers of Muslims being detained on false links to terrorism, and how to re-integrate formerly detained Muslims back into society. I plan to look deeper into testimonies of those affected by the problem, and analyze the politics surrounding the issue. Structure wise, in my introduction, I want to summarize the points about the current problem, mainly points from my HCP. Then my body paragraphs will go into attempted solutions and their outcomes, the government’s role in finding a solution and those outcomes, and finally discuss my own solutions. As for my conclusion, I want to summarize the solutions to the problem and also advocate for a better awareness in society and general public of the problem at hand.

I hope that I can argue enough to meet the requirements for the AP, because that is my main fear as of right now. But I do feel that I know sufficiently about my topic to know where to start arguing and advocating my point to the general audience.