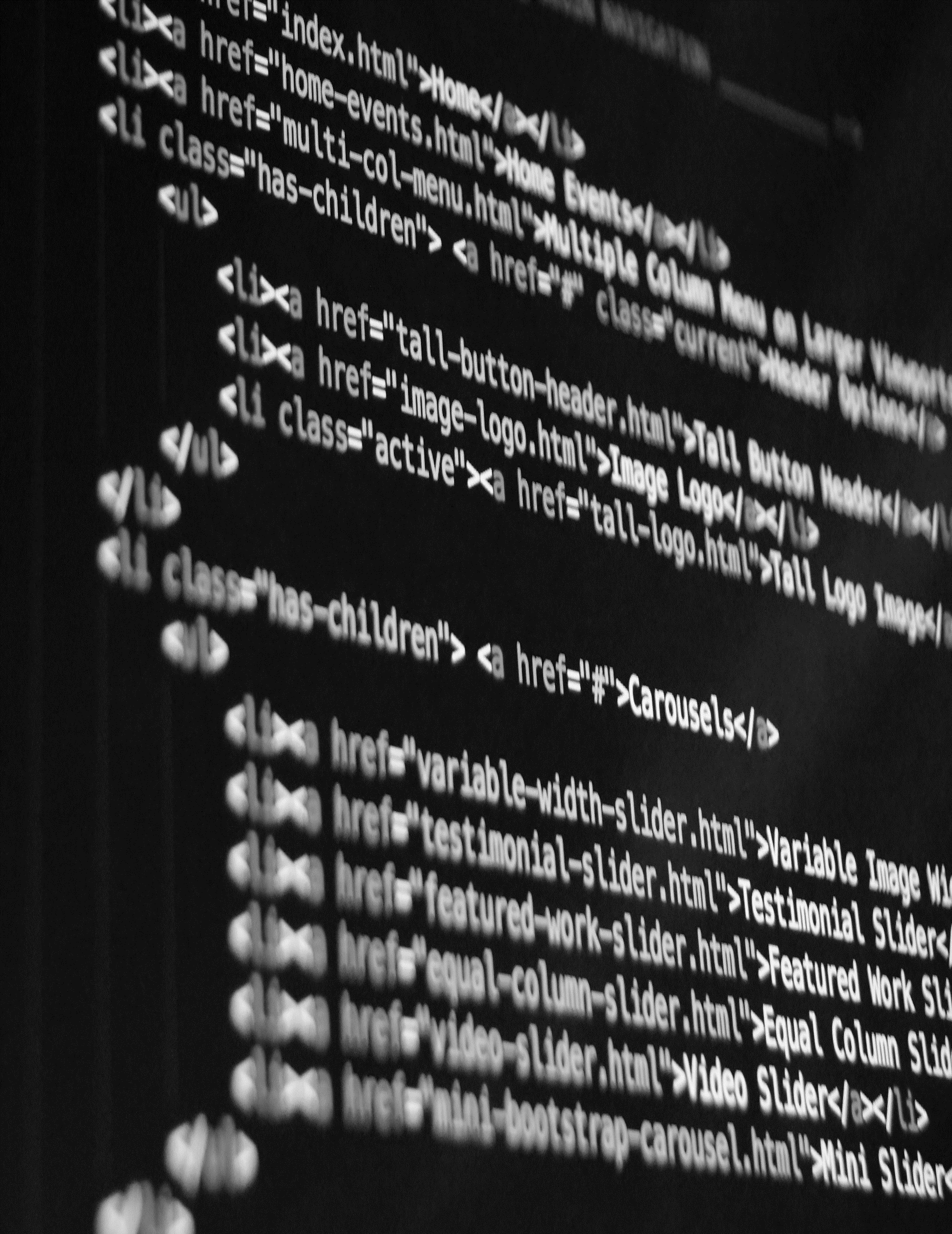
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## #ISLAMAPHOBIA project plan

### **Problem**

Technology platforms are increasingly being used by malicious non-state and state actors to **promote hate speech and incite violence against minorities**.  
From pundits repeating conspiracy theories about Muslims to game search engines, to violent extremists posting livestream links on image boards like 8kun before committing a mass shooting, to regimes looking the other way while radical groups incite ethnic cleansing via encrypted chats like WhatsApp, Islamophobia has increasingly become weaponized through technology platforms.  
America Indivisible and Fifth Tribe are looking for bold solutions to use technology as a force for good. The #hackislamophobia challenge is looking for **the best idea for digital platforms that either track, analyze, or actively combat Islamophobic hate speech and advocacy online.**

### **Solution**

To combat the issue of fake news and widespread theories I wanted to create a website that has Islam focused news from credible sources. I picked **6 websites** that have accredited news outlets and **embedded** them. I display a preview of all articles dealing with Islam that the publication has as well as allow the user to click the preview and be redirected to corresponding sire. This allows users to assure that what they see is accredited and not false. In addition, I have included a tab called “Fake News Quiz”. We have become so complacent in our online activity that we have lost our ability to decipher real news from fake. We scroll and scroll and tend to believe everything we see without hesitation. I am guilty of following for a fake news article simply because I saw the heading on twitter or any other social media. I intend for this quiz to showcase how simple it is to fall for a fake headline. I **created a backend API** which houses my questions. I then **called the questions using an asynchronous function**. Once the user submits the answer, I have a function that checks correctness and increases the quiz score accordingly. Once the quiz is completed, I show the overall score as well as a button to retake the exam. My hope is that this website will become widespread and that everyone will use it as their source of news. I hope to make this into a Facebook, Instagram, and twitter page.