

Pakistani Dramas: What Desi Families Worldwide Should Know

As an Indian, I watch these dramas too – they connect us across borders! But their influence stretches beyond Pakistan, shaping Desi homes globally. Here's what matters, especially through an Islamic lens:

1. The "Muslim-Lite" Problem

- Dramas often show Muslim families but ignore Islamic values:
- Free mixing between non-mahram men/women portrayed as "normal."
- Revealing clothing at home/events (against hijab/modesty principles).
- Islamic rituals reduced to background visuals (prayers without meaning, Ramadan without spirituality).

Impact: Young Muslims confuse cultural habits with Islamic obligations.

2. Toxic Relationships Haram in Disguise

- Islam promotes kindness, respect, and justice – but dramas show:
- Stalking/Obsession (called "pyaar") – but this is haram intrusion.
- Silent Suffering of women – while Islam gives rights to speak against oppression.
- Family Strife – while Quran urges upholding family ties.

Real Harm: Teaches youth that control, jealousy, and revenge are "Islamic love."

3. Wealth Worship Over Contentment

Dramas glorify:

- Lavish weddings, designer outfits, and palaces.
- Characters judging others by wealth/social status.

Islamic Conflict: Promotes "duniya parasti" (world-worship) against Quranic warnings about materialism.

4. Cultural Erasure Hurts Us All

From Delhi to Dubai, Desi kids see:

- Urdu replaced by English phrases ("Darling, please!").
- Eid/Islamic festivals sidelined for Valentine's/Halloween.

Result: A generation ashamed of shalwar kameez, misquoting "Khuda Hafiz," and losing shared Desi-Muslim identity.

An Islamic Solution for Better Drama

We need stories that:

- ✓ Show REAL Muslims: Praying with heart, resolving conflicts peacefully, dressing modestly with pride.
- ✓ Highlight Islamic Heroes: Women who solve problems with wisdom (not tears), men who respect boundaries.
- ✓ Celebrate Roots: Eid festivities, family laughter in Urdu/Hindi, simple joys over fake glamour.

A Note to Producers:

You have power! Use it to:

Teach 15-year-old Ayesha in Mumbai true Muslim womanhood.

Show Ahmed in Dubai that strength means control over anger – not people.

To Viewers (My Desi Family):

Next time you watch, ask:

"Is this teaching my values... or stealing them?"

Let's demand dramas that make our grandparents smile, our kids proud, and our faith stronger.

(Note: This isn't about Pakistan – it's about protecting our shared Desi-Muslim culture worldwide.)