

Video: American Mosaic: Stories of immigration from those who lived it

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Body

Tara Bahrapour: Have you **immigrated** or know someone who has? Would you like to be featured on **American Mosaic**? Please send us some information about yourself to tarab@washpost.com

Tara Bahrapour: When Esraa Bani and her family **immigrated** to the United States in 1998, they landed at Dulles Airport, rented a minivan and spent 6 weeks searching up and down the East Coast for the ideal place to **live**. They settled on Reston, just a ten-minute drive from Dulles. Bani was born in the Sudan and **lived** in Saudi Arabia until age 14, and since moving to the U.S., she has dealt with harassment, married a Jewish man and founded a mothers' group called "Hip Muslim Moms" (The group recently disbanded after the husband of one of the members was arrested for plotting to blow up Metrorail stations in Northern Virginia). And she has a 2-year-old daughter, Fatima, who will face -- and present -- a new set of cultural challenges.

Tara Bahrapour: Esraa's Arrival to the United States

Tara Bahrapour: Facing the Difficulties of **Immigration**

Tara Bahrapour: Esraa's Activism

Tara Bahrapour: Marriage and Raising Children in a Multicultural Home

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American Education: I am guessing Ms. Bani was here during her High School, College, and Grad School years. Any comments on what she thinks about our Education system. We think it's broke!

Diaspora Connections to Average Americans: How aware do you think the average **American** is about your struggles and the struggles of those like you who have come to the United States? What do you do to reach out to this community and share commonalities?

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