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Introducing: The Western Minaret

The Western Minaret is an undergraduate social sciences journal which aims to explore the issues facing the North American Muslim community. With the rise of Islamophobia and the constant depiction of Islam and Muslims in the news, this publications aim is to dispel myths and misconceptions which have arisen as a result of current events.

The journal articles will investigate a scope of topics relating to the Muslim community, such as the effects of Islamophobia, the media depiction of Muslims, the involvement of Muslims in the non-Muslim and Muslim community, as well as integration in North American society. Data from the Researchers, Intellectuals & Scholars Conference (RISC) survey targeting Muslim residents conducted in the Calgary region, will be used to further highlight the experiences and opinions of North American Muslims in the community. The RISC survey gathered data on community involvement, political activity, opinions on Muslim leadership, and what Muslims think about the representation of them in the media.

Research will also be compiled through one-on-one interviews, focus groups, and online surveys. The articles will range from systematic reviews to quantitative, qualitative and mixed-method analysis. Scholarly articles from varying sources will also be compiled to support theories presented in the journal articles. The research will provide broader insights into the Muslim community which media outlets have yet to cover.

Building a greater understanding of the North American Muslim community is the goal of the research and concepts presented in *The Western Minaret*. The non-Muslim community as well as the Muslim community can benefit from the insights compiled relating to North American Muslims. Our research would like to bridge the gap between non-Muslims and Muslims and the miscommunication that stems as a result of stereotypes and misinformation in the media.

The Western Minaret's scope of research would like to extend nationwide in Canada and The United States in the near future, with the launch of the RISC survey in both countries. In this way a broader range of data can help create a better understanding of how differing Islamic communities view their surroundings. Compiling data from everyday Muslims will assist in dispelling myths created by the media and the constant misrepresentation as a result of the lack of knowledge about Islam in the non-Muslim community can be addressed. Through publishing academic research and highlighting the factors that affect the Muslim community, *The Western Minaret's* goal is to make the public aware of how Islam and the Muslim population is misrepresented in the twenty first century.

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