

Micro-Messaging and Muslims

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Micro- Messaging: Pre-9/11 in American Media

- The present Micro-messaging is an outcome of a long history of Muslim stereotyping in Western and American media
- Arabs in Hollywood Moves: Some Examples
- The Sheik (1921) and the Son of Sheik (1926) portrayed Arabs as thieves, charlatans, murderers, and brutes



More Hollywood Movies

- The Songs of Love, 1923
- The Café in Cairo, 1924
- The Desert Bride, 1928
- The Son of the Sahara, 1924, the strongest subconscious attack on Arab culture
- Arabs are portrayed as bombers, belly dancers, women as sex objects, barbaric camel riders in these and other movies



Arabs as Terrorists

The same theme continued till recently:

- Black Sunday, 1977 an Arab terrorist plot to bomb a stadium during the Super Bowl
- The Black Stallion, 1979, An Arab mistreating a horse aboard a ship and then an Arab boy with knife stealing a life jacket
- Back to the Future, 1985, Libya and Terrorism



Movies: US Army attacking Arab Terrorists

Jack Shaheen in the TV Arab counts some 21 major TV shows and movies:

- Iron Eagle, 1986
- Death Before Dishonor, 1987
- Wanted Dead or Alive, 1987, Arab Thugs plan to ignite LA
- Navy SEALs 1990
- Patriot Games, 1992
- Executive Decision 1996
- Black Hawk Down, 2001



Islamophobia: Post 9/11

- Fairness and Accuracy Reporting published study in 2008 titled: “How Islamophobia spread Bigotry, Fear and Misinformation”
- Authors: Bruce Bower and Robert Spencer
- TV and Radio Talk Show Hosts: Glen Beck, Michael Savage
- Political Commentators: David Horowitz, Alan Dershowitz and Daniel Pipes and Televangelist Pat Robertson



Islamophobic Images

- Islam is monolithic, static, literal
- Separatist: Having no values in common with the West
- Barbaric, irrational, primitive and sexist
- Violent, aggressive, threatening, supportive of terrorism, and engaged in clash of civilization
- Seen as a political ideology, Shari`ah enforcing, converting people by force



Personal Experience

- Self Experience: Airport security and most recent incident and also in plane
- Media Projection: TV Interview which presented me along with Muslims praying together but Bin Laden picture on top and talking about terrorism
- Lecture Questions: Jihad, condemn terrorism, you Arab, etc.



Personal Experience

- Speaking to Business people
- Speaking to a group of senior citizens
- Some Images





A picture shows campaign posters of the far-right Swiss People's Party. AFP photo



Stand up Muslim Comedians

- [Funny Muslim](#)

