Research Question: Since 9/11, does our society unfairly stereotype and discriminate against Muslims?


The article “Airport Screening for ‘Flying While Muslim’” is about the TSA racially profiling Muslims at airports. The author, a Muslim and a student at Harvard University, disagrees with the way the TSA is “randomly” targeting anyone with a Muslim-sounding name or wearing traditional Muslim dress. The author stresses that targeting members of a certain group at the airport is not effective and results in a perpetuation of ignorance and stereotyping. This author is biased. This is not a reliable source since this is an opinion-based editorial without any supporting evidence. This source compares to my other sources in that it is a first-hand account of the author’s experiences with racial profiling, while my other sources contain solid evidence to support the authors’ points. Even though this article supports my thesis and makes me feel more strongly about my argument, because of the lack of supporting evidence, I could not use this source for a research paper.