

Is Profiling Ever Justified?

Is there a valid reason for profiling?

Pause a moment and take the following quiz...

In 1972 at the Munich Olympics, Jewish athletes were kidnapped and massacred by:

- (a) Olga Corbett
- (b) Radical Mennonites
- (c) Arnold Schwarzenegger
- (d) Male Muslims between the ages of 17 and 40

In 1979, the U.S. embassy in Iran was taken over by:

- (a) Lost Norwegian fishermen
- (b) Elvis
- (c) A tour bus full of 80-year-old women
- (d) Male Muslims between the ages of 17 and 40

During the 1980's a number of Americans were kidnapped in Lebanon by:

- (a) A new sect of Buddhist monks
- (b) 3 Bat Mitzvah girls
- (c) Disgruntled Boy Scouts
- (d) Male Muslims between the ages of 17 and 40

In 1983, the US Marine barracks in Beirut was bombed by:

- (a) Presbyterian deacons
- (b) Geographically challenged Lesbians
- (c) Geraldo Rivera making up for a slow news day
- (d) Male Muslims between the ages of 17 and 40

In 1985, the cruise ship Achille Lauro was hijacked, and a 70 year old invalid passenger in a wheelchair was murdered and thrown overboard by:

- (a) The crew of the Love Boat
- (b) Alpha-Beta-Zeta Frats
- (c) Teletubbies with an attitude
- (d) Male Muslims between the ages of 17 and 40

In 1985, TWA flight 847 was hijacked at Athens, and a U.S. Navy diver was murdered by:

- (a) The Pope
- (b) The Dalai Llama
- (c) Mother Teresa
- (d) Male Muslims between the ages of 17 and 40

In 1988, Pan Am Flight 103 was bombed by:

- (a) Halle Berry on a bad hair day
- (b) Billy Graham
- (c) A pilgrimage of nuns
- (d) Male Muslims between the ages of 17 and 40

In 1993, the World Trade Center was first bombed by:

- (a) The entire cast of RiverDance
- (b) British Beefeaters
- (c) Air Jordan
- (d) Male Muslims between the ages of 17 and 40

In 1998, the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania were bombed by:

- (a) Peace Corps volunteers gone native
- (b) Hilary, to draw attention away from Bill's women problems
- (c) The W.W.F. to promote the Summer Slam
- (d) Male Muslims between the ages of 17 and 40

On 9-11-2001, four airliners were hijacked and smashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and a field in Pennsylvania. Thousands were killed by:

- (a) Bugs Bunny, Wile E. Coyote, and Daffy Duck
- (b) The Florida Supreme Court
- (c) The Brady Bunch
- (d) Male Muslims between the ages of 17 and 40

In 2002, the United States fought a war in Afghanistan against:

- (a) Enron
- (b) The Lutheran Church
- (c) The NFL
- (d) Male Muslims between the ages of 17 and 40

In 2002, reporter Daniel Pearl was kidnapped and murdered by:

- (a) Mormon missionaries
- (b) The Amish board of trustees
- (c) Al Gore, who's still pissed
- (d) Male Muslims between the ages of 17 and 40

Hmmm... Nope; no patterns here to justify any form of profiling...