

# A Clash of Cultures at Charlie Hebdo

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In a recent article, Cinnamon Stillwell documents the absurd lengths to which many American college professors have gone to shift blame for the *Charlie Hebdo* massacre from the Islamist murderers to non-Muslim Westerners.[\[1\]](#) A typical quote comes from Duke University professor of Islamic Studies Omid Safi: “The traumas of the French Muslim population today are linked to and an extension of the violence inflicted by the French on Muslims colonized for decades.” Safi conveniently overlooks the fact that non-Muslims have suffered, and continue to suffer, far more under Islamic imperialism than Muslims ever suffered under Western imperialism.[\[2\]](#) Like Omid Safi, too many American college professors blame Westerners themselves for the violence directed at them by Islamist thugs. They certainly do not blame the Islamic faith or its founder, Muhammad. [more>>>](#)