

The Vast Majority of Muslims

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Let's not blame all Italians for the Mafia. Let's not blame all Germans for Auschwitz. This seems only fair, judicious and a healthy counter to mob-mentality and over-reaction.

Strangely enough this seemingly admirable judicious let's-not-overgeneralize, in-all-fairness mindset also seems frequently coupled with the self-righteous ready to blame-all-white Americans for slavery and treatment of American Indians.

How this we-must-all-share-the-blame mentality comports with let's-not-blame-them-all-for-the-actions-of-a-few is actually an important issue. Towns regularly take pride in their denizens who go on to distinguish themselves. Families, nations routinely do the same – taking credit for astronauts, athletes, Nobel Prize winners and the like. Must they not then share the blame for those persons and actions which discredit them? The Serbians seem, in general, to get the blame for Milosevic and company. It is not axiomatic that spreading the blame is a mistake.

But for starters, indeed, let's not blame all Muslims for the actions of a few or, indeed, blame Islam for the actions of a few so-called Muslims. For example, we should not let [here](#) to view all his entries on which comments are welcome.