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The current intense Islamophobic rhetoric coming from the Republican party and especially Trump is actively trying to create an Us vs. Them attitude of America Vs. Muslims, in order to rally more people to their cause. This is extremely detrimental to the progress of American society because it breeds distrust and creates a divide between Americans who otherwise would happily work together and illustrates that many of the Republican parties frontrunners do not understand that many Muslim-Americans simply want to live in peace and contribute what they can to society.

Donald Trumps rhetoric especially shows me how he and his supporters are doomed to repeat the mistakes of the past that have refused to learn how and why other policies in the past were doomed to failure as well. The worst example I saw was how Trump wanted to force all Muslims to register in a national database that marked them as Muslims. This is eerily similar to the treatment of the Jews in areas controlled by the Nazi’s in World War two. This stance is not limited to extremist like Trump either or even the Republican party but continues to pop up across the Political spectrum. It is often shouted down when it is detrimental for a party to lean one way or another, however it is often ignored if it can benefit the party in some way even if it is offensive or plain wrong.