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As a non-Muslim, I often struggle with how I approach the wearing of the hijab. I worry that my lack of religious affiliation with the veil renders me ignorant of the significance it holds. My natural instinct is to assume what many think; that the hijab is a symbol of women's inferiority to men dating back to the founding of the Islamic faith and continuing today. It serves to cover not only the head of Muslim women, but also their potential to create great change in the world. In order to end these superficial beliefs, I must consider the thoughts of actual Muslim women. Perhaps, this way, I can begin to view the hijab through the eyes of a more informed individual and develop an appropriate opinion regarding this matter.

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To further my research on the hijab, I have turned to Muslim reporter Asma Khalid. In her National Public Radio segment, *Lifting the Veil: Muslim Women Explain Their Choice*, Khalid presents several women who recount their personal journeys with the hijab. Although their explanation of its use may differ, all the women can agree that it has influenced the identities they have created. I wonder, as I listen to these women, is there a correct interpretation that the rest of society should accept?

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Contrary to the superficial assumptions that many non-Muslims make, the hijab is not merely an article of clothing. For Nadia Shoeb, one of the women who recounts her experience with the veil, this deeper meaning is associated with her identity as an individual. Raised in Saudi Arabia, Shoeb decided to don the hijab when she moved to the United States at seventeen in an effort to establish a Muslim identity. However, five years later, she would make the decision to unveil.

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Nadia describes in an extended podcast from the NPR segment a moment when she was transported back to the archaic Muslim views on women. She was discussing her plan to go abroad when a family member reminded her that women are to be escorted by men when traveling. She describes this conversation as one that invoked hostility within her towards the Muslim religion. Women, regardless of their faith, do not need a man to lead them in any trips they may take. The men,

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