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### **Micro Activity #3**

The discourse community that I found the most problematic from the three on my list was the student council I became a part of in my senior year of high school. I went to a small school and my senior class consisted of about 60 people. In theory, it should have been easy to plan all the senior group activities such as, senior trip, prom, senior pranks, and what not but that was the hardest part of senior year, even more, complicated than filling out college applications.

Thinking back at it I realized that most of the issues revolved around power play. Every student had different ideas and they wanted to be heard and have things done their own way and in order to achieve that goal they wanted to take control of every little thing which caused a disturbance and kept us from being a productive team and because of that we could not get things done. This discourse community is just a small example and a part of the bigger discourse community that is made of people who want power over something or someone. The question remains why do they want this power? What do they gain out of controlling others? It's their attempt to control themselves. "A new study suggests that people who desire power are mostly looking to control one thing—themselves." (The Atlantic, Beck). According to the article "*People Want Power Because They Want Autonomy*" people who try and control others subconsciously are trying to resist the influence of others around them. The study also reveals that once people get the power they're craving they tend to become a lot more healthy and happy. To a certain extent, I think we

all can agree that having control makes us feel good but there's no way of finding out what anyone's true intentions are. The only healthy solution for this problem of craving power is to sit back and self reflect on why you want that power and is that want exceeding a healthy limit to the point where it can harm you or the others around you

### **Micro Activity #7**

I am choosing to write a speech because it reaches a wider audience. It has the power to motivate and inspire a larger group of people which is more effective rather than writing a letter to a person in the position of power who might not even take the time out of their schedule to look at it. It can also connect you to people who hold similar views or you can get a chance to educate someone who doesn't know anything about your topic or hold a different view.

This specific genre will help me make my argument because it will be heard by a lot more people rather than one person who is in a position of power. My audience is people who are ignorant of the Muslim community and blame the entire community for a crime one person committed. Just like people do in every other race, religion, and community. These people might think of me as someone who is less knowledgeable because I belong to the Muslim community and I am a person of color along with being a minority in this country.

### **Outline**

**Central idea:** Every day Muslims are targeted merely because of the religion they follow and the misconception that they are terrorists.

**How:** I will make my argument by elaborating more on the following point and supporting them with evidence from articles, media outlets, and personal experiences.

- The media constantly portrays Muslims as terrorists.
- After 9/11, the media has been depicting Muslims as violent, fatal extremists who promote groups like Al Qaeda and ISIS
- The media brainwashes people into having the wrong mindset.
- The news ignites fears and suspicions towards Muslims onto Americans
- People of position are biased towards the Muslim community which fuels the fire within the public.
- Most of the fears white Americans have of Muslim-Americans is unfounded in reality. It's based on politicians like Donald Trump and biased media like Breitbart and Fox News whipping them into a mob-like frenzy so they don't bother to look at the facts.