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Islam in America
DISCUSSION: Lewiston, Maine and Lawrenceville, Georgia

1. Somalis differ from traditional inhabitants of Lewiston in skin color and religion. How do you think these differences affect their acceptance in the community?

2. Why do you think the Somali residents "stick together"? Does it make sense to you that they would? Is there anything wrong with that?

3. Some Lewiston residents say that Somalis get preferential treatment in housing and cash benefits. Yet these are shown to be rumors. How and why do you think rumors like this start?

4. What do you think might be helpful in easing the tensions between the Somalis and the traditional inhabitants of Lewiston?

5. The Muslim community in Lawrenceville, Georgia is making religious accommodations to resolve a conflict with their Christian neighbors, yet the neighbors are still not happy. What do you think could be behind the neighbors' opposition to the Islamic cemetery?

6. How is the story in this video similar to the story of the Somali Muslims in Maine? How is it different?

7. What do you think might be helpful in easing the tensions in Lawrenceville, Georgia?