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- Racism is in essence "denigrating those who are not like us." This is prohibited in many verses of the Qur'an.
- **“O humanbeing! Surely We created you from the male and the female. We made you in nations, and tribes. So that you know each other. Surely the nobler amongst you in the sight of God is who is more pious o you. Surely God is Knower-Observant. (Hujurât surah. 49/13)**

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- Values:
- 1. 1. Awareness of how himself/herself and the mankind was created.
- 2. Recognizing that all people descended from Prophet Adam and Eve, and all mankind has one common ancestor.
- 3. Getting acquainted with each other through clans and tribes.
- 4. Feeling as much valuable as we fear Allah.
- 5. Being superior not through race, but with good behavior.
- 6. Being connected to and adoring one's own race without being a racist.
- 7. Not remaining silent in the face of the evil deeds carried out by one's own race.
- 8. Not acceding to persecution even though it is carried out by one's own race.

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- Comments;
- Prophet Muhammad (pbuh):
- "Those whom Allah value most are the one who fear Allah most. No Arab holds greater esteem over a non-Arab; nor a non-Arab person over an Arab person. No person with a black skin has greater esteem over a person with white skin; nor a person with white skin over a person with black skin. Superiority is only in piety and submission." buyurdular. (Cem'u'l-Fevâid, 1/510, hadith no: 3632)

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- **“Certainly We created the humanbeing in the best make.”** Tîn surah 95/4.
- **“We surely honoured the descendants of Adam.We carried them on the land and sea. We gave them sustenance from the good-things. We excelled them over most of We created with an excellence.”** (İsrâ surah 17/70)
- **Values;**
- 1. Human-beings are created in the best and most beautiful form.
- 2. It is the Creator that shaped humanbeings in the way that they are created.
- 3. Human-beings are provided with opportunities on the land and sea.
- 4. Every human-being is superior to other creatures.

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- Comments;
- ***Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)***
- ***"Anyone who champions racism is not one of us. Anyone who fights for any racist cause is not one of us. Anyone who dies for any racist cause is not one of us (Muslims)."***
Imam Muslim (Hadith no. 1850)
- Muhammad (pbuh) and his friends were sitting, a funeral procession passed in front of them. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) stood up. Then, his friends also stood up. They said:
- "O Prophet of Allah! This funeral procession was not one of a Muslim; it was the funeral procession of a non-believer (of a Jew in another narration).
- - Muhammad (pbuh) replied:
- - "Is it not a living being (soul)/a human-being?"
- "We love the creatures, due to the Creator." Yunus Emre

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- **«When the Horn is blown, there will be no kinship between them at that Day. They will not ask each.»**
(Müminûn, 23/101)
- Values;
- 1. Not getting into strife over races among people.
- 2. Not inquiring and investigating about others among themselves.
- 3. Not boasting and bragging among themselves.

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- Comments;
- Prophet Muhammad was asked:
- **"Can it be considered racism when a person loves his nation?"**
- Muhammad (pbuh) replied:
- ***"No! Yet, it is racism when a person supports his race in oppression." (Ahmad Ibn Hanbal, 4/107, 160)***

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- **“The believers are only brothers. Thus make peace amongst your brothers. Fear God! So that you might be provided for”. (Surah Al-Hujurah 49/10)**
- Values;
- 1. Being brothers in accordance with religion and belief.
- 2. Making peace among brothers.
- 3. Not causing mischief and evil among brothers.

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- Comments;
- Prophet Muhammad (pbuh):
- ***"Every person should give alms for each of the knuckles on their body.***
- ***That you make peace between two people (make judgements righteously between them) is giving alms.***
- ***Helping somebody while they get on a camel or horse (or they put their load on a camel or horse) is giving alms.***
- ***Every pleasant utterance is giving alms.***
- ***You will get a reward as if you have given alms in return for each step you take while you go to the mosque for prayer.***
- ***Removing troublesome things from the road is alms".***
(Bukhârî, Sulh 11)

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- **“O who believed! Should not a group scoff at one another. It is possible that the scoffed one could be better than the other. Nor the women should scoff at a woman. The scoffed one might be better than the other. You should not purify your selves. Do not call each other with the nicknames. What bad is the impiety after the belief! Whoever does not repent. They are the tyrants.”** (Hucurât sûresi 49/11)
- Values;
- 1. Not scoffing and making fun of another group of people.
- 2. Not condemning each other.
- 3. Not calling each other with unpleasant nicknames.

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- Comments;
- Prophet Muhammad (pbuh):
- ***"The Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand the Muslims are safe. Whereas the believer is the one who is trusted with the lives and wealth of the people." buyurdular. (Sunan An-Nasa'i, Belief, 8)***

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- **“From His signs is His creation of the skies and the earth, and the difference of your tongues and colours. Surely in that are certain signs for the worlds.”** Rum Surah 30/22
- Values:
- 1. Considering the variety and diversity of languages as evidence of God's existence.
- 2. Considering the variety and diversity of colour as evidence of God's existence.
- 3. Being aware that colour and language differences are not controllable

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- Comments;
- One day Abu Dharr got angry with Bilal and reproached him "O son of a black woman!" Bilal went to the Messenger of Allah and complained about it.
- Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said to Abu Dharr:
- - "Have you reproached Bilal about his mother being black? This means you still retain the standards and judgements of the pre-Islamic days of ignorance. None is more virtuous over another, those with white or black skins, except by righteous deeds." (Ahmed Ibn Hanbal, Musnad, Egypt 1313, V, 158.)

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- ▶ **“Because of that, We had written about the Children of Israel that, surely whoever kills a soul unless it be a manslaughter or for corruption on the earth, as if he killed all the humanity. Whoever keeps him alive, as if he kept alive all the humanity. Our Messenger had come to them with the proofs. Bu most of them, after this, on the earth are transgressors.” (Maida surah 5\32)**

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- Values;
- 1. Responding to evil with good.
- 2. Responding to good with better.
- 3. Feeling that killing one person is like killing all mankind.
- 4. Feeling that saving one person is like saving all mankind.
- 5. Not making mischief in society.
- 6. Abstaining from going to extremes in society.
- 7. Not setting a bad example.
- 8. Not encouraging others through setting a bad example.

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- Comments;
- "Except it is in response to a person killed or a mischief or disorder caused on earth, killing a man is equivalent to killing all mankind. Because each soul is like all the souls. Every soul has a right to life equally. Killing one of these souls is attacking the essence of the right to life. In the same line, preventing a crime, and thus ensuring the continuity of someone's life is like that. (Tafsir Fi Zilali'l-Qur'an, Prof. Dr. Seyyid Kutup).
- "One who killed unjustly, often did not recognize the right to life, has led man to kill, would have given courage to others." (Hak Dini Kur'an Dili, Elmalılı Hamdi Yazır).

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- **1.2. Verses of the Qur'an related to the reasons giving rise to racism and xenophobia:**
- Reasons leading to racism and xenophobia;
- **1.2.1. Sense of superiority and boasting (boasting with racial origin and having a sense of superiority)**
- **“They Say: «If we return to Madina, indeed the mighty-ones will drive out the meaner-ones.» The Mihgt belongs to God and to His Messenger, and to the believers. But the hypocrites do not know.”. (Surah Al-Munafiqun, 63/8)**
- **«Do not turn your face away of the people. Do not walk on the earth with hilarity. Surely God never likes all who is arrogant-boaster.» (Lokman surah 31/18)**

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- Values;
- 1. Leaving the rule of being superior with wealth and possessions but with deeds preponderate before God.
- 2. No domination of the strong over the weak.
- 3. Wealth and abundance of goods does not provide an advantage to the person.
- 4. Not existing with the supremacy of race but that of belief.
- 5. Being aware that weakness or strength do not lie in race but in behaviours.
- 6. Not being spoiled by the provisions but being thankful for them.
- 7. Not patronizing like the Satan saying that fire is stronger than earth.. /..

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- Values;
- 8. Bragging about his own doings rather than the doings of his race.
- 9. Not disdainning others because of their race or of other reasons.
- 10. Not turning his back on others because of their race or of other reasons.
- 11. Not walking on the earth boasting about his race or for other reasons.
- 12. Not being one of those who boast or have delusions about their race or for other reasons.

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- Comments;
- Prophet Muhammad (pbuh):
- ***"One who is killed under the banner of a man who is blind to his just cause and who raises the slogan of family or supports his own tribe dies the death of one belonging to the days of Jahiliyya." (Muslim, Imara: 57)***

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- **2. The lack of a culture of sharing and solidarity; selfishness.**
- One of the characteristics of racist people is that they have weak emotions for sharing. They see foreigners as their rivals. They don't want to share and start to show racist behaviours towards foreigners. However, sharing would add new values both to them and to their addressees.
- For instance, when information is shared, new information will appear on the horizon.
- Sharing will multiply joys, but sooth pain.

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- **“They ask you what they should spend. Say: «Whatever goodness you spend for the parents, the relatives, the orphans, the destitute, and the wayfarer, and whatever good you do, serely God is Knower of it.»(Bakara surah 2/215)**
- **Values;**
- **1. Not being afraid to share.**
- **2. Sharing is a virtue. It is to be virtuous.**
- **3. Being righteous by sharing with the relatives, orphans, poor people, travelers, beggars and slaves.**

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- Comments;
- Prophet Muhammad (pbuh):
- ***"The upper [giving] hand is better than the lower [taking] hand." (Bukhari, Zakat, 18.)***
- "The most important purpose or functions of material sharing is to ensure the sharing of emotions among individuals and groups and reinforce the will to coexistence by helping the needy people with their material needs." (The Prophet and Ethics of Coexistence. p. 19. ..)
- Prophet Muhammad (pbuh):
- ***"The one who does not thank people does not thank God." Tirmizi. Birr, 35***

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- **1.2.3. Lack of empathy. (What if I'd been born black or yellow!)**
- One of the reasons for the emergence of a racist mind is the lack of empathy.
- **“Surely God commands the justice, and the doing goodness, and the giving to the relatives, and He forbids the indecencies, and the wickedness, and the oppression. He admonishes you so that you may learn a lesson.”** (Nahl 16/90)
- **“Your Lord decreed that you do not worship except Him, and to behave to the parents with goodness. If they reach to the old age either or both of them, so do not tell them «ugh,» nor chide them. But tell them a generous Word.”** (Isra surah 17/23)
- **“Lower for them the wings of humility of the mercy, and say: «My Lord! Clement them as they reared me when I was little.”** (Isra surah 17/24)

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- Values;
- 1. Being fair with everyone.
- 2. Doing favors to and helping others
- 3. Avoiding depravement and nefarious affairs.
- 4. Controlling one's temper and being forgiving.
- 5. Empathizing with the elderly particularly including parents and being polite and respective toward them.
- 6. Being humble toward the elderly and protecting them.

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- Comments;
- A person moves away from racist mindset if he empathizes,
- Without empathy, he is driven toward racism.
- Prophet Muhammad:
- ***"One who does not want for his brother what he wants for himself does not have (true) faith." (Bukhari Iman: 7)***
- ***"He who can sleep with a full stomach while his neighbor is hungry is not a true believer." (Hakim, II, 15; Heysemi, VIII, 167)***
- ***"Do not laugh at something bad that happens to you brother. God may test you with that thing." (Tirmizi, Sifat al-Qiyame: 54)***

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- **1.2. 4. Unemployment and economic hardships.**
- As a result of technological developments, people from different nationalities have started to work in the same workplace. Problems are very likely to arise among them. As these problems increase, people may start to exhibit racist behaviours. Thus, foreign workers may be perceived as enemies who reduce employment opportunities.

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- **Satan threatens you with poverty and orders you the viciousness. But God promises you a forgiveness from Himself and a bounty. God is.” (Baqarah surah, 2/268)**
- **“Give the relatives their rights, and also to the destitute, and the wayfarer, but do not squander wastefully.»(Isra surah 17/26)**
- Values;
- 1. Not doing wrong things with fear of poverty.
- 2. Not persecuting people with fear of poverty.
- 3. Not following the Satan's footsteps and not engaging in parsimony
- 4. Helping the indigent people, the relatives, the poor people and wayfarers.

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- **1.2.5. *Lack of a sense of tolerance and humility.***
- It is inevitable that there are people with different beliefs and religions in a society. This is a natural aspect of social life and we can do nothing about them. Indeed, we cannot decide where to be born.
- In this context, tolerance and humility constitute essential sources of social coexistence. Without tolerance and humility, it is inevitable for people to indulge in arrogance, self-conceit, hubris and other negative attitudes and racists approaches, xenophobia and inclination to violence will be inescapable.

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- **“Do not point your eyes to what We bestowed as pairs. Do not sorrow about them. Lower your wings to the believers.»**
(Hicr surah 15/88)
- **“The servants of the Merciful, who walk on the earth in humbleness, and when the ignorants address them they say: «Peace.»”** (Furkan Sûresi 25/63)
- Values;
 - 1. Being humble toward friends and wayfarers. Not being arrogant.
 - 2. Not bragging.
 - 3. Refrain from jealousy. Being modest.
 - 4. Being tolerant and acting with tolerance.

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- **1.2.6. Lack of getting acquainted with others and a culture of living together and solidarity.**
- As physical borders seem to have disappeared around the globe, people with diverse religions, languages, races, colors, countries, cultures, beliefs and sects have started to live together at rates never seen before. Economic, political, religious and cultural interactions have been experienced on a global scale, which in turn has led to problems of getting to know more about others.
- **“And worship God and never associate anything with Him. And goodness to the parents and the relatives, and the orphans, and the poor, and the near neighbour, and the far neighbour, and the near friend, and the wayfarer, and what your right hands possess (the slave-girls). Surely God never likes who is snobbish and boastful.”** (Nisa surah 4/36)

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- Values:
- 1. Treating parents well
- 2. Treating relatives well
- 3. Being nice to the poor and orphans
- 4. Being nice to close and distant neighbors,
- 5. Being responsible towards neighbors.
- 6. Being nice to friends.
- 7. Being nice to travelers.
- 8. Being nice to employees.
- 9. Not bragging and not boasting.

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- Prophet Muhammad (pbuh):
- **"God is soft on His creatures and loves those who are soft." Abu Dawud. Edeb.10)**
- **"The one who does not thank people does not thank God." (Tirmizi. Birr, 35**
- **"Every pleasant utterance is alms." (Bukhari Adab, 34)**
- **"The one who rejoices for doing a favor and who saddens for doing evil." (Ahmad Ibn Hanbal, Musnad IV, 399.)**
- **"A believer is one with whom one can make friendship. A person who does not communicate with other people and with whom communication cannot be established is worthless." (Ibn Hanbal, II, 400)**

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- ***1.3. Verses that emphasize common denominators***
- An examination of practitioners of three major religions in Europe reveals that they believe in God, in the Hereafter and the Prophets. This is a fact noted in many places in the Qur'an.
- 1. Believing in the God
- 2. Believing in the Hereafter
- 3. Believing in the prophets

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- **“But who believed in God and hold firm to Him, He will put them into mercy from Him and a bounty, and guide them towards a straight path of Him. (Nisa surah 4/175)**
- **179. So keep from disobedience to God in reverence for Him, and obey me. (Şuara surah 26/179)**
- Values;
- 1. Knowing God as the best friend
- 2. Sticking to God firmly.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

➤ 2. EVALUATION

- Every human being wants to live together. Coexistence starts with birth and continues until the end. This is something innate for human beings. What matters here is to be able to keep diversities together in unison.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

- ▶ Unfortunately, certain political discourses may negatively affect people, increasing their inclination towards racist discourses. The lack of faith in certain people may trigger irresponsible behaviours toward others. Therefore, it is essential to invest more time and resources in this matter.
- ▶ In short, racism cannot be defended on no basis and consists of just a corrupt philosophy, which means to destroy human dignity, and damage and destruct human honor, divide and fragment societies from each other. So, racism cannot be accepted by civilized nations. Accepting people as humans is a necessity of humanity.

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