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## **Abstract**

The thesis explores the collective identities present among Muslim youth in Canada and their experiences of identity conflict. The thesis also seeks to identify successes and failures of integrating Muslim youth into the Canadian identity. Finally, the thesis recommends policies by which Canada may improve efforts to integrate Muslim youth into Canada as a means to prevent disenfranchisement, isolation, and the possibility of marginalization. Finally, the thesis proposes hypotheses that may guide similar research in the future, as well as policy recommendations that may serve to facilitate better relations in the future.