What is Islamophobia?

Module 7, Lesson 1
As you look at each of the following pictures, consider:

Who is a Muslim and who is not?

What information are you using to determine this?
They all identify as Muslims.
Names, in order of presentation

Solána Imani Rowe, American singer, known by her stage name SZA
Ramy Youssef, American actor
Amna Nawaz, American broadcaster, PBS NewsHour
Ellen Burstyn, American actress
Mahershala Ali, American actor
Bella Hadid, American model
Riz Ahmed, British actor and rapper
Willow Wilson, American novelist and creator of Ms. Marvel comics
Shahid Khan, Billionaire and owner of the Jacksonville Jaguars (NFL)
Ibtihaj Muhammad, U.S. Olympic fencer
Tan France, British-American fashion designer and star of Queer Eye
Ilhan Omar & Rashida Tlaib, U.S. Representatives
French Montana, Moroccan-American Rapper
Reflect:

1. What information did you use to try to determine whether these individuals are Muslim or not?

2. Did anything surprise you in this activity? If so, what was it? If not, why were you not surprised?
Where does the term Islamophobia come from?

The term Islamophobia became popularized in public discourse because of a report by the Runnymede Trust in the U.K. - an independent organization that advises the U.K. government on matters of race relations.

In 1997, Runnymede published a landmark report, *Islamophobia: A Challenge for Us All*, which helped raise social and political awareness to growing prejudice against Islam and Muslims in Britain.

The term became popular around the world to describe discrimination against Muslims.

Note that Islamophobia has existed long before 9/11 but has heightened in recent years, particularly after 9/11.
Islamophobia:
A Structural Racism

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Civil Society and Islamophobia. Understanding Structural Islamophobia

Module 7, Lesson 2
ACT for America was founded by Brigitte Gabriel, a Lebanese-American who identifies as an Arab American Christian woman.
Quilliam was founded by Ed Husain and Maajid Nawaz, Bengali-British and Pakistani-British men who identify as Muslim.
Four Levels of Islamophobia

- Structural
- Institutional
- Interpersonal
- Internal
How ACT for America encourages citizens to spy on Muslims

Internal document obtained by Al Jazeera reveals strategy of infiltrating US university courses and monitoring mosques.
Despite Earlier Denials, The White House Now Says An Anti-Muslim Leader Had A Meeting There

Brigitte Gabriel is the leader of ACT for America.

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