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Muslim Religiosity among Men in Germany and France: Dealing with Negative Attributions in Two Different National Contexts

Media reports as well as research literature on Islam in the diaspora frequently suggest that only women of immigrant descent become devout Muslims. Their brothers in contrast, are portrayed either as political entrepreneurs or as victims of exclusion who lack orientation and tend to become perpetrators of violence. In this contribution, these images are contrasted with the self-descriptions and narratives of community formulated by Muslim men from France and Germany that were examined in two empirical studies. Various modes of believing and of belonging are first identified and then analyzed with respect to the negative attributions expressed by the interview partners themselves. One issue addressed in this context is the significance and function of images of masculinity. Finally, possible differences between Muslims living in France and Germany will be discussed.