Race and American Islam

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- My senior class at W. D. Mohammed High School featured in the *NYT* in 1993
Islam “is unique among the religious traditions for the diversity of the peoples that have embraced it.”
“Islam for the first time created a truly universal civilization, extending from Southern Europe to Central Africa, from the Atlantic Ocean to India and China.” Within “a common religious culture,” Islam brought “peoples as diverse as the Chinese, the Indians, the people of the Middle East and North Africa, black Africans, and white Europeans.”
Likens the Islamic cultural legacy to “a brilliant peacock’s tail of unity in diversity,” extending “from the heart of China to the shores of the Atlantic.”
“A white has no superiority over a black nor a black has any superiority over a white except by piety and good action. Learn that every Muslim is a brother to every Muslim and that the Muslims constitute one brotherhood.”
Fard Muhammad
Elijah Muhammad
Women of the Nation

Between Black Protest and Sunni Islam
“America needs to understand Islam because this is the one religion that erases from its society the race problem.”
American Muslim Women

Negotiating Race, Class, and Gender within the Ummah