

But even if he was, wouldn't that be under Prime Minister Harper's watch? I simply said, "No, he was a white Canadian." I received two responses from two different people. One said, "He looks Middle Eastern to me." The other said, "He has an Arabic sounding name." Wrong on both counts. He was born in Ontario to Armenian parents. For the record, the primary religion in Armenia is Christian, in fact one of the oldest Christian groups in the world. The final response I received was, "I posted it to get people talking." So you post hate to get people talking. I see.

Roughly around the same time, someone else posted a meme misquoting Wilfred Laurier as saying that anyone coming to Canada must assimilate to Canadian ways. When I advised him that Laurier never said that and that it is actually taken from US President Theodore Roosevelt, he advised me that he had no time to research everything he posts for accuracy. But you have the time to post it. Sure.

I AM CANADIAN.... maybe we should remember the words of our founding fathers

Wilfrid Laurier - "We must insist that the immigrant that comes here is willing to become a Canadian and is willing to assimilate our ways, he should be treated on equal grounds and it would be shameful to discriminate against such a person for reasons of their beliefs or the place of birth or origin. But it is the responsibility of that person to become a Canadian in all aspects of life, nothing else but a Canadian. There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says that he is a Canadian, but tries to impose his customs and habits upon us, is not a Canadian. We have room for only one flag, the Canadian flag. There is room for only two languages here, English and French. And we have room for loyalty, but only one, loyalty to the Canadian people. We won't accept anyone, I'm saying anyone, who will try to impose his religion or his customs on us." - 1907

The list goes on and on. Stories are overblown and taken out of context, for instance, a schoolyard fight in Red Deer, Alberta on May 15, 2017 was turned into story about Syrians attacking white students. False information lead to a mass protest by adults both at the school and on social media. In the meantime, the students, Syrian and white alike, started playing a soccer game together, a game in which several police officers even joined. Now that would have been a good story, but unfortunately it didn't get picked up by social media.

Truth Post

No Comment From Justin Trudeau After Syrian Refugees Assault Canadian Student



10 Syrian Refugees attack 1 student with belts, Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School. Residents of Red Deer concerns over why the police will not lay assault charges.

Another story is the one about the bus/semi-trailer collision on April 6, 2018 that resulted in 16 dead and 13 injured players from the Humboldt Broncos Hockey team. Memes are claiming cover up, because the name of the driver has not been broadcast. Assumptions are being made, assuming that the driver is a Muslim refugee, and that the government doesn't want this to be known.

To me, knowing the driver's name isn't as important as finding out why a relatively new, inexperienced driver was alone on the road pulling a double trailer. Somebody is at fault here, but I am not so quick to point my finger at the driver. There is more to this than the colour of the man's skin, people. Slow down and get your facts straight before pointing fingers.

In the past, there was always the assumption that a technologically advanced society would be a peaceful society, but we are proving that assumption to be wrong in a very big way. I think that it is very possible that our technology advanced too fast for our brains to keep up. People are getting far more information than they can handle and their minds often rebel with fear and hate. In fact, people are getting so much unfiltered information that, more often than not, many are reacting to false or badly skewed information rather than dig deep enough to find the true story.

We are living in a whole new world from fifty years ago and it is up to us to decide if it will be a better world or worse. I know our new reality is a fast paced one, but that fast pace may be our downfall, because we are still working with brains that are set to a much slower pace. We can no longer afford to take what we see at face value, no matter how much it stirs our emotions. Slow down and do your research before



reacting to what you see on social media. Take time to learn what you can about the world and the people around you before reacting to what someone posts about them on social media. It is often as easy as doing a Google search and comparing information. You may see things through different eyes.

Let me tell you a story about someone I met about ten or fifteen years ago. This was before I was told that I should hate and fear Muslims. There was a girl working in the local grocery store who I felt was the perfect cultural blend for Canada. She combined designer jeans and sweater with a hijab. At that time I knew very little about her culture or beliefs. What I did know was that she was great cashier, very friendly and had good customer service, and with a minimal amount of teasing would let loose with the sweetest giggle. There were several men, myself included, who made it our duty to draw out that giggle. To this day, she is my example of a Muslim immigrant.



My first example of Syrian refugees was at an open house at the Mosque on the south side of Winnipeg. This was at the beginning of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) scare, when everyone was in a panic over Syrian refugees coming into Canada. The Mosque opened its doors as a way of connecting with people who didn't know about the Muslim religion and to show us that they were human beings too. I took advantage of the opportunity and met my first refugees, two young boys and their mother. One of the boys had lost his leg to a landmine. They looked more scared than scary. I told them not to worry. Canadians aren't all as bad as the ones talking on the news.

My final bit of advice to you is this: stop letting people on social media do your thinking for you! Everyone has an agenda and everyone has an opinion, it is time for you to find your own. Before succumbing to the normalizing of hate that seems to be taking over our society, try to understand the people around you. And before taking something you read on social media at face value, remember my personal favourite social media quote, which is attributed to Abraham Lincoln, "Don't believe everything you read on the internet, just because there is a picture with a quote next to it." Think about it.

