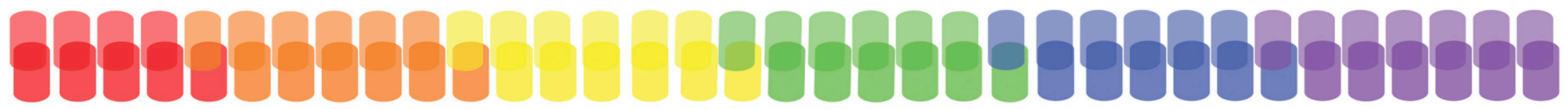


I impact positive change for the LGBTQ community by being a visibly Muslim ally. Because I have been unfairly judged time and time again, I refuse to pass judgment on others. I believe in safe zones. I uphold the rights of individuals—not society—to decide identities. I strive to treat others how they would like to be treated. I recognize that I don't have to "get it" because it's not about me. I choose love over hate, fear, and bigotry. I CHOOSE LOVE.



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