Shifting the Narrative
Your class is reading the autobiography of young Muslim activist and Nobel Laureate Malala Yousafzai. In a small group discussion with your classmates, one student complains, “This book is boring! Why do we have to read about terrorists anyway?”

How would you respond to your classmate?
Your school announced a new backpack-check policy to increase safety. Everyone is talking about it over lunch. A classmate you don’t know well says that he’s happy about the policy because there are so many Muslim students in your school and “you just never know….”

How would you respond to your classmate?
Your class is studying the events of September 11, 2001. The teacher begins the discussion by singling out the one visibly Muslim student in the class. The teacher asks the students to explain to everyone why the United States was attacked. The student looks very uncomfortable.

How would you respond?
Don’t: Stay silent.
Don’t: Get trapped in the controlling narrative by accepting their framing or language.
Don’t: attack the speaker personally.

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Laura, I hate to give you the attention, but I need to tell you- You're a f**king moron. twitter.com/lauraloomer/st...

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Do: ask questions.

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I don’t get it, why is that funny?

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Do: listen for keywords.
Do: Talk about a shared, positive worldview.

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Everyone deserves to live in safety and peace...

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Yes, that makes sense.
Try responding again!