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For the purpose of this assignment, I am going to explore an opinion widely spread about Islam as a religion of violence. This has been widely anchored on the existences of the terror groups being associated with Islam. This is basically a misleading opinion about Islam as it has no supporting facts to substantiate it. At a times the opinion seems to overpower the fact owing to the rate at which people embrace the opinion and ignore the fact. It may be considered as a societal opinion to some extent that has been developed for a very long period of time.

The truth of the matter sharply differs with the above opinion about Islam as a religion as the way it is perceived as a religion of violence. With over 1.8 billion followers Islam undoubtedly is the second largest religion on the planet. Laying out an opinion that generalizes the entire religion as a religion of violence is absolutely wrong owing to the fact that only a few groups masquerading in the name of religion carrying out attacks on non-Muslims and in some cases fellow Muslims. if this opinion was in accordance with the facts, then we would have had 1.8 billion terrorists (Aydin, 2011).

Once an opinion and a fact are rolled out, it is very easy to distinguish between the two. An opinion is basically anchored on baseless emotions and prejudgment while a fact is supported by evidence. for the above case, having such as a great number of muslims around the world would mean that we have the same number of violent people in case the opinion raised above actually represented truth about Islam. Having a group of terrorist does not incriminate the entire

religion to be a religion of violence. we have many ambassadors of peace who are Muslims and they are all in one voice to spread peace.

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