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Identity Crisis and the Struggle of the Minorities as seen in Mohsin Hamid's "The Reluctant Fundamentalist"

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Abstract

Mohsin Hamid's The Reluctant Fundamentalist focus on the Identity crisis and the present day American minorities. Hate crimes have doubled and reached peak since September-11, 2001 attacks. The trend has taken a different dimension like assaults, shootings, threats of violence. According to the statistics of F.B.I, hate crimes against minorities increased around 78 percent, over the course of 2015.

The paper discusses the identity struggle of a minority Muslim in America. The character Changez is a well-educated personality, who struggles to find his own identity as his personal, social and political experience lead him to take a difficult step in his life.

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