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Darsh Singh: They turned my picture into a racist meme. What happened next is an inspiration.



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This weekend, an online humor site posted a picture of me with a racist caption, referring to me as “explosive.” This meme not only wrongfully assumed me to be a Muslim (I’m a Sikh), but it also made a joke based on the harmful stereotype that links Muslims or any brown-skinned people to terrorism. When I saw this meme about me, I initially brushed it off. I assumed it came from a place of ignorance rather than hate. However, one single person in my network, Greg Worthington, [spoke out](#) against the ignorant meme.

Greg’s commitment to his Christian values compelled him to speak up when he saw something he felt was wrong. By voicing his thoughts, he was combating hate, fear and ignorance through education. Never before did I realize the power one node in my network could have in creating a more compassionate society. The post went viral, with over 35,000 likes and 13,000 shares. I witnessed hundreds of friends, old and new, rally around shared values of truth, education, and compassion.