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**Description**

Muslims in the LGBT community find themselves caught between two conflicting identities and are increasing their visibility across the U.S. following the 2016 Orlando mass shooting. On June 12, 2016, Omar Mateen shot and killed at least 49 people and injured more than 50 others at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida. This video may not be appropriate for younger viewers.

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LGBT Muslims Share Their Stories Following Orlando Massacre

KATE SNOW, anchor:
The words Muslim and gay are contradiction in much of the Muslim world but for some last week's attack in Orlando is turning out to be a pivotal moment, it has led gay Muslims in this country to increase their visibility. Ronan Farrow has more on that story.

RONAN FARROW, reporting:
After the mass murder in Orlando one group is stepping out of the shadows.

WOMAN: Being Muslim immigrant and being queer.

FARROW: A new generation of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Muslims.

OMAR SARVAR: I'm an American LGBT Muslim.

FARROW: Omar Sarvar is a writer and activist.

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IZZADDINE MUSTAFA (Muslim Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity): I saw the news and it was that if two of my worlds collided being a transgender man but also being somebody who was very close to my Muslim community.

EMAN ABDELHADI: I immediately went to Facebook and I wrote this post I said, we're here. We're queer. We're Muslim. We're both without apology or contradiction.

FARROW: How hard is it growing up with these two identities?

EMAN ABDELHADI: You're constantly pushed to give one of them up.
FARROW: The world's Muslims overwhelmingly consider homosexuality to be morally wrong, according to a 2013, Pew Survey. And most Muslim majority countries criminalize homosexual activity. In some it's punishable by death.

DAAYIEE ABDULLAH: When the Koran is read it has to be read within a broader perspective.

FARROW: Daayiee Abdullah maybe America's first openly gay imam.

ABDULLAH: The verses in there clearly indicate the sexual diversity of people exists.

FARROW: After Orlando, a number of Muslim groups echoed that sentiment.

SARVAR: There's now an openness to LGBT Muslims. And we were really not response like before, we were hidden group.