

Going To America After 9/11

Before I left my brother Radwan was worried about me. We have been hearing all kinds of things about American people attacking and mistreating Muslims. Since I wear hijab, I am easy to recognize as a Muslim. When I came everything was fine, except for procedures at the airport. And this time in San Antonio, I connected flights 3 times and at each connection I had to go through security checks. Once they see me wearing a scarf, they ask for my passport and once they see my passport, they ask me to step a side, have me take my shoes off, open my hand luggage and search it. Even at check in San Antonio, when they saw my passport, they asked me to take my luggage aside, opened my suitcases and searched them by hand. They took everything out and looked at it. They did not do this to other people. When I was in SLC 2 policemen took my picture with a camera without even asking for my permission. I just walked a way and pretended not to have seen anything.