

1. THE ARABS – WHO THEY ARE AND WHO THEY ARE NOT

(Video Series: The Arab World)

(Interviews by Bill Moyers with Jack Shaheen, James Abourezk and Edward Said)

A. PRE-VIEWING QUESTIONS

1. What kinds of Stereotypes are commonly found in the media?
2. How are these stereotypes expressed?
3. Who are they generally directed against?

B. OUTLINE

(Jack Shaheen and James Abourezk)

1. Stereotyping.
2. Other groups in the US.
3. Preventive Measures.

(Edward Said)

4. Diversity and culture in the Arab world.
5. Discrepancy between the governments and the people of the Arab World and the problem of nation-statehood.
6. Role of the Arabic language.
7. Perspectives.

C. DISCUSSION

1. In what way does Bill Moyers interview the three people he has invited to his show?
2. What method does he use to both relate to his interviewees some of the obvious expressions of prejudice and at the same time maintain a rather neutral, understanding position?
3. How is he able to clarify misperceptions in the popular consciousness?