

Aasif Mandvi

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If you don't acknowledge differences, it's as bad as stereotyping or reducing someone.

~Aasif Mandvi

Indian culture is essentially much more of a we culture. It's a communal culture where you do what's best for the community - you procreate.

~Aasif Mandvi

We are Muslims. My father would pawn off his Muslim in-laws as Hindus just so that he could get free pancakes.

~Aasif Mandvi

Voter fraud does just barely exist, while racism, according to the Supreme Court, is a thing of the past.

~Aasif Mandvi

If you choose to be a Muslim then you believe that it is on some level wrong to show the image of the Prophet Muhammad.

~Aasif Mandvi

I thought [when I was 16] my days were just going to be spent hanging out on a beach and my girlfriend was going to be Miss Teen USA and my best friend will be a dolphin.

~Aasif Mandvi

I've always said I'm the worst representative of Muslim-Americans that's ever existed, because I've been inside more bars than mosques.

~Aasif Mandvi

When you're brown and Indian, you get offered a lot of doctor roles.

~Aasif Mandvi

England has an interesting relationship with the Indian subcontinent because the years of colonization and the history between the two

places.

~Aasif Mandvi

People lament that there's no roles being written for South Asian or Muslim characters. But their parents don't want their children to go into the entertainment field. You don't get it both ways.

~Aasif Mandvi

It's an organic thing that I try not to analyze too much, because I worry that it will go away.

~Aasif Mandvi

An artist's job is simply to take the mirror in front of your face and hold it there. It's not to give you any answers. It is simply to take that mirror and point it at you.

~Aasif Mandvi

Traditional television as we have known it will make love to the Internet and have a child. That child will be the future. It's already happening, and it's hot!

~Aasif Mandvi

The experience of being on a show that is very much in the center of popular culture is exciting. You really feel like you're reaching people.

~Aasif Mandvi

In Britain, you never get away from the fact that you're a foreigner. In the U.S., the view is it doesn't matter where you come from.

~Aasif Mandvi

I was born in India - but never really lived there.

~Aasif Mandvi

I'm not really a food connoisseur.

~Aasif Mandvi

I'm Muslim the way many of my Jewish friends are Jewish: I avoid pork, and I take the big holidays off.

~Aasif Mandvi

So I had this completely unrealistic idea of what America was "but I wanted to be there.

~Aasif Mandvi

The artist never really has any control over the impact of his work. If he starts thinking about the impact of his work, then he becomes a lesser artist.

~Aasif Mandvi

Now the bigots have to get creative. Good luck coming up with slurs for Chechens. Go back where you came from, Ushanka head.

~Aasif Mandvi

Because to Americans, Chechnya might as well be a suburb of Narnia.

~Aasif Mandvi

I was a fan of "The Daily Show" I watched it, I never imagined being on it, but I figured I would just go down there and do my best Stephen Colbert impression.

~Aasif Mandvi

I think I discovered my first, you know, my first image of a naked woman was sort of sneaking a peek at one of those magazines that was in my dad's store.

~Aasif Mandvi

Samantha Bee said to me when I first started on the "Daily Show", she was like no - there is no - the only way you'll learn this job is by doing

this job.

~Aasif Mandvi

Of course the law's not racist.

~Aasif Mandvi

North Carolina precinct chairman and GOP executive committee member Don Yelton thinks his state's new voting restrictions are just fine.

~Aasif Mandvi

In America, you have this kind of individualism and in the West, essentially, you have this individualism - this idea of my own personal fulfillment.

~Aasif Mandvi

I think you had the GOP down there in North Carolina reaching out to African-American voters and this guy coming on television and using the N-word and saying what Don Yelton said.

~Aasif Mandvi

I know the Gospel according to Mark better than I know any sura in the Quran.

~Aasif Mandvi

I think politicians and comedians have a lot in common. One is a group of approval-seeking narcissists who will say and do anything to be liked... and comedians are always talking about politics.

~Aasif Mandvi

I said we are Ghodratis and there's nothing that Ghodratis like more than a bargain.

~Aasif Mandvi

You can get samosas in any pub in England today, pretty much. So, "Gunga Din" has come back.

~Aasif Mandvi

Re-colonizing it and sort of reverse-colonizing it to the point that today the national dish of Great Britain is Chicken Tikka Masala.

~Aasif Mandvi

Statistically there is enough voter fraud to sway zero elections.

~Aasif Mandvi

Paki-bashing was kind of this term that was used in general to beat up anyone that was from the Indian subcontinent.

~Aasif Mandvi

From my parent's generation the idea was not that marriage was about some kind of idealized, romantic love. It was a partnership. It's about creating family. It's about creating offspring.

~Aasif Mandvi

Comedy can reach many more people than, say, a serious lecture on the topic. And comedy might just be the access point to reach people who want to be entertained and also learn something.

~Aasif Mandvi

It is ironic that it doesn't matter how successful I am in any other capacity. Ultimately, my parents' marker is do you have a wife? And do you have children?

~Aasif Mandvi

I think family dynamics are definitely very interesting. And in my case my sister did get married. She gave my parents a grandchild.

~Aasif Mandvi

For anybody who's ever been on the other end of, like, racial violence logic is not something that can be used.

~Aasif Mandvi

I grew up on American pop culture so everything that I fantasized about to get out of this sort of humdrum world of Bradford was about America. So when we decided to move there I was on the plane.

~Aasif Mandvi

When my family decided to leave England I could not have been happier. I was sort of like - America seemed like the land of opportunity and, you know, it was Hollywood to me.

~Aasif Mandvi

The idea that I had anything to do with speaking about Islam or about the Muslim world was just absurd to my family. ... I hadn't been to the mosque in like 10 years.

~Aasif Mandvi

I don't want to tell people what they should think.

~Aasif Mandvi

I mean, but obviously, in people's eyes, it still - it can still link Islam to terrorism. I mean, why does it make a difference that they're white?

~Aasif Mandvi

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