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As a frequent flyer, and an American with an Arabic last name I have already been the victim of passenger profiling. When flying internationally I have been selected "at random" for baggage searches and questions at a much higher than average rate. I have also on occasion been asked if my last name is in fact Arabic! This seems patently racist and outrageous to me.

It is my opinion that a terrorist organization with the ability to create and plant a bomb on an airplane would likely have the resources and knowledge NOT to conform to the passenger profiling system.

I believe this is an extremely unwarranted invasion of my privacy, and fear that this system will create needless and useless searches of innocent people like myself, who happen to be of Arabic descent, make their travel decisions within a few days of travel, on occasion travel alone to meet friends, or God forbid, don't pay with a credit card. I also think the likelihood that this invasive program will have ANY effect on preventing terrorism is minimal.

Sincerely,

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