



MUSLIM GYM WARRIORS AND THE MAN

A STUDY IN INTERSECTIONAL TENSIONS

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CONCEPTS & DEFINITIONS



RESEARCH QUESTION

Are youngsters of ethnic cultural minorities willing to join the NLAFF?





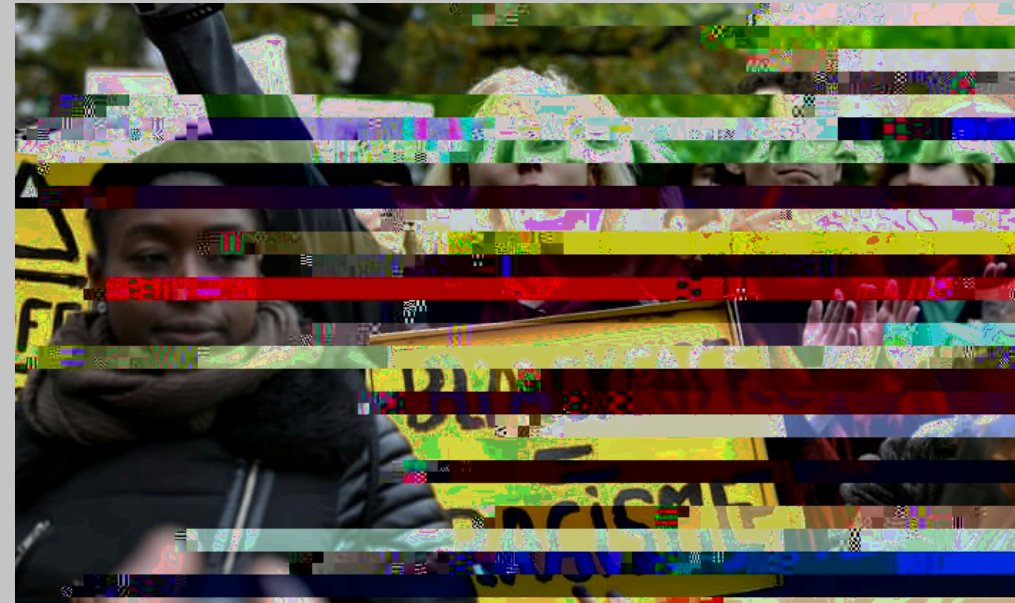
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Stereotyping

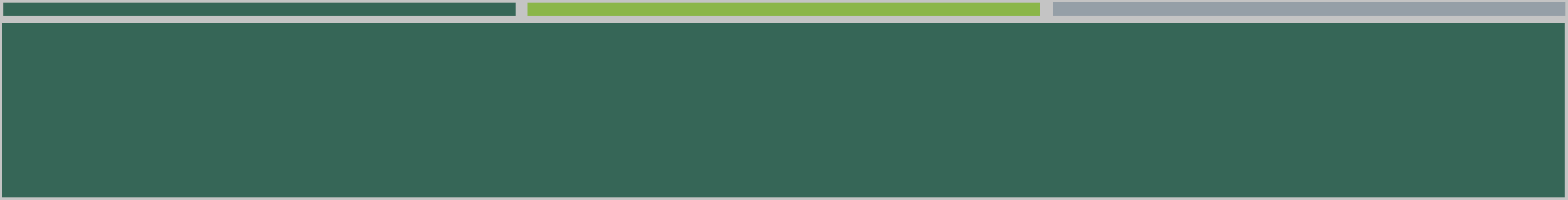
- Islamophobia

Cultural historical traditions



RESEARCH DESIGN

- 20 male respondents (Gym, The Hague)
- 9 female respondents (various gyms due to lack of respondents)
- Semi-structured interviews



We use kickboxing as a method to keep our health and fitness

RESULTS MALE RESPONDENTS

- Criteria kickboxing meets demands of NLAF
 - Discipline
 - Rules of the sport
- Affiliation with the Netherlands (loyalty issue)
- Support of parents
- NLAF is not on their radar as a career option

RESULTS FEMALE RESPONDENTS

- Ambitious about possible military career

CONCLUSION

- Positive attitudes towards NLAF
- Female respondents seem more ambitious and have considered a military career more
- For the male respondents it is simply out of their frame of reference

DISCUSSION

