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**Topic: Immigration Study**

- The study of Muslim youth in developing their identity in multiple ways is an interesting topic because they tend to choose the most important aspects of their native culture and their new culture. These were found to be effective to them in order to cope in a new culture. (Stuart, Ward, 261-262)

- Muslim youths in New Zealand have encountered a way to keep a balanced lifestyle in their new culture, but they have kept their religious background and claim to be comfortable in their current country. Their strong attachment to their religious beliefs seems to give them a better sense of their identity, but they try to find a balance in order to be successful in a new country. (Stuart, Ward, 259)

- In the conclusion of this research, it was found that even though Muslims strongly believed that they could find a balance between multiple countries, they were creating a
completely different identity of their own by changing their identity in different situations. So this could mean that they felt the need to alter their real identity in order to fit in. (Stuart, Ward, 260)

Assessment:

I found this paper to be very interesting because it shows a positive way to deal with a new culture. It gives a different perspective of how Muslim youngsters are able to cope to a new culture by keeping a balance between their culture and their new culture. It has proven that religion can help young immigrants feel secure and sure about their identity. I think that having interrogated many of these young Muslim immigrants gives a positive input to many children who are struggling to find their own identity and are faced with the same situations.

Stuart and Ward are able to explain that it is possible to keep a balanced lifestyle in two different cultures. It also gives a sense of hope to many young immigrant children who feel isolated because they cannot find their balance in a new environment with a different culture.