

Nicky Cruz

Nicky Cruz was born in Puerto Rico where he was raised by his parents. They mentally abused him; his own mother would call him "Son of Satan". The neighbourhood in which he lived was one of the worst in Puerto Rico and Nicky was always getting into trouble. Nicky's parents sent him to live with his brother in New York City when he was 15, and he soon ran away and started living on the streets of the city. Nicky became a member of the Mau Maus street gang, and quickly rose to become their president. Whilst there he found religion, became a Christian and turned his life around. He has created a charity and helped other young people off the streets so that they can live a better life.



Year 9: Is Religion Dangerous?

- ISIS, also known as ISIL or Daesh, is a terrorist organisation.
- Members of ISIS claim that they are Muslims who wish to return to a traditional, strict following of the religion.
- ISIS have gained and since lost control over areas in Syria and Iraq and have tried to force their views on those living there.
- ISIS have claimed responsibility for many terrorist attacks across the world.



ISIS and the Ku Klux Klan

- The Ku Klux Klan, otherwise known as the KKK, is an American white supremacist hate group.
- The KKK have used terrorism against groups they do not agree with.
- The KKK was popular in the 1950s and used violence and murder to stop people fighting against racism.



Stereotype - assuming all people from a certain group are the same.	Terrorist - targets innocent people for a political/religious goal.	Homosexual - being sexually attracted to someone of the same sex.	Cult - a religious group whose beliefs are considered extreme or strange
Persecution - harming people due to their beliefs.	Genocide - deliberate killing of a large group of people.	Supremacist - believes they are better than others.	Civil Rights Movement - movement to end racism in USA.

The Westboro Baptist Church



- The Westboro Baptist Church is a Christian organisation made up almost entirely of one family.
- They live in Kansas, USA, and they have very extreme views regarding homosexuals and people of other religions.

- The Westboro Baptist Church firmly believes that their views are the only correct views, and that anybody who does not agree with them will go to hell after death.

Link to wider reading...

- <https://www.npr.org/2019/10/10/768894901/how-twitter-helped-change-the-mind-of-a-westboro-baptist-church-member?t=1593964461521>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-29052144>

Buddhist Persecution of Muslims in Myanmar

- Myanmar is a country that has a Buddhist majority.
- In 2016, a terrorist carried out a car and knife attack at Ohio State University as 'revenge' for the persecution of Muslims in Myanmar at the hands of the Buddhist majority.
- In 2012, violence between Buddhists and Muslims killed hundreds and forced over 140,000 people, mainly Muslims, out of their homes and into filthy camps.
- Some rights activists claim that the persecution of Muslims here amounts to genocide, with many of the world turning a 'blind eye' to the problems.

