

I Exist

Voices from the
Lesbian & Gay
Middle Eastern Community
in the U.S.

SYNOPSIS

LONG VERSION

Homophobia is a social disease that affects any society and culture. However, in the Middle Eastern communities, where greater oppression exists due to cultural complexities and racism, homophobia takes a very dangerous turn. The need for tools to empower these communities to organize, commence dialogues, and combat homophobia is of critical need. *I Exist* is a 56-minute documentary that provides such a tool. In a culture that suffers from racial discrimination, characterized by social, religious and political pressures, and molded by deeply-rooted sexism, homophobia can still be overcome. The documentary *I Exist* gives a voice to the invisible lesbian and gay Middle Eastern community in desperate need of recognition. *I Exist* shows, by examples of love and strength, how to fight homophobia and how to create an environment of tolerance and justice.

SHORT VERSION

I Exist is a documentary giving a voice to the invisible and oppressed community of lesbians and gays from Middle Eastern descent living in the USA. Through personal stories of courage and love we learn about how individuals and families are breaking cultural barriers and how homophobia can be overcome.

LENGTH:	56 minutes
ORIGINAL FORMAT:	Digital Video
EXHIBITION FORMAT:	BetaSP NTSC or VHS NTSC/PAL
LANGUAGE:	English
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